

Torrance, California  
December 2, 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, December 2nd., 1930, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Trustees were present: Trustees: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.

Absent: Trustee: Nelson.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 18th., 1930, be adopted.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from J. L. Mc Kenna, Torrance, under date of December 1st., 1930, offering Lots 13, 14 and 15, Block 43, Torrance Tract, for sale to be used for the purpose of a playground.

Trustee Steiner moved that this communication be referred to the Chamber of Commerce.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Automobile Club of Southern California, Los Angeles, California, under date of November 26th., 1930, addressed to Mr. A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk, stating that one of their representatives will immediately take notes for boulevard stop signs at 182nd. Street and Prairie Avenue, and same will be erected as soon thereafter as possible.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Clerk be instructed to reply to this communication, extending the Council's thanks.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from W. W. Kemp, Los Angeles, California, under date of November 30th., 1930, addressed to the Honorable City Council, stating that the City of Torrance is very fortunate in having so fine a motorcycle officer to protect the life and property of the citizens.

This communication was ordered filed.

At 7:55 P. M. Trustee Nelson arrived at the meeting.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from Mr. E. C. Johnson, Chief Engineer of the Pacific Electric Railway Company, Los Angeles, California, under date of November 21st., 1930, addressed to Mr. F. R. Leonard, City Engineer, and stating that the matter of grade crossings to carry Dominguez Street across two tracks of the Pacific Electric Railway in the vicinity of their shops at Torrance has been referred to the Grade Crossing Committee for investigation and for such recommendations as it cares to make in the premises, and on receipt of report from this Committee he will be pleased to take the matter up with Mr. Leonard further.

Clerk Bartlett stated that he had a letter from the Pacific Electric Railway Company, under date of September 25th., 1930, addressed to Mr. F. R. Leonard, City Engineer, that was read at the meeting of October 7th., 1930, and laid over for consideration, and Mr. Leonard wished him to read it again. This letter concerned street crossings on Redondo Blvd. over the Pacific Electric right-of-way.

After a lengthy discussion on this question, Trustee Steiner moved that Engineer Leonard be instructed to write to the Pacific Electric Railway Company and get a figure on proposition number one as stated in their letter of September 25th., 1930, in regard to crossing at Sartori and Post Avenues.

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.

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At this time Trustee Nelson recommended that the minutes of November 18th., 1930, be changed to read "Trustee Nelson moved that any employees of the City in the Fire or Police Departments must be 21 years of age, or over."

Clerk Bartlett read a Resolution from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, requesting the City Council to devise ways and means to improve the railroad right-of-way portions of Redondo Boulevard, westerly from Sartori Avenue as a parkway or other suitable improvement, which undertaking will be the means of constructive employment to persons in need in this community.

After some discussion on the above matter, whereas some of the members of the Council were in favor of beautifying this strip of land and aiding the unemployed, and others were in favor of demanding the Pacific Electric that they live up to an agreement made to Dominguez Land Company in regard to laying tracks on the strip., Trustee Smith moved that the Pacific Electric be notified to comply with the terms of the agreement.

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.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, Torrance, California, under date of December 2nd., 1930, addressed to the Honorable City Council, and urging that the Council call an election for the purpose of finding out whether or not the City of Torrance will join the Metropolitan Water District of California, and offering their services in assisting to "get out the vote."

Trustee Steiner stated that he believed it would not be advisable at the present time for the Council to call such an election, as the City is in Court with their own Water System.

This communication was laid over till some future date, and the City Clerk was instructed to reply to the American Legion expressing the Council's views at the present time.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the American Legion, Bert S. Crossland Post, No. 170, Torrance, California, under date of December 2nd., 1930, addressed to the Honorable City Council, stating that at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the above organization they unanimously went on record as favoring the establishment of a Health Center to be located on a portion of Block 30, Torrance Tract, next to the Legion property.

Trustee Steiner moved that the communication be replied to with thanks from the Council.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Oral communications were next in order.

Trustee Nelson at this time introduced a Mr. Freeland to the Council from Burdick & Freeland, Auditors and Accountants, Fresno, California, who recommended quarterly audits instead of yearly audits, and stated that this was being put in practice in a great many cities. Mr. Freeland had looked over the City's books and gave an estimate of \$100.00 a quarter as an estimate on our audit.

No action was taken.

Mr. Carl Hyde made application for certain street usage on the night of the Xmas party, December 6th., 1930, and asked that Marcelina Avenue and Sartori Avenue be roped off by the park as it has been in the past two years.

Trustee Steiner moved that the Chief of Police be instructed to carry out the traffic rules that were used last year.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Earl Conner in the audience brought up the Cabrillo Avenue - Pacific Electric Railway Company situation again, and stated that he was going to see Mr. Pontius himself and see if he could make any headway.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Engineer be instructed to request the Edison Company to place two overhead lights, one at the corner of 182nd. Street and Arlington Avenue, and the other between Arlington Avenue and Western Avenue.

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.

The Park Committee reported that the pepper trees at 1735 - 1739 Andreo Avenue should not be removed, and if any of the trees were to be taken out it should be the palm trees.

Mr. Sam Levy in the audience asked what had been done in regard to the Southern Midway Oil Company's derrick on Sonoma Street, Block 10, Tract No. 4070, that has not been operating for over a year, and is in a dangerous condition.

Engineer Leonard stated that he had written to the man in charge, and that he had received a letter from his secretary saying the gentleman was in the east, and as soon as he returned he would give him Mr. Leonard's letter.

Trustee Steiner stated that in accordance with a motion made, seconded and carried, at the last regular meeting, the Street Committee instructed the City Clerk to advertise for bids on new trucks. These bids will be opened December 16th., 1930, at 8: 0'clock P. M.

Trustee Steiner stated that in regard to the bids for trucks, the Standard Auto Body Works representative called and left some literature and wanted to know if it would be possible to re-submit the bids and sell for separate bids for the chassis and separate bids for the trucks. The city can save about 20% on buying the trucks as above stated. No action was taken.

Trustee Bell read:

RESOLUTION NO. 481.

RESOLVED THAT AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, 1930, THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SHALL BE \$166.00 PER MONTH PAYABLE ONE HALF THEREOF ON THE SIXTEENTH AND ONE HALF THEREOF ON THE FIRST OF EACH CALENDAR MONTH: SUCH COMPENSATION TO BE FOR ALL LEGAL WORK EXCEPT LITIGATION OR PROCEEDINGS BEFORE ANY COURT OR JUDICIAL TRIBUNAL.

Trustee Bell moved that Resolution No. 481 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.

Attorney Briney reported with reference to the water litigation, that the case has been dismissed from the Federal Court, and the matter now stands that they have come to an agreement as to the nature of the action to be filed in the State Court, which action if brought by the City will save a couple of years time.

Trustee Bell stated that the Ordinance Committee had worked on the License Ordinance No. 151 some time ago, but they could not agree on any thing so it was useless to try further. If they can ever get together on certain things, it will probably go through.

Attorney Briney was instructed to write to the Fuller Brush Company, Long Beach Shopping News and the Kline Clothing Company and notify them of the ordinance that was recently passed prohibiting distribution of hand bills, etc.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Clerk be instructed to pay the Walteria Street Lights the same as all other streets lights are paid throughout the city.

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 warrants be drawn, for all bills, properly audited.

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.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

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

Approved:

John Dennis  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.