

Torrance, California
July 21st., 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, July 21st., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

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

Absent: Trustees: Smith.

Trustee Nelson moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of July 7th., 1931, be adopted.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a notice of intention to circulate a petition among the qualified electors residing within the Lomita District, petitioning the City Council of the City of Torrance to call an election for the purpose of submitting to the electors residing therein the proposition as to whether such territory shall be annexed to the City of Torrance. Clerk Bartlett reported this was filed in his office on July 8th., 1931, at 8:10 A. M.

Trustee Nelson moved that the petition be tabled.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Mr. C. A. Benzel, of Torrance, under date of July 20th., 1931, in which he suggested that traffic be made to keep on their own side of the road from 220th.

Street to Carson Street on Cabrillo Avenue, and thus avoid any possible accident.

Mayor Dennis told the Council that he had a "Keep to the Right" sign at his home that the City if welcome to use if they care to, and this would no doubt remedy the situation.

The Street Superintendent was instructed to erect the sign at a location designated by Engineer Leonard.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the County of Los Angeles, Department of Health, under date of July 14th., 1931, enclosing several contract blanks for the ensuing year, and asking that they be submitted to the Council.

Trustee Nelson moved that the Health Contract be entered into on the same basis as last year, and not to exceed \$1200.00 a year.

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

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

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Board of Education, of the City of Los Angeles, under date of July 16th., 1931, addressed to the Honorable, the City Council of the City of Torrance, in which they request the City to have constructed approximately 650 lineal feet of sanitary sewer to provide sewage facilities for the school to be constructed on the north side of El Dorado Street, between Fern and Elm Avenues in this City.

Engineer Leonard stated that there is approximately 720 feet of 6" sewer pipe required to serve these people. The sewer will cost around \$1.00 per foot provided we can get a ditch digger, and will require two manholes and a flush tank. Engineer Leonard stated that if this was put in an assessment district the Board of Education would have to stand probably half the cost and if the Council saw fit, they might ask the Board of Education for \$500.00.

Trustee Steiner moved that this matter be referred to the City Engineer to take up with the Board of Education, and report at the next regular meeting.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Fe Railway Company, under date of July 17th., 1931, addressed to Mr. F. R. Leonard, with reference to constructing sidewalks across their right-of-way on Sonoma Street, and stating that it was their understanding that this crossing was opened in September 1927, under the State Railroad Commission's Decision 18357 in City's application 13546. The Commission's order assessed the entire cost of constructing the crossing to the City, and in view of which it would seem that the City should provide sidewalks if they are deemed necessary.

This matter was referred to the City Engineer to take up with the Santa Fe Company, and report at the next regular meeting.

Clerk Bartlett stated that he had four road deeds that the Engineer would like to have accepted by Resolution, so read:

RESOLUTION NO. 502.

ACCEPTING ROAD DEED FROM THE TEXAS COMPANY.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 502 be adopted.

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

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

Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 503.

ACCEPTING ROAD DEED FROM THE REDONDO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 503 be adopted.

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

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

Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 504.

ACCEPTING ROAD DEED FROM DOMINGUEZ ESTATE COMPANY.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 504 be adopted.
Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 505.

ACCEPTING ROAD DEED FROM MARIA DE LOS REYES D. de FRANCIS.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 505 be adopted.
Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Trustee Steiner read a report from Trustee Smith, which stated that after thorough investigation the Committee decided that the police offices be discontinued in the Mc Donald Tract and Walteria after the 1st. of August, 1931.

Trustee Steiner moved that the report and request be complied with.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Steiner moved that the action of Fire Chief B. F. Hannebrink, in discharging Engineer Leslie Paxton, be upheld.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Steiner moved that the appointment of J. E. Mc Master as Engineer of the Fire Department by Fire Chief Hannebrink, be adopted.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Steiner brought up the subject of the improvement of Sepulveda Boulevard calling attention to the necessity of proceedings with the condemnation of rights-of-way and that provision should be made for legal advice in connection therewith, and calling upon City Engineer Leonard to make a statement as to what progress was being made.

Engineer Leonard stated that it would be necessary, in his opinion, for the City to acquire the necessary widening for the improvement of Sepulveda and Hawthorne Avenue by starting condemnation proceedings; that while some of the owners of property fronting on the improvement were willing to deed the necessary land for widening and also to bear the cost of the improvement, yet they were not favorable to bearing any part of the expense of acquiring other necessary portions of land where small lots were affected as would be necessary in case all of the land required was not deeded. The Engineer stated that Resolution of Intention under the proper opening and widening act would be offered the Council for adoption at the next regular meeting so that this work might be advanced as rapidly as possible; that the new law under which this improvement would be carried through, and which would govern in the spreading of assessments admits of possible conflicting interpretations and much legal work would be necessary in connection therewith, and also in the bringing of the necessary suits under condemnation action; that so far as he knew there had been no definite understanding with the City Attorney in regard to this matter and for that reason the attention of the City Council was being called to it.

After some discussion the matter was laid over till the next regular meeting in order that the Council might get in touch with the City Attorney who was absent, the City Engineer being instructed to present an outline of the procedure at the next regular meeting.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Clerk be authorized to

advertise for bids for printing for the ensuing year.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett reported to the Council that a representative of the County Welfare Association had been talking to the Street Superintendent and wanted to know if it would be possible for the City to put the people to work who are receiving money every month from this organization for food, etc, and let them earn it. The only cost to the City would be to pay the compensation insurance for those working.

After some discussion on this question, Trustee Steiner moved that the City Clerk get in touch with the Welfare Association at Inglewood in regard to this work, and ask that a written communication be addressed to the Council stating the facts, before any action be taken.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Steiner moved that warrants be drawn, for all bills, properly audited.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P. M.

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

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance