

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
July 18, 1922.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, July 18, 1922, and was called to order by President Fitzhugh at 8:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh. Absent: Gilbert.

The minutes of the meeting of July 5, 1922, were read and approved as read.

A communication from the Associated General Contractors of America regarding "Governing Proceedings for Street Improvements"; it being the sense of this organization that the existing laws were too complicated, technical and unsatisfactory, was read. On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, same was referred to the City Attorney for investigation. Carried.

A written opinion from City Attorney Briney regarding the matter of franchises was read. On motion by Trustee Stone the matter was referred to the Ordinance committee with instructions to bring in a Franchise Ordinance for discussion. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A Real Estate agent applied for a permit to distribute bills advertising Little Farms in Gardena; the applicant was referred to the Clerk for license.

Trustee Proctor moved that the present Ordinance regulating peddling be adhered to in the matter of the application for a permit to peddle foot powder, determining that it came under Section 36 of said Ordinance. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The American Legion appeared before the Board asking for a permit to sell confetti on the streets during the coming Fiesta. They were referred to the Fiesta Committee, as it was not thought proper that it be brought up before the Board.

Mr. Leatherman asked for information as to what was being done on Amapola Avenue. The President of the Board assured him that the matter had not been forgotten, and that the City would be glad to take it up as soon as they could get title to the street.

Mr. Campbell requested permission to put a porch in front of his house on Andreo Street, and also asked permission to build a corrugated iron building on lot 2, Block 18 in Torrance. He was referred to the Building Inspector.

Trustee Proctor reported the Septic tank to be in working order, and in the matter of graveling and cleaning up the P. E. Co's. right of way on Cabrillo, Trustee Proctor moved that the Clerk write to the P. E. Co. asking that this be done and also that other streets in the City be treated in the same way. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly Carried.

Trustee Nash reported that he expected financial relief from the County within the next week.

Mr. Gascoigne was instructed to repair the fire house doors as two of the hinges had rusted off and the doors were not working easily.

It was reported that petty thievery was going on in the City; Trustee Proctor asked the Police Chief if his machine was insured.

City Attorney Briney read the following Resolution, and asked that it be passed for the good it might do other cities included in the suit:

RESOLUTION NO. 81

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING PERRY G. BRINEY CITY ATTORNEY OF SAID CITY, TO ENTER INTO A STIPULATION IN THE CAUSE NOW PENDING BEFORE THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ENTITLED: "COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PLAINTIFF, VERSUS THE CITIES OF ALHAMBRA, ARCADIA, ET AL, DEFENDANTS, NO. 107727".

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 81 be adopted as read and the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustee Gilbert.

Map of Tract No. 4983 was submitted to the Board for their approval by the Engineer for the Dominguez Land Corporation through the City Clerk. On motion by Trustee Proctor, map was referred to the City Engineer with orders to report thereon at the next meeting. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A Mexican lady requested, through City Clerk Bartlett, that she be given a permit to serve the Mexican village and the Mexican Hotel with tamales. The Clerk was instructed to go by the laws of the proper Ordinance in this matter.

The President of the Board reported that Mr. J. J. Jessup had wired that he would report for duty Thursday, July 20, 1922.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, the resignation of City Engineer H. R. Postle was ordered to take effect July 20, 1922.

Trustee Stone moved that Mr. H. R. Postle be appointed as an Assistant Engineer from July 20th to July 27, 1922, at a salary of \$200.00 per month. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustee Gilbert.

As Chairman of the Fiesta committee, Trustee Proctor asked permission to hold the Fiesta in the City of Torrance from August 15th to August 19th inclusive. On motion by Trustee Nash, seconded by Trustee Stone, and a majority vote, the permit was granted.

Trustee Stone moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid at the discretion of the Finance committee. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustee Gilbert.

Trustee Proctor moved that the President of the Board act as Chairman of the Street, Sewer and Park committee during the absence of the former on vacation. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 82

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that J. J. Jessup be, and he is hereby, appointed City Engineer of the City of Torrance, Superintendent of Streets of the City of Torrance and Building Inspector of the City of Torrance at a total salary of \$300.00 per month, payable 50% on the 1st day of each month and 50% on the 16th day of each month, beginning July 20, 1922.

Trustee Stone moved that Resolution No. 82 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustee Gilbert.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 29
 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
 REGULATING THE PRESENTING, AUDITING
 AND PAYING OF DEMANDS AGAINST THE
 CITY OF TORRANCE, AND REPEALING
 ORDINANCE NO. 11 OF THE CITY OF TOR-
 RANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REGUL-
 ATING THE PRESENTING, AUDITING AND
 PAYING OF DEMANDS AGAINST THE CITY
 OF TORRANCE"

Trustee Nash moved that Ordinance No. 29 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 83
 A RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT
 FOR PAVING PORTION OF ARLINGTON
 AVENUE

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 83 be adopted as read, and that the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustee Gilbert.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 84
 RESOLUTION APPROVING CONTRACT FOR
 PAVING PORTION OF CARSON STREET

Trustee Nash moved that Resolution No. 84 be adopted as read, and that same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustee Gilbert.

Trustee Nash moved that a recess be called for a few minutes to discuss, informally, the proposition of taking over the Dominguez Land Corporation building for a City Hall. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Gilbert came in during the recess.

The meeting was called to order again at 10:40 P.M. President Fitzhugh asked: "Gentlemen, after discussion of the Building matter, what is your decision? Thereupon Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 85
 BE IT RESOLVED, that it is the intention of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance to lease Lot 1, in Block 2, Torrance Tract, together with all buildings and appurtenances thereon, from the Dominguez Land Corporation, in consideration of the agreement by said Corporation to deed to the City of Torrance the fee simple title to said property after the payment of a total rental of not to exceed \$20,000.00; and the Finance committee and City Attorney are directed to prepare the necessary papers for consummation of such transaction and present same to this Board for approval at 4:30 P.M. July 20, 1922.

On motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Proctor,
 Resolution No. 85 was adopted by the following roll call vote:
 AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Stone, Proctor and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

 A delegation of Hawthorne City Officials was present at the
 meeting for social and educational reasons.

 On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Gilbert,
 and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned until 4:30 P.M.
 Thursday, July 20, 1922.

Albert H. Baultier
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

James M. Fitzhugh
 President of the Board of Trustees
 of the City of Torrance.