

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF TORRANCE

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, February 11, 1931, and was called to order at 7:15 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Trustees were present: Trustees Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. Absent: Trustee None.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of January 20th, 1931, be adopted. Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the League of California Municipalities, dated January 27, 1931, addressed to the Honorable City Council, asking that a letter be sent approving or disapproving the proposed amendment to Section 862 of the Municipal Corporation Act raising the tax limit from \$1.00 to \$1.25 in sixth class cities.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Clerk be instructed to acknowledge receipt of the letter, and state the fact that this body does not feel that they should participate in this contest.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the City Planning Commission of Redondo Beach, dated January 6th, 1931, addressed to the Honorable Board of Trustees, asking for an expression of opinion on an application received by said Commission, for a permit for the raising of hogs on eight acres of land described as Lot 12, of the McDonald Tract in Rancho San Pedro.

Engineer Leonard stated that this was near the Redondo-Riverside Road. Trustee Steiner moved that the City Engineer be instructed to investigate the situation and see what relation it would be to the residence district, before any action be taken on it, and report at the next regular meeting.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the City of San Jacinto, California, enclosing copy of resolution adopted by said City and designed to assist a movement which has been instituted by the dairymen of Southern California in an effort to prevent in Los Angeles the marketing of fluid milk produced north of the Tehachapi, in competition with that produced in Southern California, and asking that above resolution be adopted if the city is desirous of assisting the Southern California dairy industry.

Trustee Steiner moved that this matter be laid over till the next regular meeting to investigate the contents of the Resolution. Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a petition from the people in the McDonald Tract, asking that the same police protection be given said Tract as that in Wateria, and recommending a man by the name of Sullivan for the position of police sergeant. Clerk Bartlett stated that Mr. Hyde informed him, Mr. Sullivan was in the Gardena Telephone Exchange, and most of the people in the McDonald Tract were in the Redondo Beach Exchange.

Trustee Bell moved that the petition be referred to the Police Commission. Trustee Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Trustee Nelson left the meeting at 7:55 P. M. At 8 P. M. Mayor Dennis called for protests against the re-zoning of Lot 13, Block 1, Torrance Tract, from Business District Class 3 to Business District Class 5. None were voiced.

Clerk Bartlett stated that there were no protests filed in his office. Trustee Bell introduced: ORDINANCE NO. 215 Re-Zoning of Lot 13, Block 1, Torrance Tract, from Business District Class 3, to Business District Class 5.

Trustee Steiner stated that the Chairman of the Police Commission has had the gasoline tank gauged, and it is believed the trouble has been found. Mayor Dennis said that a belated gasoline bid had been received from the General Petroleum Corporation, and as they are heavy taxpayers in the City of Torrance thought it only fair to acknowledge it.

Clerk Bartlett read the following bid: Violet Ray Gasoline at General Petroleum Corporation's posted tank truck price at time and place of delivery less four cents (4c) per gallon with a guaranteed minimum of sixteen and one-half cents (16 1/2c) per gallon, f. o. b. your storage within the City Limits of the City of Torrance, California, state tax of three cents per gallon included.

Trustee Smith moved that the bid of the Standard Oil Company be accepted. Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. Noes: None. Absent: Trustee Nelson.

Trustee Bell introduced: ORDINANCE NO. 216 An Ordinance Prohibiting the Possession of Fire Arms, Etc., by Minors. Trustee Bell stated that as a result of a request made at the last regular meeting, it was the

opinion of the Chief of Police as well as himself, that the above ordinance be passed. Los Angeles has a similar one in force. Trustee Smith reported that there was nothing definite decided on the inhalator signal. They had tried two out, and were now waiting for another to arrive to be tried.

Attorney Briney gave the final reading of: ORDINANCE NO. 214 An Ordinance of the City of Torrance, Regulating Lathing and Plastering Within the City, and Repealing All Sections of Ordinances in Conflict Herewith. Trustee Bell moved that Ordinance No. 214 be adopted, for its final reading.

Trustee Steiner seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. Noes: None. Absent: Trustee Nelson.

Trustee Steiner suggested that 100 extra sheets be printed off, when the Herald is publishing the above Ordinance in the paper, at least 1000 be printed, as a copy is given out to each person taking out a building permit.

Trustee Bell suggested that a meeting be held Monday night, February 9th, 1931, at 7 P. M., for the purpose of drawing up Ordinance No. 218, "An Ordinance Fixing Rules Regarding Organization of Fire Department in the City of Torrance."

This was agreeable with all the members present. Attorney Briney reported with reference to the water suit, that the petition has been ready to file for over a week. He received it through the mail on Friday, and checked it over the week-end, and on Monday was ready to report, but understood it was to be held up for further consideration.

Ordinance No. 151, License Ordinance, was discussed. This was laid over till the meeting Monday night. The Finance Committee did not meet with reference to the taking out public liability insurance.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Engineer be directed to prepare and submit plans and specifications for the necessary acquisition and improvement of the Sepulveda Boulevard Improvement Project.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. Noes: None. Absent: Trustee Nelson.

Trustee Steiner moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: Trustees Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. Noes: None. Absent: Trustee Nelson.

Trustee Nelson arrived at the meeting at 9 P. M. A request from someone in the audience with reference to the extension of Prairie Avenue to connect with Madrona Avenue was made. Mayor Dennis stated that this matter was to have been taken up by Mr. Carl Hyde, but Mr. Hyde was unavoidably absent from the meeting, and asked Attorney Briney to make a statement with reference to the city's position in the matter of this extension.

Attorney Briney stated that it was his understanding that this road had been traveled for about thirty years, and if such was the fact the road could not be closed as the public had established its right through usage. If these facts were true the city would be warranted in spending money to improve this roadway. The attorney also indicated the necessary line of proceedings if condemnation was necessary.

Trustee Steiner moved that the City Attorney be instructed to proceed to get the roadway opened up. Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 P. M.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Notice is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of the promissory note and sums secured by that certain Deed of Trust executed by HARRY L. BALE and ROBERTA BALE, husband and wife, to W. M. SONTHEIMER and URBAN A. SONTHEIMER, as trustees, and GUARANTY BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, a corporation having its principal place of business at San Jose, California, as beneficiary, dated August 2, 1929, and recorded in Book 9347 of Official Records, at page 74, in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

AND notice of such default and of the election of said beneficiary to cause the property described in said Deed of Trust to be sold to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust, having been recorded by said beneficiary, the owner and holder of the obligations and indebtedness secured thereby, on the 7th day of October, 1930, in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, in Volume 10372 of Official Records, page 820.

AND said beneficiary by instrument in writing having discharged said URBAN A. SONTHEIMER as said trustee under said Deed of Trust, and appointed in his place and stead E. M. FLEENER as trustee under said Deed of Trust,

which instrument was recorded on the 13th day of January, 1931, in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, Instrument No. 987. AND application in writing having been made to the undersigned as trustee under said Deed of Trust, by said beneficiary, that said undersigned sell the premises by said Deed of Trust conveyed and hereinafter described as by said Deed of Trust provided: NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as trustee, will on the 14th day of February, 1931, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Broadway entrance to the County Court House of the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows, to-wit: Lot Numbered Nine (9) in Block Numbered Seventeen (17) of the Torrance Tract, according to the Map thereon recorded in Map Book 22, Pages 94 and 95, in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Los Angeles, State of California. Examination of title at expense of purchaser. Dated January 19th, 1931. W. M. SONTHEIMER, Trustee. E. M. FLEENER, Trustee. Jan. 22-29—Feb. 5-12.

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ORDINANCE NO. 178 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RECLASSIFYING PROPERTY.

The City of Torrance does hereby ordain as follows: Section 1. Lots 17, 18, 19 and 20 inclusive in Block 7, Lot 13 in Block 16, Lot 5 in Block 19, Lot 4 in Block 22, and Lot 9 in Block 24, Torrance, are hereby changed and reclassified from a Business District Class V, as the same is defined by Ordinance No. 51 of the City of Torrance.

Section 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and cause the same to be published once in the Torrance Herald and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect. Approved: JOHN DENNIS, Mayor of the City of Torrance.

A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk of the City of Torrance. State of California, I, A. H. Bartlett, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Torrance, and that the above Ordinance was regularly introduced at a meeting of the Council of the City of Torrance on the 20th day of November, 1928, and was adopted on the 11th day of December, 1928, at a regular meeting of said council.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1928. A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk of the City of Torrance. (Seal) State of California, I, A. H. Bartlett, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Torrance, and that the above Ordinance was regularly introduced at a meeting of the Council of the City of Torrance on the 20th day of November, 1928, and was adopted on the 11th day of December, 1928, at a regular meeting of said council.

Dated this 12th day of December, 1928. A. H. BARTLETT, City Clerk of the City of Torrance. (Seal) CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS Fictitious Firm Name THE UNDERSIGNED does hereby certify that he is conducting a business at 1513 Madrid avenue, Torrance, California, under the fictitious firm name of HY-PIRE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, and that said firm is composed of the following persons, whose names and addresses are as follows, to-wit: Clyde C. Clark, 1513 Madrid avenue, Torrance, California, and Dallas W. Stewart, 3513 Madrid avenue, Torrance, California.

WITNESS our hands this 10th day of February, 1931. CLYDE C. CLARK, DALLAS W. STEWART, State of California, } ss. On this 10th day of February, A. D. 1931, before me, C. T. Rippey, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Clyde C. Clark and Dallas W. Stewart, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written. C. T. RIPPY, Notary Public in and for said County and State. (Seal) Feb. 12-19-26—Mar. 5.

NOTICE OF ELECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Municipal Election will be held in the City of Torrance, on Saturday, the 21st day of February, 1931, for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of such City of Torrance the following proposition:

"That the City of Torrance be annexed to and become a part of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, subject to the terms and conditions fixed by the Board of Directors of such Water District as follows: That, within one year after the date of filing in the office of the Secretary of State of a certificate of proceedings for such annexation, as provided by law, showing that the proposition of such annexation has received the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors of said City voting thereon at an election duly called and held for the purpose, said City of Torrance shall pay to the Treasurer of said Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the sum of \$17,000.47, together with interest at the rate of three (3) per centum per annum on \$4,559.70 of said sum from the 2nd day of December, 1929, and on \$3,997.94 of said sum, or such part thereof as then remains unpaid, from the 5th day of April, 1930, and on \$3,888.13 of said sum, or such part thereof as then remains unpaid, from the 20th day of April, 1931, that said annexation proceedings be completed and that said City become a part of said District, on or before the 1st day of March, 1931." Notice is also given that the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California have fixed the following terms and conditions upon which the City of Torrance may be annexed to and become a part of such Water District, to-wit: That, within one year after the date of filing in the office of the Secretary of State of a certificate of proceedings for such annexation, as provided by law, showing that the proposition of such annexation has received the affirmative vote of a majority of the electors of said City voting thereon at an election duly called and held for the purpose, said City of Torrance shall pay to the Treasurer of said Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the sum of \$17,000.47, together with interest at the rate of three (3) per centum per annum on

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KEYSTONE NOTES

Several birthdays of the members of the Crochet club will be celebrated Thursday, February 19, at the home of Mrs. George Nahmons on Carson street, when the club will meet for its regular meeting.

The regular meeting of the directors of the Keystone Chamber of Commerce will be held this week at Booster's hall. Many matters of importance will be discussed.

Of the many interesting meetings of the Carson Street Parent Teachers Association, the February meeting which will be held Tuesday, the 17th, bids to be one of the most instructive meetings of the year. Founder's day will be celebrated with an appropriate program. Mrs. H. H. Barnard, president, will preside at the business meeting preceding the program.

Several members of the Women's club here are making plans to attend the meeting which will be held in Lynwood February 13, at which time more than 12 clubs will hold a joint meeting in honor of the state president.

Mrs. Margaret Early and Henry Jones of San Pedro were guests Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell and family on Figueroa street.

Attending the Phinkett dinner held at the Harbor City Community church Thursday night were Mr. and Mrs. George Nahmens, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Koehler and Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Forrest and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Othmer and baby of Dolores street were guests several days of last week at the home of Mrs. Rose N. Gleason in Los Angeles and her daughter, Miss Edith Gleason, who arrived last week from Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Koehler of Wilmington street motored to the Palomar mountains Sunday, encountering stormy weather and deep snow on the mountain home early.

Mrs. John Glenn and Mrs. Lucille Roth of Wilmington were guests Thursday of Mrs. Glenn's mother, Mrs. Thomas A. Cowan, on Amalia street.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Bonnevitz and Mrs. Gertrude Beadle of Long Beach were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Forrest and family on Amalia street.

Owing to the inclement weather last Wednesday a small group met at the home of Mrs. Barbara Berry on Dolores street to sew for the Child Welfare department of the Women's club of Keystone.

Chickens thieves are continuing to traverse the wide open spaces in Keystone, although not always staying in the open spaces. L. E. Hill of Avalon boulevard and J.

Los Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Belastro of San Pedro.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Larson of Wilmington were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Larson on Amalia street.

Mrs. Ann Riley of San Pedro was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Russell and family on Figueroa street.

Teachers to Honor Solons of So. Cal. The 25,000 teachers of Southern California are giving a luncheon in the Sala de Oro of the Los Angeles Biltmore hotel February 14, in honor of the 42 members of the legislature from this section who are home on the month's recess.

Because of the great interest in school affairs at the present time, on account of the National Educational Association meeting here in July, a large attendance is expected.

A dinner party was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Braze on Main street. Guests included H. T. Williams of Long Beach; Mrs. Ruth Vose of

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December Said Biggest Month For Chevrolet

December production of the Chevrolet Motor Company was 6,018 cars and trucks, more than twice the 26,000 units built in December, 1929, and by a wide margin the biggest 12th month in the company's history. It is announced by W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager. Employment of the company, which has registered considerable gains since the introduction of the 1931 models in November, stood at 32,101 for the week ended December 27, a gain of 317 over the previous week, according to Mr. Knudsen. During the current month the employment figure is expected to climb to 40,000 men, Chevrolet's normal operating force.

December is the second consecutive month to register a new high production figure. November with an output of 45,000 Chevrolets exceeding all previous November's. The January schedule calls for the manufacture of 70,500 units and the tentative figure set for February, despite the short month, stands at 70,400 sixes, according to the Chevrolet executive. When production of the new 1931 models got under way, employment in the manufacturing division of the company was 26,000. Since that time old employees have been added gradually, and with nearly 16,000 more scheduled to get back to work this month, all regular employees will be back on the job.

Washington's Birthday Excursions Authorized By Western Rail Lines Special round trip excursions, providing for travel between seven western states, have been authorized over Washington's birthday by Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, Western Pacific and Sacramento Northern railroads according to joint announcement today.

Featured by unusually low fares, the holiday offering of transportation "bargains" will be available from February 20 to 23, with return limit of February 25, it was stated. The territory covered by the special order includes all points west of Ogden and Salt Lake City, from Portland in the north to Albuquerque and El Paso in the south.

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