

Official CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Regular Meeting of March 1, 1932, and Special Meetings of March 8 and 10, 1932

SUMMARY

Pacific Electric Railway Company suggests asking extension of time limit for constructing grade crossings.

Ordinances 230 and 231, effecting repeal or amendment of promotion tax introduced and ordered placed on ballot at April 11 election.

Deed from Chas. Quandt for Sepulveda boulevard right-of-way accepted.

Repainting of light standards, city liability for cracks in sidewalks, and offer to pay cleaning bill of Legion drum corps discussed but no action taken.

Gravel and rock bought for repair of north end streets.

Water bond suit reported by City Attorney Findley.

Resignation of Councilman Nelson tendered and accepted.

Voting precincts and election boards named for April 11 election.

City Attorney instructed to prepare formal complaint against reasonableness of water rate and to file same with Railroad Commission.

Torrance, California, March 1st, 1932.

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, March 1st, 1932, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. Absent: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meet-

ing of February 16, 1932, and the minutes of a special meeting of February 23, 1932, be adopted. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Justice Court of Lomita Township under date of February 26, 1932, expressing thanks for the beautiful basket of flowers sent to the Justice Court at the formal opening February 24, 1932.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the Pacific Electric Railway Company under date of February 25th, 1932, regarding termination of time limit for construction of grade crossings. Councilman Steiner moved City Engineer be requested to ask for an extension of time. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bartlett presented a petition filed in his office at 12:10 P. M., March 1, 1932, requesting that Ordinance No. 139 be amended. This petition has been checked and found to contain sufficient names to place the proposition on the ballot. The petition presented at the last regular meeting has also been checked.

City Attorney Findley advised that the Council had the authority to enact a referendum ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 139 and also to enact a referendum ordinance creating a Five (5c) Cent tax. These ordinances to be placed on the ballot for the approval of the voters and taxpayers.

Councilman Bell introduced **ORDINANCE NO. 230** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 139.

Also introduced **ORDINANCE NO. 231** AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 139 AND CREATING IN LIEU THEREOF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING

FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A TAX OF FIVE (5c) CENTS ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION.

Clerk Bartlett presented a deed from Chas. H. Quandt that had been forwarded to City Engineer Leonard for right-of-way on Sepulveda Boulevard. Clerk Bartlett read a letter from Mr. Quandt which accompanied the deed, and introduced and read

RESOLUTION NO. 522 A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DEED FOR RIGHT-OF-WAY FROM CHARLES H. QUANDT TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR THE OPENING AND WIDENING OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.

Councilman Bell moved the adoption of Resolution No. 522. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: **AYES:** COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. **NOES:** COUNCILMEN: None. **ABSENT:** COUNCILMEN: None.

Oral communications: Mr. L. B. Kelsey called attention to the condition of the street light standards and suggested that they be repainted. After some discussion, this matter was referred to the committee.

Mr. H. M. Roberts called attention to the cracks and rises in the sidewalks on account of tree roots and asked who is responsible, the city or the property owner in case of an accident? City Attorney Findley stated the city would be responsible in case of an accident.

Mayor Dennis stated he attended the Orange Show at San Bernardino and that the Torrance American Legion Band had taken part in the parade, and as the condition of their suits are taken into consideration when they come up for review, suggested that it would only be fair to the band corps if the expense of cleaning and pressing the suits be taken care of through the Five Cent Tax.

Councilman Steiner stated that floods had damaged about 1500 ft. of one of our main streets in the north end and requested the purchase of enough gravel and rock to repair same. Councilman Smith

moved this request be granted. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. **NOES:** COUNCILMEN: None. **ABSENT:** COUNCILMEN: None.

City Attorney Findley reported he had been advised that in the suit of Wilcox vs. City of Torrance affecting the validity of the water bonds, the attorneys for the plaintiff filed a transcript on appeal February 10th. The time allowed in which to file briefs on the appeal will expire April 10th.

Councilman Nelson tendered his resignation from the Board of Trustees effective March 1, 1932, which Clerk Bartlett read. Councilman Bell moved resignation be accepted. 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:** COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Nelson not voting. Councilman Smith moved all bills properly audited be paid. 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:** COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Smith moved the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 P. M.

Torrance, California, March 8, 1932.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, March 8th, 1932, and was called to order at 7:30 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

Mayor Dennis stated this meeting was called for the purpose of considering the adoption of Ordinances Nos. 230 and 231 and Reso-

Reeve Moves to Cabrillo Avenue

Hurum E. Reeve, proprietor of the Reeve Shore-Bell Glass Company, has moved the plant from 1324 El Prado to 1910 Cabrillo avenue, into the store room formerly occupied by Lax & Troutman. Mr. and Mrs. Reeve have moved into apartments at the same address above the store.

Chevrolet Sales and Service In Former Location

The Torrance Motor Company, Chevrolet agency, has moved from the Levy building at the corner of Cravens and Marcelina avenues, to the former location of the concern at 1600 Cabrillo avenue. The repair department, as well as the sales and business office, will be located here.

Ordinance No. 523 and such other business as may come before the Board. This being a specially called meeting the regular order of business is hereby dispensed with.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. Absent: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett gave the final reading of

ORDINANCE NO. 230 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 139.

Councilman Bell moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 230. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: **AYES:** COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. **NOES:** COUNCILMEN: None. **ABSENT:** COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett gave the final reading of

ORDINANCE NO. 231 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 139 AND CREATING IN LIEU THEREOF AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A TAX OF FIVE (5c) CENTS ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUATION.

Councilman Bell moved the adoption of Ordinance No. 231. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: **AYES:** COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. **NOES:** COUNCILMEN: None. **ABSENT:** COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett introduced and read

RESOLUTION NO. 523 DETERMINING PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES AND APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION.

Councilman Bell moved the adoption of Resolution No. 523. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: **AYES:** COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. **NOES:** COUNCILMEN: None. **ABSENT:** COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett introduced and read

RESOLUTION NO. 524 SUBMITTING PROPOSITION AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 11, 1932.

Councilman Bell moved the adoption of Resolution No. 524. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: **AYES:** COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. **NOES:** COUNCILMEN: None. **ABSENT:** COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Smith moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P. M.

Torrance, California, March 10, 1932.

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, March 10th, 1932, and was called to order at 10 o'clock A. M. by Mayor Dennis.

Mayor Dennis stated that the meeting had been called for the purpose of considering the adoption of a motion instructing the City Attorney to prepare a complaint to the Railroad Commission of the State of California. This being a specially called meeting the regular order of business is hereby dispensed with.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Bell, Smith, Steiner and Dennis. Absent: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Smith moved that the City Attorney be and he is hereby authorized and instructed to prepare a formal complaint against the reasonableness of the rate or charge granted the Torrance Water, Light and Power Company for water sold by said Company to consumers in the City of Torrance; and to file same with the Railroad Commission of the State of California. 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:** COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Steiner moved that the meeting be adjourned. Councilman Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 A. M.

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Leonard stated that E. C. Nelson, president of the water company, had advised him that free water would be furnished for 60 and not to exceed 90 days.

Reduce Rates
From the audience came further protests. Ralph Hoerr, 1907 Arlington avenue, said, "I have been a resident of Torrance for 12 years and in the last nine years I have paid \$20 in excess fees to the water company. If the water company wants to help the unemployed, it should reduce its rates. I have always had a nice lawn of clover and bluegrass, but if the present rates are maintained, I cannot afford to keep it

watered this summer and shall have to let it die out."

Dennis Talks
Mayor Dennis stated that he took up the matter of reduction in water rates with the company officials several months ago but was told that the company was not making a per cent on its investment and that no rate reductions could be allowed.

In the letter to the City Council, E. C. Nelson, president of the Torrance Water, Light & Power Company, offered to assist the unemployed grow garden vegetables for their own use, provided the city of Torrance will plow such lots and connect hose to the nearest fire hydrant and supervise the irrigation. Nelson's letter further stipulated that the furnishing of free irrigation water applies to vacant lots only, no hydrant service to be given to lots that are now serviced by meter.

Call Meeting at Earl's Cafe

A meeting of all heads of industries, owners of large holdings of local property, freeholders, and directors of the Chambers of Commerce, has been called for 12:15 Monday, March 28, at Earl's Cafe. At this meeting the tremendous reduction in taxes which will be possible if the proposed charter is adopted at the coming election, will be discussed.

APPOINTED POSTMASTER
George E. Preston has been appointed postmaster at Harbor City. His term dates back to January 1, 1932, and runs four years. Mr. Preston had been assistant postmaster for the past year and a half, and served as postmaster from 1920 to 1924.



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CLEANSER LIGHTHOUSE 2 cans **5c** **CRYSTAL WHITE SOAP** 2 bars **5c**
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GROCERY DEPT.

J. R. Klink, Prop.

Butter CLOVERBLOOM **26c**

Clorox CLOTH BLEACH **qts. 15c**
pts. 8c

Purex CLOTH BLEACH **qts. 11c**
pts. 6c

Crisco 1 pound... **20c**
3 pounds... **57c**

Milk Armour's Very Best Large Can... **5c**

Mazola... **pts. 16c**
qts. 30c

Ovaltine 50c Size... **33c**

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Pork & Beans 5c

Soap White King 10 bars **28c**
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Legs of Lamb Per lb. **22c**

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