

Torrance, California.
November 17th., 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, November 17th., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P.M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Councilmen were present: Councilmen: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. Absent: Councilman: Nelson.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 3, 1931, be adopted, as corrected. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers dated November 3rd., 1931, was read by Clerk Bartlett, with reference to the case of Wilcox v. City of Torrance. Briefs on both sides were filed some time past and a decision is expected at any time from the superior court.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Board of Education dated November 13, 1931, requesting further information regarding improvement proceedings for grading and the construction of paving, sidewalks, curbs, storm drain, and sanitary sewers affecting the Fern Avenue and Fern Avenue Annex School sites.

Councilman Steiner moved that letter be laid over for future reference, there was no second to this motion. Councilman Smith moved the letter be referred to the City Engineer. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a copy of a letter addressed to J. E. Rockhold, Surveyor dated October 26, 1931, with maps attached showing the district proposed to be assessed for the opening and widening of Western Avenue. Also a communication, from the County of Los Angeles, County Surveyor, was read pertaining to the same proceeding.

Councilman Steiner moved that the City Engineer be instructed to get all the information and data and see if it is possible to restrict the boundaries running over into Torrance. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication, from The American Legion dated November 13, 1931, was read conveying to the City an expression of appreciation and thanks for participating in the Armistice Day parade and program and to let those who assisted know how deeply indebted The American Legion feel for all they did. This letter was ordered filed.

✓ Resolution No. 513 approving map of Tract No. 10540 was read ✓ and on motion by Councilman Steiner and seconded by Councilman Bell was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Nelson.

At 8:25 Councilman Smith moved that the bid of the Pioneer Rubber Mills for 700 ft. of 2½" Double Jacket Western Brand Fire Hose be accepted and all other bids for 2½" Fire Hose be rejected. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Nelson.

Councilman Smith moved that the bid of the American Rubber Manufacturing Co., for 300 ft. of 1½" Double Jacket Municipal Brand Fire Hose be accepted and all other bids for 1½" Fire Hose be rejected. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Nelson.

Attorney Findley reported that Water Suit briefs on both sides have been filed some time ago with the court and a decision had not been handed down by the Judge.

Attorney Findley reported on damage suit, that answer had been filed and we are waiting for time of hearing to be set.

City Engineer Leonard reported on request for vacation of a strip of land 7.5 feet wide on the west side of Park Avenue in Walteria and things that request for said vacation should be granted.

Councilman Steiner moved that proceedings be instituted for vacation of a portion of said Avenue. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Nelson.

Councilman Bell stated that he understood there was some question as to the legality of the zoning and re-zoning of a certain block in the Torrance Tract, and that he had discussed this matter with the City Attorney and on his advice the Council has prepared a tentative report for zoning the City, therefore he moved that a hearing on this tentative report be set for November 24th., 1931, at 7:30 P. M. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Steiner moved that money saved monthly from Street Lighting Account as set up on books be used for Employment Relief. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Nelson.

Councilman Steiner moved that Street Superintendent be instructed to purchase a tank of oil. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Nelson.

Councilman Smith read a report on Fire Department activities for the month of October.

Councilman Smith reported on gasoline and oil used by the various departments of the City of Torrance.

The matter of State Compensation Insurance and separate insurance for the firemen were brought up. Councilman Steiner moved that the action of the former City Council in regard to this matter be indorsed by this body and received no second. After some discussion the matter was referred to the City Attorney.

Councilman Steiner moved that warrants, be drawn, for all bills, properly audited.

Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Nelson.

Councilman Bell moved that the meeting be adjourned to Tuesday night, the 24th., of November, 1931, at 7:30 P. M.

Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance.