

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

Torrance, California,
November 8, 1922.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, November 8, 1922, and was called to order by President Fitzhugh at 7:30 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh. Absent: None.

The regular order of business was suspended so as to accommodate outside parties.

The following communication was read:

"To the Honorable Trustees,
City of Torrance, California.

Gentlemen:

I hereby respectfully request that you grant an extension of time for the completion of Carson & Arlington Streets for a period of 60 days to cover technicalities as the above mentioned work is practically completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed: Los Angeles Paving Company
By E. R. Werdin."

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, the request for an extension of time by the L. A. Paving Co. as mentioned above, was granted.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following:

"Hon. Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.

Gentlemen:

I beg to report, regarding the street work now being done on Carson Street by the L. A. Paving Co., that 61630 square feet of Willite pavement has been laid;

The price bid was 16 cents per square foot, amounting to a total of \$9860.80.

Under the terms of the contract, the Company is entitled to a payment of 3/4 of this amount or \$7395.60.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed: J. J. Jessup
City Engineer."

Trustee Proctor moved that a warrant for \$7395.60 be drawn, upon recommendation of the City Engineer, in payment of 3/4 of the whole amount, as specified above. Trustee Gilbert 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.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The minutes of the meetings of October 17 and 18, 1922, were read and approved after two slight corrections.

The minutes of the meeting of October 24, 1922, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the meeting of October 27, 1922, were read and approved as read.

Mr. Chas V. Jones appeared before the Board in the interest of the Consolidated Lumber Co. asking that they be allowed to use Bow Avenue in connection with their lumber business; also stated that the street had never been used as such, and that the chances were that it would be some years before it was needed, if ever.

It was explained to Mr. Jones that the City did not yet have a deed to this street, and could not grant this request even if they did have a deed. Trustee Proctor asked that the matter be referred to the Street committee which was done on motion by Trustee Nash, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and a majority vote.

A request by the Torrance Laundry Co. to erect a corrugated iron shed over their boiler on the back of the lot, 20 feet from the main building, was discussed and upon assurance from the Building Inspector that it was within the City Ordinance, Trustee Proctor moved that the permit be granted with the proviso that the shed should be removed upon 30 days notice to that effect by the Board. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor asked for further data on the progress of the play grounds and what response, if any, was being given by the children. City Clerk Bartlett stated that he had delivered the letter, which the Board instructed him to write, in person; that Mr. Barnett was very much pleased at the action of the Board and that the grounds had been started the first of this month.

Trustee Proctor moved that a notice be printed in the Torrance Herald calling attention to the fact that the play grounds had been opened; that there was a man there during specified hours, and also that the children be not allowed to play ball, etc. in the streets. Trustee Gilbert 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.

Trustee Proctor reported that the gum trees in the parkways needed trimming as the wind was liable to break them down; that he was convinced that these trees never would make a satisfactory street tree as the roots displaced the pavement. The Street Foreman was instructed to trim these trees, and to see that such roots as were breaking the pavement be cut.

Regarding a truck for the City, Trustee Proctor reported that he had been unable so far to get specifications of the Star in order to compare them with the Ford, and that, on this account, nothing had been done in the matter. Also that the Sewer farm was being plowed and put in condition for seeding.

Trustee Proctor stated that the Willite people are going over Arlington Avenue and will make the street perfect without any additional cost to the City. Mr. Werdin stated in this connection that the sand on top of the pavement was a good thing for the present to take up drippings from the machines, and thus save the street to a certain extent, but that if the City so desired, he would sweep it clean.

The matter of overloaded trucks was again discussed, and Trustee Proctor suggested a jack scale, such as is used by the County, as a good thing to acquire in order to facilitate the efforts of the Police Chief in enforcing laws on weight limits. The matter of laws on weight regulations was referred to the City Attorney.

The City Engineer stated that whatever was done in the matter of the 33 inch water connection would not affect Carson Street in any way, also

The estimate of Arlington Avenue might be changed to some extent as the amount of work on the crossings is not divided equally between the Bond and Assessment portions, leaving the greater part on the Assessment. It would make a difference of about \$1000.00 in the cost under the Bond portion, but that he would advise this in order to keep out of difficulties that might afterwards arise.

The City Engineer stated that there was nothing much that could be done in the matter of the sewer connection for the apartment house and three private homes on Amapola, unless the City put it in or the people interested advanced the money themselves.

Alos stated that he had found a lamp post for use on Carson Street and that the total cost of installing said light would be from \$125. to \$150.

Trustee Stone stated that a street light was needed at the corner near the Evangelical church; that he believed the City would pay for the juice if the church installed the lamp; that he would try and arrange with the Edison Co. so that the cost of operating this light might be added to the City bill. Also advised that very soon a survey of the whole lighting system would be necessary, and at that time everything could be taken care of in a more satisfactory way.

Trustee Proctor advanced the idea that if the City would take a grader out on Western Avenue and smooth it up, the County might be influenced to do their part. The City Engineer stated, in this connection, that he had talked with Mr. Jones who informed him that Western Avenue would be his first recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. It also appeared from a clipping produced by the City Engineer that some \$7000.00 had already been appropriated for this work.

Trustee Nash stated that the City finances were proving leastic, but that we would receive no money, probably, before the middle of January. President Fitzhugh suggested that the City might get 5 or 10 thousand dollars on account as advance payment, and Mr. Briney was asked to take steps to obtain the tax money from the County as collected.

City Attorney Briney stated that he had seen Mr. Carlson in regard to the Sewer farm; that he had put the matter entirely up to Mr. Carlson concerning a proposition, but that Mr. Carlson had said nothing definite. Mr. Carlson promised to come back the first of the week, but he had telephoned that he was entertaining some Eastern friends and would not be down for a few days.

The General Pipe Line Company of California submitted a request in writing, accompanied by a certified check for \$40.00, asking that a permit be granted them to cross Arlington Avenue with their pipe line just south of the north line of Lot S, Tract No. 1952.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the Street Superintendent be instructed to grant said permit. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the City Engineer and the City Attorney be instructed to look into the matter of pipe lines being laid inside the City limits, and the Engineer be authorized to grant a permit to the General Pipe Line Co. of California to lay a pipe line across the Sewer farm at such depth as he should deem advisable. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Stone suggested the City hurry up and buy a car as the City prisoners were now being transported in the Police Chief's new car.

President Fitzhugh stated that he had taken the tentative plans for the City jail and Fire house to his father who had volunteered to make up two or three different designs free of charge. The City Engineer estimated that a building 28 x 40 could be built and equipped for from 9 to 10 thousand dollars; that it would be better to use brick instead of concrete, as brick lent itself more easily to architectural features, unless a great deal of money was expended.

The Police Chief reported that a price of \$598. had been quoted for four cells and a corridor, and that they were looking up more prices.

The City Recorder reported fines to the amount of \$175.25 for the month of October.

The City Clerk reported building permits to the amount of \$46,200.00 for the month of October.

After receiving assurance from the City Attorney that a person selling box lunches from a wagon could be classed as a peddler, Trustee Nash moved that a license be granted to Mr. C. E. Rathburn, a peddler of such lunches, at three dollars a quarter for each wagon. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Police Chief reported that a complaint had been made to him that the night patrolman had requested a tobacco and soft drink place to close at 12:00 P.M., and was letting others run until one and two o'clock in the morning. Trustee Stone moved that the Ordinance committee be instructed to draw up an Ordinance ordering pool, billiard and card games in pool halls to close at 12:00 midnight. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 36
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:
"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STORING OF
MERCHANDISE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, OIL,
GASOLINE, AND EXPLOSIVES AND INFLAMMABLE
MATERIALS, AND REGULATING THE BURNING OF
REFUSE WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CAL."

Trustee Stone moved that Ordinance No. 36 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Gilbert 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.

Attorney Briney read Ordinance No. 37 which had been there-
tofore introduced. After a discussion of the same, Trustee
Gilbert moved that the said Ordinance be referred back to the
committee. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly
carried.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 38
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
PROHIBITING THE USE OF CERTAIN PORTIONS
OF BUILDINGS BY MINORS

Trustee Stone moved that Ordinance No. 38 be adopted as
read for its final reading, and that the same be filed in the
office of the City Clerk. Trustee Gilbert 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.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 39
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING
AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE
TIME AND PLACE FOR HOLDING REGULAR AND SPECIAL
MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY
TORRANCE" NUMBERED NO. 15, BY PROVIDING FOR
THE CHANGE OF THE TIME OF MEETING OF SUCH
BOARD, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO 24

Trustee Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 39 be adopted as
read for its first reading. Trustee Stone seconded the motion
which was duly carried by a majority vote.

Trustee Nash moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES; Trustee: Stone.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

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At 10:30 P.M. the meeting was adjourned on motion by Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Proctor, and a majority vote.

Richard H. Baulton
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

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