

Torrance, California
February 3, 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, February 3rd., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 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 20th., 1931, be adopted.
Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the League of California Municipalities, under date of January 27, 1931, addressed to the Honorable City Council, asking that a letter be sent approving or disapproving the proposed amendment to Section 862 of the Municipal Corporation Act raising the tax limit from \$1.00 to \$1.25 in sixth class cities.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Clerk be instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter, and state the fact that this body does not feel that they should participate in this contest.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the City Planning Commission of Redondo Beach, under date of January 5th., 1931, addressed to the Honorable Board of Trustees, asking for an expression of opinion on an application received by said Commission, for a permit for the raising of hogs on eight acres of land described as Lot 12, of the Mc Donald Tract in Rancho San Pedro.

Engineer Leonard stated that this was near the Redondo-Riverside Road.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Engineer be instructed to investigate the situation, and see what relation it would be to the residence district, before any action be taken on it, and report at the next regular meeting.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the City of San Jacinto, California, enclosing copy of resolution adopted by said City and de-

signed to assist a movement which has been instituted by the dairymen of Southern California in an effort to prevent in Los Angeles the marketing of fluid milk produced north of the Tehachapi, in competition with that produced in Southern California, and asking that above resolution be adopted if the city is desirous of assisting the Southern California dairy industry.

Trustee Steiner moved that this matter be laid over till the next regular meeting to investigate the contents of the Resolution.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a petition from the people in the Mc Donald Tract, asking that the same police protection be given said Tract as that in Walteria, and recommending a man by the name of Sullivan for the position of police sergeant. Clerk Bartlett stated that Mr. Hyde informed him Mr. Sullivan was in the Gardena Telephone Exchange, and most of the people in the Mc Donald Tract were in the Redondo Beach Exchange.

Trustee Bell moved that the petition be referred to the Police Commission.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Nelson left the meeting at 7:55 P. M.

At 8: P. M. Mayor Dennis called for protests against the re-zoning of Lot 13, Block 1, Torrance Tract, from Business District Class 3, to Business District Class 5. None were voiced.

Clerk Bartlett stated that there were no protests filed in his office.

Trustee Bell introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 215.

RE-ZONING OF LOT 13, BLOCK 1, TORRANCE TRACT, FROM BUSINESS DISTRICT CLASS 3, TO BUSINESS DISTRICT CLASS 5.

Trustee Steiner stated that the Chairman of the Police Commission has had the gasoline tank gauged, and it is believed the trouble has been found.

Mayor Dennis said that a belated gasoline bid had been received from the General Petroleum Corporation, and as they are heavy taxpayers in the City of Torrance thought it only fair to acknowledge it.

Clerk Bartlett read the following bid:

Violet Ray Gasoline at General Petroleum Corporation's posted tank truck price at time and place of delivery less four cents (4¢) per gallon with a guaranteed maximum of sixteen and one-half cents (16½¢) per gallon, f.o.b. your storage within the City Limits of the City of Torrance, California, State Tax of three cents per gallon included.

Trustee Smith moved that the bid of the Standard Oil Company be accepted.

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

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

Trustee Bell introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 216.

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE POSSESSION OF FIRE ARMS, ETC, BY MINORS.

Trustee Bell stated that as a result of a request made at the last regular meeting, it was the opinion of the Chief of Police as well as himself that the above ordinance be passed. Los Angeles has a similar one in force.

Trustee Smith reported that there was nothing definite decided on the inhalator signal. They had tried two out, and were now waiting for another to be sent down.

Attorney Briney gave the final reading of:

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.

Trustee Bell moved that Ordinance No. 214 be adopted, for its final reading.

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

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

Trustee Steiner suggested that 100 extra sheets be printed off, when the Herald is publishing the above Ordinance in the paper.

Engineer Leonard requested that at least 1000 be printed, as a copy is given out to each person taking out a building permit.

Trustee Bell suggested that a meeting be held Monday night, February 9th., 1931, at 7: P. M. for the purpose of drawing up Ordinance No. 213, "An Ordinance Fixing Rules Regarding Organization of Fire Department in the City of Torrance."

This was agreeable with all the members present.

Attorney Briney reported with reference to the water suit, that the petition has been ready to file for over a week. He received it through the mail on Friday, and checked it over the weekend, and on Monday was ready to report, but understood it was to be held up for further consideration.

Ordinance No. 151, License Ordinance, was discussed. This was laid over till the meeting Monday night.

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

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Engineer be directed to prepare and submit plans and specifications for the necessary acquisition and improvement of the Sepulveda Boulevard Improvement Project.

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

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

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

Trustee Nelson arrived at the meeting at 9: P. M.

A request from someone in the audience with reference to the extension of Prairie Avenue to connect with Madrona Avenue was made.

Mayor Dennis stated that this matter was to have been taken up by Mr. Carl Hyde, but Mr. Hyde was unavoidably absent from the meeting, and asked Attorney Briney to make a statement with reference to the City's position in the matter of this extension.

Attorney Briney stated that it was his understanding that this road had been traveled for about thirty years, and if such was the fact the road could not be closed as the public had established it's right through usage, if these facts were true the City would be warranted in spending money to improve this roadway. The Attorney also indicated the necessary line of proceedings if condemnation was necessary.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Attorney be instructed to proceed to get the roadway opened up.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P. M.

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance.

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