

Torrance, California.  
February 2, 1932.

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, February 2, 1932, and was called to order at 7:50 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 January 19, 1932, and the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of January 26, 1932, be adopted. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from the County of Los Angeles, Road Department, under date of January 29, 1932, was read, concerning the furnishing of funds for the Sepulveda proposed improvement. Councilman Steiner moved that this letter be placed on file for future reference. Councilmen Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce under date of January 27, 1932, confirming verbal report of revamped program of activities. Councilman Steiner moved that this letter be filed for future reference. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Oral communications:

Mr. Clarkson wanted to know if there was some way to drain off the surface water at the corner of Cabrillo Ave., and 220th Street. Councilman Steiner suggested that a sewerage assessment could be levied against the property owners affected in that district and thereby a larger pipe could be installed to take care of the drainage condition.

City Attorney Findley read a letter he had written to the attorney of the Veterans' Welfare Board with reference to the matter of tax exemption on certain property, and stated he had received a reply from the Veterans' attorney which he also read. A contract form was sent with this letter which contract is different from a private corporation's contract.

Clerk Bartlett introduced and read

RESOLUTION NO. 518

BEING A RESOLUTION TO CANCEL ALL ASSESSMENTS FOR  
GENERAL TAX PURPOSES AND CANCEL ALL LIENS FOR GENERAL  
TAXES AGAINST CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Bell moved the adoption of Resolution No. 518. 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: COUNCILMAN: None.

Clerk Bartlett gave the final reading of

ORDINANCE NO. 229

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ORDERING THE  
CLOSING UP, VACATING AND ABANDONING OF A PORTION OF  
PARK STREET.

Councilman Bell moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 229. Councilman Steiner 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.

Attorney Findley reported he had talked with county officials regarding the procedure for a portion of a lighting district to withdraw from the district, particularly that portion of Lomita which annexed to Torrance, and had found that the only way to get out of the lighting district is to file a petition with the Supervisors. If 25% of the assessed valuation in the district that has been annexed to Torrance sign and file such a petition, then the Supervisors can set a date for hearing protests and if favorable they may then call an election in the entire district to see if the petitioners will be let out of the district.

Councilman Nelson called attention to the law suit of John Venema vs. City of Torrance and moved City Attorney be authorized to procure a special counselor to defend the action and the trial attorney's retainer fee not to exceed \$500.00. Councilman Bell 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 Nelson moved that salaries of all appointive offices exceeding \$100.00 per month and all labor wage schedules be reduced 20% beginning February 16, 1932. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Nelson and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMAN: Steiner. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner moved all bills properly audited be paid  
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 Nelson moved that the meeting be adjourned.  
Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

*D. F. Bartlett*  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

*John Dennis*  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.