

Torrance, California.
November 3, 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, November 3rd., 1931, and was called to order at 7:55 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

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

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of October 20., 1931, be adopted. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce under date of October 26, 1931, asking the city to participate in the Armistice Day program.

Councilman Steiner moved that the city accept and participate in the parade. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read by the City Clerk from a Thomas Taylor requesting vacation of a strip of land 7.5 feet wide on the west side of Park Avenue in WALTERIA. Councilman Steiner moved that this matter be considered by the Engineer and himself and report at next regular meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Smith and carried unanimously.

At 8:00 P. M. Clerk Bartlett opened sealed bids on Fire Hose. The following firms had filed bids:

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company of California, Inc.,
Hewitt Gutta Percha Rubber Corp.
W. S. Darley & Company
Eureka Fire Hose Manufacturing Company
American Rubber Manufacturing Co.
Pioneer Rubber Mills
L.A. Rubber and Asbestos Works through
Mr. F. L. Parks.

Mayor Dennis referred this to the Police, Fire, and Lights Committee, consisting of R.R. Smith, Chairman, G.A.R. Steiner and E.C. Nelson, for consideration.

A petition was filed in the City Clerk's office signed by 49 people protesting against granting license to locate an Auto Wrecking Yard on Narbonne Avenue.

Councilman Steiner moved permit be granted Albert A. Newman to locate the Auto Wrecking Yard on Narbonne Avenue providing his plans as presented the Council be carried out. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried, Councilman Bell voting no.

Several oral protests against shutting off some of the street lights were presented. Councilman Smith suggested that the matter be taken up by the Committee and City Engineer for consideration and report.

Mr. Carl Hyde extended an invitation to attend meeting of Association of City Planners of Los Angeles at the Women's Club, Saturday, November 14th., at 12:00 noon.

City Attorney Findley reported there has been no decision from the Judge on brief filed on demurrer action in reference to the Water Suit.

City Attorney Findley stated that he had no report on Prairie Avenue and also that he had been unable to get in touch with the County Auditor with reference to matter of tax rate in Lomita; and also he reported that a suit had been brought against the City of Torrance for an accident on Redondo Boulevard and Maple Avenue and he had filed demurrers which had been denied, and the case would have to be considered on evidence.

Councilman Smith reported concerning police protection requested at WALTERIA and the Hollywood Riviera that together with the Chief of Police he had endeavored to make an investigation but had not been able to meet some of the interested parties.

Mayor Dennis reported that the Directors of the Metropolitan Water District would send a man to the City Hall on Saturday of each week to conduct the registering of men desiring work. Registration is expected to commence next Saturday. However, the Mayor stated he believed there will be no work before May 1st, 1932, and that the registration would be based upon the ratio of assessed valuation instead of on population.

City Engineer Leonard reported on improvement of Vista Highlands District and called attention to the fact that the Los Angeles School District owns two entire blocks within the District and there was a question of whether the School Board would favor paying their part of the costs of such improvement. Councilman Steiner suggested City Engineer be instructed to take this matter up with the School Board and it was so ordered by Mayor Dennis.

Under the supervision of the City Engineer, Councilman Steiner moved that permit be granted to place a sign on building at 1343 El Prado. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

After a discussion concerning a bill received from the former City Attorney Briney, Councilman Nelson moved that bill for \$250.00 for water litigation, Torrance v. Mau (Mun. Court) \$50.00, Torrance v. Mau (Sup. Court) \$75.00 be allowed.

Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis.

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, Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner moved meeting be adjourned.

Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

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

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance.