

Torrance, California.  
April 26th., 1932.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE.

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, April 26th., 1932, and was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by Mayor Klusman.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Ludlow, Conner, Steiner and Klusman. Absent: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Klusman stated the meeting was called for the purpose of requesting the resignations of Police Chief G.M. Calder, City Engineer F.R. Leonard and Street Superintendent William Gascoigne, and any such other business that may come before the Board.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of April 18th., 1932, and the minutes of the regular meeting of April 19th., 1932, be adopted. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication, addressed to Earl Conner, Chairman, Police, Fire, and Lights Committee, from G.M. Calder in which he tendered his resignation as Chief of Police.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication, addressed to Councilman G.A.R. Steiner, Chairman, Street, Sewer and Parks Committee, from F.R. Leonard in which he tendered his resignation as City Engineer.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication, addressed to G.A.R. Steiner, Chairman, Street, Sewer and Parks Committee, from William Gascoigne in which he tendered his resignation as Street Superintendent.

Mayor Klusman then asked Councilman Steiner to take the chair, after which Mayor Klusman moved that all three resignations be accepted. As there was no second to this motion, it was declared lost.

Mayor Klusman stated the principal reason he had asked these gentlemen to hand in their resignations was because he believed that the constituents of the new Board had repudiated the entire old administration by their vote at the ballot box. After a lengthy discussion during which all councilmen expressed their opinions of the men in question, Mayor Klusman again took his place as chairman.

Mayor Klusman then briefly outlined his activities since his appointment, as follows: He had called on the Board of Education with reference to the proposed Fern Avenue School and had been assured that as soon as enough bonds had been sold the school would be built. He also visited the Board of Supervisors and was assured by them that money was now available to build the Clinic and operations would begin shortly.

Mayor Klusman then outlined his proposed plan of governing the Chamber of Commerce. He suggested that the city be divided into districts, one tax payer to be elected from each district, two tax payers from the business district and two representatives from the industrial district, these to constitute the advisory committee to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council as to how the promotion fund should be disbursed.

Mayor Klusman having finished his report, Councilman Steiner moved that the appointive officers retain their present positions for the ensuing year. Councilman Wright seconded the motion, and after some discussion the motion was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Wright, Steiner and Conner. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Ludlow and Klusman.

Oral communications:

Mr. Semenetz, Rev. M.F. Cameron and others in the audience spoke briefly with reference to proposed changes in the administration, after which Councilman Steiner moved the meeting adjourn. Councilman Ludlow seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

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

Approved:

W. J. Klusman  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.