

Torrance, California  
November 18, 1930.

**MINUTES OF A 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 18th., 1930, 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 November 5th., 1930, be adopted.

Trustee Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, inviting the Mayor and Members of the City Council, together with their wives, to be their guests at the dedication ceremonies of the Annual Long Beach Christmas Pageant-Parade, on Friday evening, December 5th., 1930.

Trustee Steiner moved that the invitation be accepted.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company, addressed to Mr. George A. Mitchell, Right-of-Way Agent, County of Los Angeles, 1104 Hall of Records, Los Angeles, California, and copy sent to Mr. F. R. Leonard, City Engineer, under date of October 10th., 1930, enclosing easement in favor of the City of Los Angeles covering crossing at Western Avenue and El Prado Avenue, Torrance, and asking that when easement is fully executed to kindly return same to him.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 477.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE THAT EASEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 3RD., 1930, FROM PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY TO CITY OF TORRANCE, COVERING PORTION OF LOT C, TRACT NO. 1427 BEING PORTION OF SUCH LOT WITHIN THE PROLONGATION OF WESTERN AVENUE, WHICH EASEMENT IS THIS DAY PRESENTED TO THIS CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL, BE AND THE SAME IS HEREBY APPROVED AND ACCEPTED, AND THE CITY CLERK IS DIRECTED TO CAUSE SAME TO BE RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER, LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 477 be adopted.

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.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from George W. Jones, Road Commissioner of the Los Angeles County Road Department, under date of November 17th., 1930, addressed to Honorable City Council, requesting consent of the Council for initiating a proceeding by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County for certain opening, widening and improvement along Weston Street and inclosing copy of Resolution of Intention, which was read by Clerk Bartlett - RESOLUTION NO. 478.

Mayor Dennis stated that all Mr. Jones was after was for the City Council to consent to Bitumuls pavement for this improvement with the exception of that portion of the pavement to be constructed along the properties of the Union Oil Company of California and Pan American Petroleum Corporation fronting on Weston Street, which improvement shall consist of eight (8) inch asphaltic concrete pavement.

Engineer Leonard recommended that above enclosed resolution be adopted with the exception of paragraph four, which reads as follows; "That this Council hereby finds and determines that certain lands to be included within the boundaries of the proposed assessment district, lying within the boundaries of the City of Torrance, as indicated in said request and on map attached, will be benefited by said proposed opening, widening and improvement and hereby consents to the inclusion of such lands within the proposed assessment district and to the assessment therefor of the property therein."

Engineer Leonard stated that the assessment map showing the district to be assessed did not conform with the original understanding as to boundaries of the assessment district, and that the boundaries of the district insofar as the City of Torrance is concerned, should be prescribed to the City Council and Resolution read as follows:

"That this Council hereby finds and determines that certain lands to be included within the boundaries of the proposed assessment district, lying within the boundaries of the City of Torrance, will be benefited by said proposed widening and improvement and hereby consents to the inclusion of such lands within the proposed assessment district as this Council shall designate to be assessed therefor."

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 478 be adopted, with the exception of Paragraph 4.

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.

Clerk Bartlett read a petition for withdrawal of territory from the Gardena-Moneta Sewer Maintenance District, as said territory will no longer be benefited by remaining within said sewer maintenance district, inasmuch as said territory has been annexed to and become a part of the City of Torrance.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 479.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE THAT THE FORM OF PETITION READ BY THE CITY CLERK RESPECTING WITHDRAWAL OF TERRITORY FROM THE GARDENA - MONETA SEWER DISTRICT BE APPROVED FOR CIRCULATION AMONG THE FREEHOLDERS RESIDING IN THAT PORTION OF SUCH MAINTENANCE DISTRICT HERETOFOR ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND THE CITY CLERK IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CAUSE SUCH PETITION TO BE CIRCULATED AMONG SAID FREEHOLDERS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER A MAJORITY OF SAME DESIRE TO HAVE SAID PORTION OF SUCH DISTRICT WITHDRAWN FROM SAID DISTRICT.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 479 be adopted.

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.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, addressed to Mr. F. R. Leonard, City Engineer, under date of November 11th., 1930, advising that the matter of construction of sidewalks on Redondo Boulevard and Carson Street is still in the hands of the General Manager, and as soon as the work has been authorized, it will be brought to an early completion.

Clerk Bartlett read a Bulletin No. 13 from the League of California Municipalities, under date of November 10th., 1930, addressed to the Honorable City Council, asking that every effort possible be made for relief of the unemployed.

The Clerk was instructed to reply to this communication and state that every effort possible is being made to give the unemployed work.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, under date of November 10th., 1930, addressed to the Governing Body of the City of Torrance, granting the city's application for consent to annex the City of Torrance to the said District, and fixing the terms and conditions upon which said City of Torrance may be annexed to and become a part of said District.

This matter was laid over for future action.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Jacob Hilp, 18129 Prairie Avenue, Torrance, requesting that boulevard stop signs be erected on the corner at 182nd. Street and Prairie Avenue; stopping traffic on 182nd. Street, as this is a very dangerous corner.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 480.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THAT BOULEVARD STOP SIGNS BE POSTED AT THE INTERSECTION OF 182ND. STREET AND PRAIRIE AVENUE, IN ORDER TO STOP ALL TRAFFIC ON 182ND. STREET BEFORE CROSSING PRAIRIE AVENUE, AND BOULEVARD STOP SIGNS ARE HEREBY ESTABLISHED AT SUCH POINTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Trustee Smith moved that Resolution No. 480 be adopted.

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.

Street Superintendent Gascoigne was instructed to paint slow signs on the street, and pedestrian lines at the intersection of Sonoma Avenue and Amapola Avenue, instead of erecting boulevard stop signs.

Trustee Steiner reported with reference to the removal of pepper trees at 1735 and 1739 Andreo Avenue, that there had at one time been palm trees planted by the owners of this property that interfered with the pepper trees, and it was just a question of whether or not the City's plans should be destroyed by removing these pepper trees.

This matter was deferred until the next regular meeting.

The Vacant Lot Ordinance was again discussed. Trustee Bell stated that he believed the result that is wanted could be obtained in the present ordinance. The ordinance we already have is preferable to what might be put in as there would have to be notices sent out and a different system of collection arranged. At present the ordinance we now have in force makes it possible to declare the lots a fire hazard and that can be taken care of on that basis.

This matter was deferred until some future date.

Attorney Briney gave the final reading of:

ORDINANCE NO. 211.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF HANDBILLS AND OTHER PAMPHLETS, NOTICES AND ADVERTISEMENTS, AND THE POSTING OF STICKERS OR OTHER PLACARDS OR NOTICES WITHIN SAID CITY.

Trustee Bell moved that Ordinance No. 211 be adopted, for it's 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 reported with reference to the water litigation, that the attorney who is handling the case for the Plaintiff was out of town, and probably would be away all of this week, and the matter was continued two weeks longer.

Oral communications were next in order.

Mr. Carl Hyde, invited the Council to attend a joint round table conference with the Chamber of Commerce, Monday night, November 24th, 1930, at 6:30 P. M., at Earl's Cafe.

The invitation was accepted.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Clerk be instructed to call for bids for an 11' Chevrolet Truck and an 11' Ford Truck with automatic hoists, and the present Chevrolet Truck and 1924 Ford Truck be traded in, as they are in very bad condition.

After some discussion, Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was duly lost by the following roll call vote:

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

Trustee Steiner stated that if new trucks were not purchased these two old ones would have to be over-hauled, and that would hold up work.

Trustee Nelson moved that the Street Committee investigate the situation, and be authorized to act as they see fit.

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

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

Trustee Nelson moved that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for gasoline for the coming year, January 31st., 1931, to January 31st., 1932.

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 Smith moved that the gasoline be placed under lock and key, and the key be in the possession of the Chief of Police and gasoline only given out by himself or his sergeant, and a requisition be made out for all gasoline emptied from tank and the City Clerk receive all requisitions.

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.

Trustee Steiner suggested that a shrill whistle be placed on the outside of the fire building as a signal only when the inhalator is needed. This is also to be a signal to the fireman not on duty to appear at the fire house so that the man on duty may be able to go out at once on the case.

This was referred to the Fire Committee.

Trustee Smith moved that the fireman in charge be authorized, upon a call, to immediately respond with the inhalator.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Nelson moved that any employees of the City in the Fire or Police Departments must be twenty-one (21) years of age, or over.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

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

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.

The meeting adjourned at 10: P. M.

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

Approved:

John Dennis  
 Mayor of the City of Torrance.