

Torrance, California  
April 27, 1931.

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

An adjourned regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, April 27th., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Trustees were present: Trustees: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.

Absent: Trustees: None.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the City of Whittier, under date of April 20th., 1931, addressed to the Honorable City Council, enclosing copy of Resolution No. 1596, passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Whittier, which asks President Hoover to call an extra session of Congress to enact national legislation to meet the critical situation in the oil industry and to save America from serious irreparable economic loss.

Trustee Nelson moved that a similar resolution be drawn up by this Council and forwarded to President Hoover and members of the Senate.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION NO. 494.

WITH REFERENCE TO OIL SITUATION, AND COPY TO BE SENT  
TO PRESIDENT HOOVER AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE.

Trustee Nelson moved that Resolution No. 494 be adopted.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.  
NOES: " None.  
ABSENT: " None.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the County of Los Angeles, Department of Health, Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, under date of April 20th., 1931, addressed to the Honorable City Council, requestion that no drastic cuts be made in the budget for public health and that a resolution be passed to that effect.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 495.

RESOLUTION TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT,  
REQUESTION NO DRASTIC CUTS IN BUDGET FOR  
PUBLIC HEALTH.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 495 be adopted.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.  
NOES: " None.  
ABSENT: " None.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, addressed to Mr. John Dennis, Director, under date of April 21st., 1931, asking that an active effort be made to have the City of Torrance erect and maintain a highway sign board advertising the fact that Torrance is a part of the Metropolitan Water District.

Trustee Smith moved that this communication be referred to the Chamber of Commerce for their consideration.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the State of California, Department of Health, which enclosed a pamphlet on "Rabies."

Trustee Steiner moved that this be referred to the City Attorney for "thrashing out" to be reported on at the next regular meeting.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett stated that he had three more petitions filed at

7:30 P. M. this evening, to be added to the petitions already on file, asking for an election to be called for the purpose of choosing a board of fifteen freeholders to draw up a charter for the City of Torrance. There are (116) names on these three petitions, which makes a total of (173) names on all.

A general discussion followed on the question of whether or not one proposition would detract from the other where there are two put on one ballot.

Trustee, Bell introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 219.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE ON THE 9TH. DAY OF JUNE, 1931, AND PROVIDING FOR SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY THE PROPOSITION OF INCURRING AN INDEBTEDNESS FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS WITHIN SAID CITY AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS THEREFOR FOR THE LEVYING OF A TAX FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS, CONSOLIDATING ELECTION PRECINCTS, DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES AND APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS FOR SAID CONSOLIDATED ELECTION, AND CONSOLIDATING SAID ELECTION WITH AN ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHOOSING FIFTEEN FREEHOLDERS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 8 OF ARTICLE XI OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION.

also introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 220.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN SAID CITY ON THE 9TH. DAY OF JUNE, 1931, AND PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID CITY A BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF A BOARD OF FIFTEEN FREEHOLDERS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 8 OF ARTICLE XI OF THE CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION, AND CONSOLIDATING ELECTION PRECINCTS AND DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES AND APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS FOR SAID ELECTION, AND CONSOLIDATING SAID ELECTION WITH AN ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING A PROPOSITION FOR THE INCURRING OF A BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF \$150,000.00 BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Attorney Briney asked the Council if they were willing to hire some firm of attorneys to render an opinion on the bonds if the Park Bond Election should carry.

After discussing this question, Trustee Bell moved that Attorney Briney be authorized to get the advice of O'Melveny, Tuller and Myers on the legality of the Bonds, at a price not to exceed \$300.00 for their services,

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith and Dennis.  
NOES: " Steiner.  
ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Engineer be instructed to purchase a set of filing cases for his office, to cost around \$55.00.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: Smith

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, /Steiner and Dennis.  
NOES: " None.  
ABSENT: " None.

Attorney Briney asked the Council to adjourn to Tuesday night, April 28th., 1931, at 7:45 P. M., as he would be able to tell them at that time whether the question of electing a board of freeholders to draw up a charter can be consolidated with the Park Bond Election, and if he does not phone by tomorrow morning sometime, a meeting will not be held.

Trustee Bell moved that the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday, April 28th., 1931, at 7:45 P. M.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P. M.

City of Torrance will endeavor to co-operate with them in every way possible and will be glad to call on them for assistance if necessary. Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication addressed to the Torrance Holding Company upon request of Trustee Steiner, with reference to the Shell Oil Companys' franchise in Torrance.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Engineer and City Attorney be instructed to investigate the status of the Shell Oil Company franchise under Ordinance No. 121 and report at the next regular meeting.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell and Steiner.  
 NOES: " Dennis.  
 ABSENT: " Nelson and Smith.

Mayor Dennis brought up a doctor bill which the State Compensation Insurance Fund rejected for injury to J. J. Benners foot while on duty, claiming that X-Rays showed chronic arch trouble.

Trustee Steiner moved that J. J. Benner be advised to go to Attorney Briney and make out application to be presented to the State Compensation.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Leonard reported with reference to the improvement or abandonment of Streets in Tract No. 10321, that up to the present time no street guarantee had been furnished the City, and that of course the City Council was not in a position to take up further consideration of the vacation of these streets until such guarantee had been furnished.

Attorney Briney reported with reference to the water suit that the petition to the District Court of Appeal requesting a writ of mandate against the City Treasurer had been amended by adding several paragraphs thereto setting forth additional special reasons why the Appellate Court should accept jurisdiction of the proceedings and not compel the City to file the petition in the Superior Court and thus suffer delay of two or three years more than would result by having the matter heard and determined in the first instance in the Appellate Court instead of having to bring the matter to the Appellate Court on appeal from the Superior Court.

The final reading of Ordinance No. 217, "License Ordinance" was deferred till the next regular meeting.

The final reading of Ordinance No. 219, was deferred till the next regular meeting.

Attorney Briney gave the final reading of:

ORDINANCE NO. 220.

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Trustee Bell moved that Ordinance No. 220 be adopted for its final reading.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Steiner and Dennis.  
 NOES: " None.  
 ABSENT: " Nelson and Smith.

Attorney Briney had nothing to report on either the Prairie Avenue extension or the Pacific Electric Extension on Redondo Blvd.

A. H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Attest:

J. L. Dennis  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.