

Torrance, California  
June 2, 1931.

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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, June 2nd., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

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

Absent: Trustees: Bell.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of May 19th., 1931, and the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of June 1st., 1931, be adopted.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Mr. B. C. Buxton, of this city, in which he submitted for consideration site for municipal park located on the N. E. corner of Arlington Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue, consisting of about (12) acres.

Trustee Steiner moved that this be filed for future reference.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Mr. E. S. Franger, of this city, in which he submitted for consideration site for municipal park located at the northeast corner of Hawthorne and Torrance Boulevards, consisting of about (25) acres.

Trustee Steiner moved that this be filed for future reference.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a Resolution from the Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170, the American Legion, stating that the Park Bond Election has their approval and support, and that the citizens of Torrance be urged to vote in favor of these bonds. Also that only park sites suitable and available be considered for purchase, and no persons not citizens of the United States and of the City of Torrance be given employment on the construction of the park improvements.

Trustee Steiner moved that the Resolution from the American Legion be filed and acknowledged.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a petition from the Citizens National Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles, signed by freeholders of Road District No. 405, in the City of Torrance, petitioning the City Council to vacate and abandon certain streets and alleys within the boundaries of Tract No. 10321.

Trustee Steiner moved that necessary proceedings be taken to vacate.

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

AYES: TRUSTEES: Smith, Steiner and Dennis.

NOES: " None.

ABSENT: " Bell.

NOT VOTING: " Nelson.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Dominguez Land Corporation, under date of June 2nd., 1931, addressed to the City Council, asking that the Council pass a resolution instructing the Mayor and City Clerk to assign the contract now held by the City, to the County of Los Angeles, with reference to the City purchasing portion of Block 50, Torrance Tract, to be used for a health and welfare center.

Attorney Brinay read:

RESOLUTION NO. 498.

INSTRUCTING CITY CLERK AND MAYOR TO SIGN CERTAIN CONTRACT  
TO COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 498 be adopted.

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

AYES: TRUSTEES: Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.

NOES: " None.

ABSENT: " Bell.

Trustee Steiner moved that \$250.00 be paid to Mary Callahan in full satisfaction of her claim for damages for false imprisonment and assault alleged to have been committed by Officers J. B. Edwards and F. J. Schumacher. Said sum to be paid when a dismissal with prejudice of a suit now pending in the Superior Court against said last mentioned parties is delivered to Charles T. Rippy.

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

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

Trustee Smith reported that the Committee did not believe stop and go signs or boulevard stop signs would be necessary at the corner of Marcelina and Sartori Avenues, but believed that slow signs painted in the street would be sufficient.

Trustee Smith moved that slow signs be painted on the streets at the intersections of Marcelina and Sartori Avenues and Western Avenue and Torrance Boulevard.

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

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

Engineer Leonard reported with reference to the Santa Fe installing sidewalks across their tracks on Sonoma Avenue, that he had written the Company about this construction, and had received a reply from the Chief Engineer stating that he would refer the matter to the proper department and would let him know the final decision, which would probably take three or four weeks.

Mr. George M. Brown, President of the Bald Eagle Oil Company, protested against the condemnation of their oil derrick on Lot 6, Block 12, Tract No. 4070, and asked that 90 days extension of time be granted them to find out what they are going to do.

Engineer Leonard was instructed to meet with Mr. Brown's man Wednesday morning, June 3rd., 1931, at 8: A. M. and see what work it will be necessary to do to put the derrick in a safe condition.

Trustee Steiner moved that the hearing with reference to protests on the oil derrick be continued till Monday night, June 15th., 1931, at 8:30 P. M.

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

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

(Trustee Nelson was excused from the meeting at 9:05 P. M. )

Trustee Steiner moved that the Fire Chief be instructed to purchase a small motor attachment for testing out fire hose, cost to be approximately \$25.00.

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

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

Trustee Smith read the monthly report from the Fire Department for the month of May, 1931, also the gasoline report for all departments showing a shrinkage of three (3) gallons.

Trustee Steiner moved that these two reports be accepted.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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

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

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

Attorney Briney reported that Mr. Quandt had been serving on the Election Board and was very busy and he was not able to see him, but would make arrangements to meet with him as soon as possible.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Attorney and the law firm of O'Melveny, Tuller and Myers, are hereby authorized to file an answer on behalf of the City of Torrance and any other City Official who may be made a defendant in any injunction proceeding which may be filed within the next thirty (30) days against such defendant, and in case such injunction be not filed within five days such attorneys are authorized to file on behalf of the City of Torrance in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County a petition for Writ of Mandate against Harry H. Dolley, City Treasurer, to seek to compel the signing by him of the \$400,000.00 bonds heretofore authorized for a water system for Act of 1927, Municipal Improvement District No. 1 of the City of Torrance.

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

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

Trustee Steiner moved that the meeting be adjourned to Monday night, June 15th., 1931, at 7:45 P. M.

Trustee Smith 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.