

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

Torrance, California,  
October 3, 1922.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, October 3, 1922, and was called to order by City Clerk Bartlett at 8:00 P.M., President Fitzhugh being absent.

On motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, Trustee Gilbert was chosen to act as President pro-tem.

The following Trustees responded to roll call: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor and Stone. Absent: Fitzhugh.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 1922, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of September 20, 1922, were read and approved as read.

A communication from the local Chamber of Commerce concerning the extension of Madrona Avenue north to the City boundary was read.

Trustee Nash moved that the communication be referred to the Street committee. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor reported that the septic tank motor which had burned out had been rewound and the tank was in good working order again, but that the bill for repairing seemed to him to be rather large; that there was no time to ask for bids on the work, and that, consequently, he had ordered the work done. He also reported that the improvement of Arlington Avenue was progressing nicely; that two blocks had been opened today, and that the work would be finished in nine days, that sand was being rolled into the surface to avoid the danger of skidding; and that the sub-grading of Carson Street had been started.

Trustee Nash reported that the finances in the General fund were low, but that the City could get along for a month or two; that all money from the County had been received.

Trustee Stone reported that he had been investigating the young man Mr. Isenstein had recommended as a policeman for the Mexican village; that some of the Mexicans thought he was too young for the position, and that he, himself, thought an older head would be better. The matter was put over until the next meeting.

He also reported that there was nothing new on Fire apparatus except that some of the Board had visited Long Beach Fire Department, and had been used very courteously, being shown the various machines, housing facilities, etc. and mentioned, expressly, the appreciation they felt for the information given by the Assistant Fire Chief, who, it seems, is an expert in his line, and who volunteered to come over and give a talk to the Board along the fire fighting and apparatus line.

In the matter of some of the streets being badly damaged by the L. A. Paving Co. trucks, Mr. Unks stated that after the work had been completed on Arlington Avenue, the Paving Co. would run a blade over these streets to level them down, after which a ten ton roller would be used so that, if the City saw fit to furnish the rock and oil, the streets would be left in excellent condition.

As to the street light on Carson near the School house, it was reported that a conduit was accessible so that a light might easily be installed, and the matter was to be taken up with the City Engineer to figure out the cost, etc.

The Chief of Police reported that loafers had been hanging around the School house during the noon hour and at recess enticing the children away from the grounds; that at least three youngsters had been approached; also that he needed some blanks for reporting accidents, as the Motor Vehicle Dept. called for reports of accidents at stated times. President pro-tem Gilbert suggested that the Chief give the Torrance Herald an account of the activities around the School and also in the matter of tire and rim rolling on the streets by children, and that the matter should be emphasized in order to bring to parents the very real danger to their children by this practice.

Trustee Stone moved that the City Clerk be instructed to order 500 blanks as requested by the Police Chief. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Stone and Proctor.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; President Fitzhugh.

President Fitzhugh came in at 9:07 P.M.

Recorder King reported \$112.50 in fines for the month of Sept.

Building permits for September were \$33,500.00.

Trustee Nash moved that the matter of children rolling tires and rims in the streets be referred to the Street, Sewer and Park committee and a report made at the next meeting. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The City Clerk read:

ORDINANCE NO. 33

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF TREES AND  
SHRUBBERY ON PUBLIC STREETS AND OTHER  
PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIO-  
LATION THEREOF

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 33 be adopted as read for its second reading, 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: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

As to the crossing on Cabrillo near the Auditorium building, Trustee Proctor moved that the matter be referred to the City Engineer for data as to cost, etc., then the data was to be referred to the P. E. Ry. with the offer that the City stand part of the expense of oiling and graveling Cabrillo Street down as far as Carson. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Ordinance governing the burning of papers and rubbish be referred to the Ordinance committee so that same might be amended allowing the burning of said trash to be done at some hour in the afternoon or evening. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The matter of busses using Post Avenue on their route to Redondo was referred to the Police Department for future recommendation on a motion by Trustee Nash, seconded by Trustee Stone, and a majority vote.

Trustee Nash brought up the weight limit of trucks, saying that he wished to call the attention of the Board to this matter, and recommended that steps be taken to control same. The City Clerk was instructed to secure, if possible, a copy of the County Ordinance covering this matter.

City Clerk Bartlett read:  
ORDINANCE NO. 35

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING  
EXPECTORATING IN CERTAIN PLACES  
WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 35 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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On motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, all bills, properly audited, were ordered paid by the following roll call vote:

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

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As to fire Department housing and the building of a jail, the matter was referred to the Police and Fire committee for tentative plans on motion by Trustee Nash, seconded by Trustee Proctor, and a majority vote.

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A bill of \$24.75 for painting the Flag pole and placing the ball on same was allowed by the following roll call vote:

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

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On motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Arthur H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Gilbert  
President pro-tem of the Board of  
Trustees of the City of Torrance.