

Torrance, California
September 17, 1929.

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 17th., 1929, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Trustees were present: Trustees: Maxwell, Nelson, Steiner, Wolfe and Dennis.

Absent: Trustees: None.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of September 3rd., 1929, be adopted.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mayor Dennis stated that he had been asked many times if it is permissible to dump grass by the curb in the street, after cutting the lawn, and let the street sweepers sweep it up.

Trustee Wolfe stated that it should be put in some receptacle in the alley, as dumping it in the street only made more work for the Street Department.

The Government Weather Machine was discussed.

Trustee Maxwell moved that the City Clerk get in touch with the company that sold the machine to the City, have it repaired, then turn it over to the High School.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Leonard was instructed to get in touch with Mr. Blausey of the Southern California Edison Company, and have the lights turned on one hour earlier each evening.

The water situation was discussed.

Mayor Dennis stated that Mr. Dolley had appointed a committee, consisting of Engineer Leonard, Earl Conner and himself, to look into this water situation, and he believed they were ready to go ahead with it. First they wanted to find out what the Council thought about it.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Council accept this Committee appointed by Mr. Dolley, as a committee of the Council representing the City of Torrance, and to allow \$250.00 to help defray expenses.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	TRUSTEES:	Maxwell, Nelson, Steiner, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES:	"	None.
ABSENT:	"	None.

The City Clerk was instructed to issue a license to the man who requested to start a dog farm here in Torrance.

Attorney Briney stated that there is not any specified measure for that kind of a business, but there is one that would come under that of \$1.00 per month, \$12.00 per year.

Clerk Bartlett read the following communications;

A letter from the American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, under date of September 9th., 1929, expressing their appreciation for the many kindness' and generosity extended to the Post by the Council. This communication was ordered filed.

A letter was read from Benjamin W. Shipman, Attorney for Mr. Kettler, under date of September 13th., 1929, acknowledging our letter of August 21st., 1929, and stating that Mr. Kettler cannot join in this project, known as Cabrillo-Eshelman Avenue.

Trustee Steiner moved that this letter be placed on file.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A letter was read from the Salm Manufacturing Company, Torrance, under date of September 17th., 1929, expressing their appreciation relative to the recent cut in the city tax rate of Torrance.

The City Clerk was instructed to acknowledge receipt of this letter.

A letter was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, under date of September 17th., 1929, asking to have the illumination of the street lighting system at a little earlier hour.

Trustee Steiner introduced

ORDINANCE NO. 194.

RE-ZONING LOTS 8 AND 9, BLOCK 105, TORRANCE TRACT,
FROM FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1, TO FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2.

Engineer Leonard stated that the sewer line in the alley south of Redondo Blvd. from Madrid Avenue to Cravens Avenue is too high to service the lots fronting on Redondo Blvd. and that it will be necessary to put in a new line to take care of this Redondo Blvd. frontage. He recommended that at present a sewer be built from Portola Avenue to Arlington Avenue along the south side of Redondo Blvd. and connecting with the sewer already located north of Redondo Blvd. This expense to be around \$450.00.

Trustee Steiner moved that the Engineer be instructed to see to this work.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Nelson, Steiner, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " None.

The improvement of certain streets in South Torrance was discussed.

Trustee Steiner stated that a large portion of that property is not owned by the petitioners, and that the total value of the improvement is equal to or greater than the total assessed value of the property improved.

Trustee Steiner moved that the petitions for the Street Improvements in South Torrance be rejected.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Nelson, Steiner, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Maxwell moved that the part of a room south of the present room in the Police Department be made into a private office for the Chief of Police, which may be used as a private meeting room by the City Council, when desired. Cost estimated at \$200.00.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Nelson, Steiner, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Maxwell stated that the two Fire Trucks and Motorcycle do not have full coverage insurance. Estimated cost around \$400.00 to \$500.00.

Trustee Steiner moved that the two Fire Trucks and Motorcycle be insured for full coverage.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Nelson, Steiner, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Maxwell stated that the Grammar School would like to have a tennis court. The Los Angeles City School District will furnish them with all tennis equipment, but will not build them a tennis court. The Street Superintendent was instructed to see Mr. Bell, Principal of the Grammar School, on the above subject.

Trustee Nelson moved that the Chief of Police be instructed in his discretion to work city prisoners, who have violated a city ordinance, as he sees fit.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Steiner introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 195.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY ORDINANCE.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 435-F

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Torrance that the Salary of the City Attorney of the City of Torrance, shall, beginning October 1st., 1929, until further order of this Council, be \$125.00 per month, instead of the \$150.00 per month as heretofore paid.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 435 be adopted.

Trustee Maxwell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Nelson, Steiner, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " None.

After having canvassed the returns of the Special Annexation Election held September 10th., 1929, Trustee Maxwell moved that the following Resolution be adopted. Resolution No. 436.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Nelson, Steiner, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " None.

RESOLUTION NO. 436.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Torrance, that it does now declare that at this meeting held on September 17th., 1929, said meeting being the regular meeting next after the filing of the returns of the Special Annexation Election held in the City of Torrance, September 10th., 1929, the said City Council did canvass the returns of said Election and finds that (169) votes were cast at said Election, and that (169) votes were in favor of said annexation, and no votes were against said annexation. As a result of such canvas, this Council does hereby declare that a majority of the votes cast were in favor of the annexation to the City of Torrance of the property within the following boundary lines:

"Beginning at the North West corner of Lot 140 of Tract No. 15, recorded in Book 12, Page 189 of Maps, Records of Los Angeles County, said point being also a point in the boundary of the City of Torrance as said boundary existed July 1, 1929; thence South along the said boundary line of the City of Torrance 837.23 feet; thence East 312.17 feet; thence North 1' East 837.30 feet to the North line of said Lot 140, said point being also a point in the boundary line of the City of Torrance as said boundary existed July 1, 1929; thence Westerly and Southerly along the said boundary line of the City of Torrance to the point of beginning."

Trustee Nelson moved that the City Attorney be instructed not to have to come to the City Hall each day as in the past, but only when called or necessary.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Maxwell moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Maxwell, Nelson, Steiner, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " None.

The Street Superintendent was instructed to purchase another tank of road oil.

Trustee Steiner suggested a Resolution establishing a segregating budget. The Heads of each Department are instructed to get permission from the City Council before any transfer of funds from one Department to another can be made.

At the request of the City Attorney this Resolution is to be introduced at the next regular meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 P. M.

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

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance.