

Torrance, California
January 6, 1931.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE.

The first regular meeting of the New Year of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, January 6th., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Dennis.

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

Absent: Trustees: Smith.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of December 16th., 1930, the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of December 18th., 1930, and the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of December 30th., 1930, all be adopted.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Deputy City Clerk Stevens read a communication from Mrs. L. M. Payne, under date of January 6th., 1931, requesting a license to give readings by cards in the City of Torrance.

Trustee Nelson moved that the license be disallowed.
Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Deputy Clerk Stevens read a communication from the Regional Planning Commission, Los Angeles, California, under date of December 19th., 1930, asking that map of Tract No. 10406 be approved which is enclosed.

Engineer Leonard stated that this tract is outside the City of Torrance, and is east of the Shoe String Strip. It is a requirement of the Planning Commission that this be passed by the Council, and Engineer Leonard stated that he had no objection to the subdivision.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 483.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THAT THE MAP OF TRACT NO. 10406, THIS DAY PRESENTED TO THIS CITY COUNCIL BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FOR APPROVAL, BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 483 be adopted.

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

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " Smith.

Attorney Briney reported with reference to the law suit, that the papers would be ready to file on the 10th. of this month. ^x

The final reading of Ordinance No. 213, "An Ordinance Fixing Rules Regarding Organization of Fire Department in the City of Torrance", was laid over till the next regular meeting.

Deputy Clerk Stevens read a communication from Mr. Ralph R. Howe, 1308 Anapola Avenue, Torrance, California, under date of December 24th., 1930, complaining that a police officer had manhandled his son.

Trustee Nelson moved that the communication be referred to the Police Commission.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Steiner suggested that the City Clerk be instructed to answer this letter and state the disposition of the Council.

At 8:15 P. M. Attorney Briney was excused from the meeting.

A representative from the Fidelity & Casualty Company of New York, who had talked to the Council a few meetings ago explained to the Council and answered some of their questions in regard to the City taking out public liability insurance.

This matter was laid over till the Council could investigate it further.

Oral communications were next in order.

Mr. Carl Hyde asked the Council if they were willing to place themselves on record to the County Board of Supervisors requesting County aid for the development of facilities in the Alondra Park Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 484.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, URGING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE ALONDRA PARK.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 484 be adopted.

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

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis.
NOES: " None.
ABSENT: " Smith.

Trustee Steiner stated that the Mc Donald Tract people had no way of disposing of their cans and garbage. The district is too large for the present garbage collector, and he believed a man going around twice a week would be sufficient to take care of that tract. Mr. Morford here in Torrance is already equipped for that particular work.

Mayor Dennis stated that he and Mr. Hyde had talked with Mr. Morford, and he would be willing to accept this job if he could include the Shoe

String Strip and possibly Hammerton Tract in his route, but that the Mc Donald Tract would not be worth while bothering with.

Trustee Steiner said that he would see Mr. Morford within the next few days about it, and Mr. Hyde told the Council he was going to Los Angeles tomorrow, and he would see what arrangements could be made with the City of Los Angeles for the collection of garbage in the Shoe String Strip.

Trustee Steiner moved that the Street Superintendent be authorized to purchase a tank of road oil.

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

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " Smith.

Engineer Leonard stated that inquiries had been made by citizens on San Pedro Street west of Illinois in the Mc Donald Tract, concerning possibility of the Los Angeles County Fire Department in Gardena co-operating with the City of Torrance in case of fires in the immediate vicinity of Gardena. He stated that in his opinion some arrangement should be made with the County to respond to calls in that district in that this procedure would be only in line with the policy of our Fire Department which had never hesitated to take care of fires in the Shoe String Strip and even in County territory east of the Shoe String Strip.

Mayor Dennis suggested that Mr. Hyde call this matter to the attention of the County Fire authorities when he is in Los Angeles tomorrow.

Mr. Hyde stated that he would be very glad to see what can be done.

Trustee Nelson moved that beginning with this meeting, the Torrance Herald publish in more or less detail, the proceedings of the City Council until further notified, immediately following the meetings. That is, no set time shall be fixed, and if it does not prove out satisfactory will be discontinued.

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

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " Smith.

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

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

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis,
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " Smith.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P. M.

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

Approved:

John Dennis
 Mayor of the City of Torrance.