

Torrance, California
January 20, 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, January 20th., 1931, and was called to order at 7:55 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

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

Absent: Trustees: None.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 6th., 1931, be adopted.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Wm. J. Fox, Chief Engineer of the Regional Planning Commission, under date of January 7th., 1931, addressed to the Honorable City Council, in which he submits for consideration a plan of the major and sub-major highways as they pertain to the City of Torrance, which are projected to and through said City from County territory. Clerk Bartlett also read a letter from Wm. J. Fox, Chief Engineer of the Regional Planning Commission, under date of January 7th., 1931, addressed to Mr. Frank R. Leonard, City Engineer, in which he encloses a Resolution adopting the plan as presented by the Planning Commission, and above letter, and asking that same be presented to the City Council.

This matter was laid over until after the opening of the bids for gasoline.

At 8: P. M. Mayor Dennis called for bids for furnishing gasoline to the City of Torrance for twelve months, beginning on February 1st., 1931, and ending January 31st., 1932. The Clerk opened and read the following proposals:

STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA - The Seller's current posted wholesale price for Red Crown Gasoline at time and place of delivery, less 4¢ per gallon, except that the price to be paid by the buyer, at any of the points of delivery named, shall at no time be higher than the maximum price hereinafter specified for said product at said point, plus any increase in the present State Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax. Maximum price - \$.16½ per gallon.

THE TEXAS COMPANY - Posted tankwagon price at time and place of delivery, less \$.04 per gallon, State Tax included.

UNION OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA - \$.16½ per gallon net, f.o.b., Torrance, California. Subject to Clause A. CLAUSE A: The price named in this contract on Gasoline includes the State tax in effect at the date hereof. It is agreed that in the event of a reduction in Seller's posted tankwagon price at point indicated during the term hereof, the Buyer shall receive a like reduction from price named herein during period reduction is in effect; however, at no time during the term of this contract shall Seller's price exceed that specified.

WM. P. ANDREWS OIL COMPANY - Price to be .13½ per gallon tax paid and delivered into our tanks. Inasmuch as the market price is less than this at the present time they will deliver for .11½ on today's market.

ASSOCIATED OIL COMPANY - \$.16½ per gallon, deliveries to be made to the underground storage tanks at Torrance Fire Station. If quotation is accepted, we would be protected against any decline in our present posted tankwagon price of .22½ per gallon.

SHELL OIL COMPANY - \$.16½ per gallon. "The above price of sixteen and one-half cents, (16½) per gallon is based upon a price of 6 cents per gallon less than posted depot tankwagon price, (including the Calif. State Motor Vehicle Fuel License Tax), at which we are offering gasoline for sale in tankwagon deliveries at Torrance, Calif, at the date hereof, said tankwagon price being twenty-two & 1/2 cents (.22½) per gallon including said tax. In the event said tankwagon price should decrease and/or increase during the term of this proposed contract, the

price to you will correspondingly decrease and/or increase as the case may be; however, in no event will the price to you be in excess of sixteen & one-half cents (.16½) per gallon, inclusive of said tax.

Mayor Dennis stated that he believed the City would be money ahead if they would buy their gasoline directly from the local filling stations, as there has been a great deal of gas leakage and loss in the last few years.

Trustee Steiner suggested that the Chairman of the Police and Fire Committee have the gasoline tank tested, and see if there is a leakage before any gasoline be purchased on the new contract.

The Standard Oil Company salesman in the audience suggested that the City purchase a compartment of gasoline, and in that way they would be sure to get the full amount.

Trustee Nelson moved that action on the bids for gasoline be deferred till the next regular meeting.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Leonard explained to the Council that the Regional Planning Commission were asking that this plan of major and sub-major highways be approved, that was brought up at the first of the meeting, so as to have highway alignment for future highways, and as he understood it, it does not take any power from the City Council.

Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 485.

APPROVING THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S PLANS WITH REFERENCE TO MAJOR AND SUB-MAJOR HIGHWAYS AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 485 be adopted.

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

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.

NOES: " None.

ABSENT: " None.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the American Legion, Bert S. Crossland, Post No. 170, under date of January 19th., 1931, addressed to the Honorable City Council, enclosing resolution recently adopted by the executive committee of said organization, asking that City work be given to only American Citizens.

Trustee Steiner moved that the Resolution of the American Legion be approved and made a policy of this Board.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Oral communications were next in order.

Mrs. Maberley in the audience asked the Council to pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of B. B. guns within the City of Torrance, as a B. B. bullet was shot through a window in her house while she was away, and it is a very dangerous situation.

This matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee to be reported on at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Clarkson in the audience stated that the condition at 220th. Street and Cabrillo Avenue is terrible. Mr. Gascoigne has drained off the water from the street, but now the frogs are coming in the houses.

Trustee Steiner stated that the location complained of is not in the jurisdiction of public works within the City of Torrance. It is on the right-of-way of the Pacific Electric and the City has no right to do any digging or shoveling. It might be well for the City Engineer to notify the Pacific Electric of this condition.

Trustee Bell moved that the City Engineer be instructed to notify the Pacific Electric of the condition existing.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A Mr. H. H. Morrison, in the audience, who lives at 2405 Carson Street, Torrance, stated that while he was away a police officer came in his garage and untied his dog and he was killed, and he wanted to contest the right of this man to go in his place while he was away. The dog did not have a license as he was only a pup, and Mr. Morrison did not think he required one yet.

Trustee Smith stated that he would be glad to look into this matter.

Mr. Carl Hyde in the audience invited the Council, City Engineer, City Clerk and City Attorney to attend sort of a round table meeting to be held in Earl's Cafe, Thursday, January 22nd., 1931, at 6:30 P. M. for the purpose of discussing various advancement projects for the City of Torrance with Supervisor Quinn and other men from Los Angeles.

Trustee Steiner moved that the invitation be accepted.
Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Steiner asked if the Council had ever heard from the Pacific Electric Railway Company with reference to the extension of their line along Redondo Boulevard?

Attorney Briney stated that the deed of the Dominguez Land Corporation transferring reversionary rights to the rights-of-way of the Pacific Electric Railway Company was in defect, and that the letter had never been sent to the railroad company, but that another deed had been secured and recorded so that the letter might now be mailed that was drawn up as instructed in the minutes of December 2nd., 1930.

Trustee Steiner asked the Council what they wanted to do with the old application of the Torrance Water Company for a franchise that he has had in his folder for some time.

Trustee Nelson moved that the application for a franchise from the Torrance Water Company, be rejected.

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

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

Trustee Steiner stated that the people in the Mc Donald Tract were asking for police protection. They want the same as Walteria. The name of Donald Sergeant was handed him as a suitable man for a part time police officer, as he is in a position to be reached on a phone day or night.

Trustee Steiner moved that a resident of the Mc Donald Tract be selected as a police officer on part time pay.

The motion was not seconded.

Mayor Dennis stated that he had no objection of the people in the Mc Donald Tract having what they wanted, but until a request was made from the people he did not believe a police officer should be stationed out there.

Trustee Smith suggested that those interested, study into the situation and in that way a man can be stationed where mostly needed.

Trustee Bell introduced: ORDINANCE NO. 214.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, REGULATING LATHING AND PLASTERING WITHIN THE CITY, AND REPEALING ALL SECTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Attorney Briney reported with reference to the water suit that X Mr. Beebe was writing up a petition which will be submitted, and he was to send him a copy last Friday, but the stenographic department did not get it out. The other attorneys will look it over, and Mr. Beebe expects to hear from them within a few days. Mr. Briney expects his copy very soon.

The Finance Committee did not report with reference to the City taking out public liability insurance.

Trustee Smith reported relative to the complaint brought in by Mr. Howe, that the Committee in connection with the Chief of Police had made a very thorough investigation, and do not feel that the claims have been justified, and have waved any action on the matter.

Mr. Howe in the audience asked if that was the final decision of the Committee.

Trustee Smith stated that it was.

Mr. Howe stated that he would take the Committee's decision home to his wife and talk it over, and let the Council know in a few days his decision.

Trustee Bell moved that the report of the Police Commission be accepted.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the

following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith and Dennis.
 NOES: " None.
 ABSENT: " None.
 NOT VOTING:" Steiner.

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 meeting.

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

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the

following roll call vote:

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

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

Approved:

John Dennis
 Mayor of the City of Torrance.