

Torrance, California
February 17, 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 17th., 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 Nelson asked that the following correction be made in the minutes of February 9th., 1931, "After much discussion Trustee Nelson stated that the difference of 1% in the interest rate on the entire issue of \$400,000.00 bonds would amount to \$88,000.00 during the life of bonds; this amount plus attorneys' fees of \$7,500.00

Attorney Briney gave the final reading of:

ORDINANCE NO. 215

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

Trustee Steiner moved that Ordinance No. 213 be adopted for its final reading.

Trustee Nelson 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.

Attorney Briney gave the final reading of:

ORDINANCE NO. 216.

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

Trustee Steiner moved that Ordinance No. 216 be adopted for its final reading.

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 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.

Trustee Smith reported that the Committee has not been very successful in getting inhalator signals, but last night the whistle signal used for fires in the factory at the Union Tool Company was tried and proved sufficiently loud to warrant a demonstration at the Fire House of a whistle of a similar character.

Attorney Briney stated that there was nothing to report on the water suit until after the two weeks time which was granted the Water Company to consider the offer made by the City, February 9th., 1931.

Trustee Nelson reported that the proposition of the city taking out public liability insurance which was deferred for consideration had been investigated, and the Committee prefers to look into other lines before definitely deciding. Also the Committee deemed it exorbitant for a City of this size to go into, but the investigation has lead them to the point that they desire to inquire from various Insurance Companies and other lines and wish to temporarily defer action on the matter.

Trustee Nelson inquired if the City had ever heard from the Pacific Electric Railway Company with reference to the extension of their line along Redondo Boulevard. Engineer Leonard replied that the only word that had been received from them was a request for a copy of the Council proceedings referring to the above matter, which has been sent to them.

Engineer Leonard asked the Council whether or not the Citys compensation would cover the emergency work.

Mayor Dennis stated that he believed it would.

Attorney Briney stated that he had nothing to report with reference to the extension of Prairie Avenue.

Oral communications were next in order.

Mr. Bolton from the D. & M. Machine Works stated that the Railroad Commission wanted \$250.00 to grant the Pacific Electric permission to cross over the citys 19 feet of ground, in order to install a spur track. They would like to get permission without having to pay this \$250.00 if possible.

Engineer Leonard informed Mr. Bolton that this would have to be taken up with the Dominguez Land Corporation as the land upon which the

together with \$5000.00 deduction for material on hand by water company, would be a grand total of \$100,500.00.

Deducting \$100,500.00 from price of \$150,000.00 would leave a balance of \$49,500.00 the net cost of the entire water plant to the city.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of February 3rd., 1931, the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 9th., 1931, after the above correction, and the minutes of the Special meeting of February 13th., 1931, all be adopted.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the League of California Municipalities, under date of February 12th., 1931, addressed to the Honorable City Council, asking support of Senate Bill No. 126, a new "recall" law introduced by Senator Harper at request of the League.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Clerk be instructed to urge our Senator to pass this bill.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Mayor of the City of Huntington Park, addressed to the Honorable John Dennis, Mayor, under date of February 14th., 1931, inviting the Council to attend a meeting at 6510 Pacific Boulevard, Huntington Park, on February 20th., 1931, for the purpose of forming an association of Mayors and Councilmen of Los Angeles County.

Mayor Dennis stated to the Council that a meeting had been held in Inglewood some time ago for the purpose of perfecting this organization and that this meeting was undoubtedly following up the original proposal.

It was decided that as many councilmen go, as possible.

Engineer Leonard stated that a permit to establish a hog ranch south of Redondo-Riverside Road west of Redondo Street had been asked. That the location would be about 300 feet from the boulevard and that he had taken the matter up with the County Health Officer who stated that their policy was to discourage location of hog ranches in any residential section.

The applicant Mr. John Fortuny stated that the closest residents was about 1000 feet from the proposed location and that he did not propose to start a large hog ranch.

Trustee Steiner moved that a temporary permit be granted providing he does not keep in excess of twenty-five in number, and not closer than 300 feet from the highway.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Engineer Leonard stated that another request had been received from the Planning Commission of Redondo Beach asking whether there was any objection on the part of the City of Torrance to the granting by the City of Redondo of a permit for raising hogs on Lot 12, Mc Donald Tract adjoining El Nido on the north.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Clerk notify the Planning Commission of Redondo Beach that we have no objections to a permit being granted for said hog farm.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A Resolution and letter from the City of San Jacinto was again brought up. This Resolution asked assistance in an effort to prevent the marketing of milk produced north of the Tehachapi in competition with that produced in Southern California.

Trustee Steiner moved that this Resolution and letter be filed.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

With reference to petition from people in Mc Donald Tract asking for police protection which was referred to this meeting. Trustee Smith stated that the Chief of Police and Committee had investigated the situation.

Trustee Smith moved that Mr. M. O. Sullivan be appointed as permanent policeman on part time salary of \$50.00 per month for the Mc Donald Tract.

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.

track would be built has not been deeded to the City of Torrance.

Mr. Don Findley from the audience stated that this strip of land had not been turned over to the City because it had been reserved for a loading track to serve the lots adjoining and was not intended as a public alley, however, the Dominguez Land Corporation desires to cooperate and they would grant the Pacific Electric a right-of-way over this property.

Mr. Carl Hyde from the audience stated that the Torrance Hospital Association has been having the various emergency cases brought there for first aid treatment and most of the burden has been imposed on the Association which they have no way of unloading. The Chamber of Commerce have been trying to get a contract with the Los Angeles Hospital Association to take care of emergency first aid cases that happen in County territory and are brought to Torrance Hospital for emergency treatment. Mr. Hyde asked that a letter be addressed to Dr. Wood, General Supt. of the Los Angeles Hospital, c/o Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, requesting the County to reimburse the hospital of the expense.

Trustee Smith moved that the City Clerk be instructed to write a letter to Dr. Wood, General Superintendent of the Los Angeles General Hospital, c/o Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, informing them of the present arrangement between the City of Torrance and the Jared Sydney Torrance Memorial Hospital for the care of emergency cases and request of him that the County of Los Angeles make similar arrangements for the care of emergency cases arising outside the City limits of Torrance where persons are brought into such hospital from County territory for emergency treatment.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Mc Cabe from the audience asked if the petition for north Lomita annexation was still alive.

Attorney Briney stated that this could be brought up again by motion of any councilman.

Trustee Smith reported on securing funds for the unemployment situation, stating that Carl Hyde and he had succeeded in securing an allocation of \$15,000.00 from the Board of Supervisors to be used for the employment of labor on various street projects. That this matter would be handled through the regular department of which Trustee Steiner is chairman, and that the registrars at the Chamber of Commerce will contact those who have applied for work and the responsibility to decide as to the need of these cases will be determined by those in charge of the relief department at the Chamber.

Trustee Smith stated that they had been accorded every courtesy from the Board of Supervisors, in their efforts to secure these funds, and moved that a Resolution of appreciation be adopted and sent to the Board of Supervisors.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried unanimously.

Trustee Steiner moved that the Street Supt. be authorized to purchase one car load of hay.

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.

Trustee Steiner moved that the Street Supt. be authorized to purchase and secure all necessary tools and equipment with which to carry on this work for the unemployment as soon as the \$15,000.00 is available.

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 Smith moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid.

Trustee Steiner 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 Bell moved that the meeting be adjourned to Monday night, February 23rd., 1931, at 7:45 p. m.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P. M.

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

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance.