

Torrance, California
September 2, 1930.

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, September 2nd., 1930, and was called to order at 7:55 P. M. by Clark Bartlett who stated that it was customary for the board to appoint one of the members chairman to act during the absence of the Mayor.

Trustee Steiner moved that Trustee Maxwell act as temporary chairman of the Board.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Maxwell then took the chair.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll and the following trustees responded: Trustees: Maxwell, Nelson and Steiner.

Absent: Trustees: Bell and Dennis.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of August 27th., 1930, be adopted.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 8: p.m. Acting Mayor Maxwell stated that this was the time set for calling for protests against the issuance of bonds on proposed water system and calling an election under provision of Ordinance No. 208, and asked the Clerk if he had received any written protests. Clerk Bartlett replied that no written protests had been filed. Acting Mayor Maxwell then asked if there were any oral protests, of which none were voiced.

At 8:05 P. M. Trustee Bell took his chair at the Council Table.

Street Superintendent Gascoigne reported that he and Trustee Bell had investigated the situation at 1528 Marcelina Avenue in regard to removing a pepper tree and cedar tree, and that Trustee Bell was in favor of removing the cedar tree, but felt that the pepper tree should not be taken out.

Trustee Steiner moved that the report of the Park Committee be acted upon and the cedar tree be removed and the pepper tree be allowed to remain.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Company, under date of August 25th., 1930, addressed to Mr. F. R. Leonard, City Engineer, stating that the matter of construction of sidewalks across the company's right of way on the south side of Redondo Blvd. had been referred to the Assistant General Manager for handling.

Engineer Leonard stated that he would probably hear from the Assistant General Manager in about two weeks.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, under date of August 25th., 1930, addressed to Mr. F. R. Leonard, City Engineer, advising that a fire hydrant, per the Council's request, had been installed on the northeast corner of Lot 17, Maricopa Heights, and is now ready for service.

This letter was ordered filed.

Clerk Bartlett read a form of agreement submitted by the California Water Service Company, relative to supplying water to fire hydrants in the Hollywood Riviera. This agreement was taken under consideration and submitted to City Attorney Briney for decision as to form. Report to be made at the next regular meeting.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from G. A. R. Steiner, Torrance, California, under date of August 28th., 1930, making application for the position as superintendent and or general manager of the municipally owned water system if the bonds should carry, also enclosing resignation from the Board of Trustees to become effective on the date that the superintendent and or general manager is appointed.

This communication was ordered filed for future action by Trustee Steiner.

Trustee Nelson stated that there was quite a bit of heavy truck traffic on Beech Street and Acacia Street between Redondo Boulevard and Carson Street, and he would like to have the Council authorize the erection of signs prohibiting such hauling, as the pavement would not stand it.

Engineer Leonard stated that this was desirable and should be ordered.

Trustee Steiner moved that signs be posted on Acacia Avenue and Beech Street between Redondo Boulevard and Carson Street prohibiting heavy hauling.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A gentlemen in the audience spoke in behalf of a bonding company with reference to the sale of water bonds, and asked if he was able to demonstrate to the Council that there were flaws in the proceedings up to the present time, would the Council be willing to sell the bonds to him at a fair price?

Trustee Nelson replied that he did not think the Council was able to act on such a question at this time.

There was also a general discussion among the bond salesmen in the audience and the Council concerning the sale of water bonds.

No action was taken.

Trustee Steiner stated that an amendment should be made to Ordinance No. 119 relating to the parking of cars along Madrid Avenue, and should restrict parking against the side of the street next to the car tracks. Trustee Steiner stated that when cars were parked on both sides of either the east or west side of Madrid Avenue there is not room for a third car to pass.

Acting Mayor Maxwell stated that he believed if signs were erected on the wire fence by the car tracks it would be all that is necessary to keep people from parking on that side of the street.

Street Superintendent Gascoigne was instructed to post notices along the east side of the west driveway of Madrid Avenue and along the west side of the east driveway of Madrid Avenue, to read "No parking on this side of street."

The question as to how many precincts would be necessary for one coming election was raised, and was finally decided to have one precinct located at the Torrance Fire Hall.

At this time Acting Mayor Maxwell told the Council this was probably his last meeting, and that he wished to thank everyone for the cooperation he had. He was very sorry that Mayor Dennis and Chief Calder were not present so that he might express his appreciation to them. If at any time he is able to be of help to the Council, he will be glad to have them call on him. "This is really kind of a painful parting," stated Trustee Maxwell, "But sometimes it is necessary."

Trustee Steiner stated that he was very sorry to see Trustee Maxwell leave the Council, but wished him good luck.

Trustee Nelson expressed his regrets at seeing Trustee Maxwell leave, and stated that he believed he could speak for the Council when he said "we are losing a good friend and a good councilman." Trustee Nelson

thought a vote of thanks should be expressed to Trustee Maxwell, and spread upon the minutes of the meeting at the time of his resignation.

Trustee Bell stated that personally he felt very sorry to see Trustee Maxwell leave, but in addition to that he wished to congratulate him on his promotion at work.

Trustee Bell asked if a Resolution of regret to become a part of the minutes relative to the death of former Trustee Fitzhugh would be in order?

Acting Mayor Maxwell stated that he believed in addition to a Resolution of regret, a floral tribute should be sent to the funeral.

Trustee Bell moved that a Resolution of regret be drawn up by Attorney Briney relative to the death of former Trustee Fitzhugh.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Bell moved that a (\$15.00) floral piece be taken to the funeral of former Trustee Fitzhugh.

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

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

X Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 470.

THIS BOARD FINDS THE MAYOR HAVING CALLED FOR PROTESTS AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND CALLING AN ELECTION UNDER PROVISION OF ORDINANCE NO. 208 REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS UNDER "Act of 1927 Municipal Improvement District No. 1 of the City of Torrance," THE CITY CLERK HAVING REPORTED THAT NO PROTESTS HAVING BEEN RECEIVED BY HIM, AND THE MAYOR HAVING ASKED THAT ANY PERSON WISHING TO FILE PROTESTS, AND THERE BEING NONE FILED, NOW THEREFORE THIS CITY COUNCIL FINDS THAT NO PROTESTS HAVE BEEN FILED AGAINST THE PROCEEDINGS ABOVE MENTIONED, AND DIRECTS THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY RESOLUTION AS CALLED FOR IN ORDINANCE NO. 208.

Trustee Bell moved that Resolution No. 470 be adopted.

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

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

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 471.

CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE
SEPTEMBER 25TH., 1930.

Trustee Nelson moved that Resolution No. 471 be adopted.

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P. M. X

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

Approved:

Maxwell
Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Torrance.