

Torrance, California.
December 15, 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, December 15th., 1931, and was called to order at 7:55 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. Absent: COUNCILMAN: Bell.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 1st., 1931 and the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of December 11th., 1931, be adopted. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the Torrance Lodge No. 785 Loyal Order of Moose under date of December 7th., 1931, was read, asking for permission to hold a "Charity Bazaar" some time early in January 1932. Wheels of different kinds would be operated at five or ten cents a chance, and prizes will be strictly, staple groceries. Attorney Findley stated if no gambling was involved the Council might permit the same, but if for gambling purposes it could not be done. Councilman Smith moved request be denied. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication under date of December 4, 1931, was read, wherein the undersigned desired to call attention that all labor is not getting an equal chance. Councilman Smith moved communication be referred to the committee controlling this situation for further consideration. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Clerk read a petition against changing the ordinance regulating the distribution of handbills. Councilman Nelson moved petition be referred to the Ordinance Committee. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Board of Education of the City of Los Angeles dated December 9, 1931, with further reference

to assessments proposed to be levied against the Fern Avenue and Fern Avenue Annex School sites. Mayor Dennis ordered letter be filed for future reference.

A communication from the Department of Public Works dated December 10, 1931, was read, with reference to the opening and widening of Western Avenue from El Prado south, along the westerly boundary line of the City of Torrance. After some discussion, Councilman Steiner requested that the City Engineer be instructed to take up further and go into details regarding this matter.

Oral communications:

Mr. Earl Conner in the audience raised the question relative to Cabrillo Avenue improvement by assessment proceedings. Mayor Dennis stated he believed that the paving of Cabrillo would be a big improvement. Engineer Leonard inquired as to the district which would have to be petitioned and was informed that it was from Border Avenue south to Carson Street. He stated that \$12,500.00 would be needed before the Pacific Electric would move their tracks. During the discussion a suggestion was made that possibly the Pacific Electric might take bonds for \$12,500.00. No action was taken.

Councilman Steiner stated that there were two lots joining the municipal yard property which might be had at a very nominal figure providing the City would be interested. Councilman Nelson suggested we might see if we could get them for \$300.00.

Councilman Steiner moved the Street Superintendent be instructed to purchase a tank of road oil before our next meeting. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Bell.

Councilman Smith moved that the old tires on Chief Calder's car be retreaded. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Bell.

Attorney Findley reported on the water case that a letter had been received from the attorneys stating that the Judge has sustained our demurrer.

Councilman Steiner introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 228

ESTABLISHING WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF DISTRICTS OR ZONES AND REGULATING THEREIN THE USE OF PROPERTY, HEIGHT OR IMPROVEMENTS AND REQUISITE OPEN SPACES FOR LIGHT AND VENTILATION OF SUCH PROPERTY OR IMPROVEMENTS.

With reference to fire hydrants in the McDonald Tract, Councilman Smith stated he had been unable to obtain the desired information. Engineer Leonard explained that he had been in touch with the Superintendent of the Moneta Water Company and understood that the Water Company would ascertain if the residents would be willing to pay a portion of cost of hydrant installation.

Referring to petitions for and against proposed amendment to handbill ordinance, Councilman Smith moved to have handbill ordinance remain as it now is as the petitions speak for themselves. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Bell.

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

Councilman Nelson moved that the meeting be adjourned.
Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimous-
ly.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P. M.

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

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance.