

Torrance, California,
September 15th., 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, September 15th., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Councilmen were present: Councilmen: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 1st., 1931, be adopted. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Clifford F. Reid, Inc., under date of August 24th., 1931, requesting that the City of Torrance co-operate with them in the beautification of Hollywood Riviera by means of planting parkway trees and shrubs.

Councilman Steiner moved that the City Clerk be instructed to write a letter to the Hollywood Riviera people informing them that we believe they are in error when stating they paid \$42,000.00 in taxes to the City of Torrance and think they have included taxes paid the County of Los Angeles, as well as Los Angeles School District Tax and that the City is not in a position to take care of parkway trees at this time as no provision was made in the budget.

Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from A.E. Martois, 2955 Acacia Street, Torrance, California, calling attention to the hazard of life and property of a certain oil derrick and a large number of open sumps at the above address.

Councilman Steiner moved this letter be referred to the City Attorney.

Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the City of Whittier under date of September 11th., 1931, inviting the City Council to attend the September meeting of the Los Angeles County League of Municipalities, Thursday September 17th., at 6:30 P.M.

Councilman Steiner moved this letter be laid on the table.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company, dated August 29, 1931, regarding proposed paving in and relocation of Pacific Electric tracks in Cabrillo Avenue, unused right of way in Redondo Avenue and other matters. This matter was to be taken up later in the evening.

8:00 P.M. being the time set to hear protests concerning Condemnation Proceeding on Sepulveda Boulevard, the Clerk read 7 written protests signed by 14 property owners representing less than 5% of area. Several verbal protests were also heard.

Councilman Steiner stated that under the law the Council could do nothing else but order the proceeding started and moved that all protests be overruled.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Briney reported the argument on water bonds was to come up in court at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

At 9:00 P. M. a recess was declared.

At 9:25 P.M. Attorney Briney stated the suit on Prairie Avenue was filed a week or 10 days ago.

Councilman Smith reported that he had taken up the matter of a sign for Torrance Military Academy with Engineer Leonard and moved that this sign be allowed.

Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner stated he had worked out a process by which we can beautify the park at Plaza del Amo and Cabrillo without any cost to the city for trees or shrubs and moved that the process be carried out.

Councilman Dennis seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Steiner moved Street Superintendent be authorized to buy a tank of road oil.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The letter from the Pacific Electric regarding proposed paving, etc., was again taken up and after a lengthy discussion Councilman Nelson moved that the City Attorney and City Engineer take it up for further consideration and report at next meeting.

Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At this time Dr. Ellinwood stated his views on the Sepulveda Condemnation Project.

Attorney Briney read

RESOLUTION NO. 511

OVERRULING ALL PROTESTS

Councilman Bell moved that Resolution No. 511 be adopted. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Bell introduced

ORDINANCE NO. 226.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING IMPROVEMENT TO BE MADE AS CALLED FOR IN ORDINANCE OF INTENTION NUMBER 224, TO-WIT, THE WIDENING OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD AND A PORTION OF HAWTHORNE AVENUE IN SAID CITY.

Councilman Nelson complimented City Clerk on the annual report.

Councilman Smith read a report on Fire Department activities for month of August.

Councilman Steiner moved doctor bill, for treatment of Engineer Benner on account of injuries received, be paid.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote. AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

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

Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Bell moved meeting be adjourned.
Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried
unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

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

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance.