

Torrance, California.  
May 5, 1931.

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

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, May 5th., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

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

Absent: Trustees: Nelson and Smith.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of April 21st., April 28th., 1931 and April 28th., 1931, all be adopted after slight corrections in the title of two ordinances as recommended by Attorney Briney.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A lady in the audience representing the United States Business Woman's Club requested the Council to erect stop and go signs at the corner of Marcelina and Sartori Avenues in this City as the corner is very dangerous.

Mayor Dennis told her he would refer the matter to the proper officials for investigation to be reported on at the next regular meeting.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the County of Los Angeles, Director Employment Stabilization, under date of April 30th., 1931, addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council, stating that they were not in favor of reduction of wages and salaries as a medium of solving the problem of unemployment, but recommended a five day work week for all of the employees coming within the scope of municipal activities.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Clerk be instructed to answer the letter commending them on their stand and assuring them that the

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.

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.

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.

Attorney Briney was instructed to notify Mr. Charles Quandt that the City is willing to take such steps as it can legally to assist in reducing the payments under Mr. Quandt's franchise under Ordinance No. 175 from \$1.00 per rod to \$15.00 per mile for pipe line under such franchise for the reason that the larger price though paid for oil pipe lines is unreasonable for installing water pipe lines.

It was not necessary to have a report from the City Attorney on "Rabiás", as the law which was passed relative to dogs prior to the last regular meeting was rescinded since then.

Permission was granted by the Council to Mr. Alfred Gourdier to have the Spanish American War Veterans meet in the Council Chambers every Thursday night until they are thoroughly established.

Trustee Steiner read the report for the month of April from the Fire Chief.

Trustee Steiner moved that the report of the Fire Chief be accepted and filed.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett stated that the Fire Chief asked him to find out from the Council whether they were willing to pay the expenses of the First Aid Instructor, Mr. H. P. Kinghorn, who comes from Compton every week, which amounts to approximately \$10.00.

Trustee Bell moved that the expense be allowed.

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.

Trustee Steiner moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid.

Trustee Bell 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.

Trustee Bell moved that the meeting be adjourned to Monday, May 11th., 1931, at 7:45 P. M.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 P. M.

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

Approved:

John Dennis  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance.