

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
December 12, 1922.

An adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, December 12, 1922, and was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Fitzhugh. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh. Absent: None.

The regular order of business was suspended.

The following report from the City Engineer was read:
"The Honorable Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance, Cal.

Gentlemen:

I beg to report regarding the work of improving Carson Street, under Bond proceedings, under contract with the L. A. Paving Co., that the Contractor has completed the work called for and that the amount and cost of the work is as follows:

Paving with Willite Pavement	
61630 square feet @ 16¢ - - -	\$ 9860.80
Oil and gravel shoulders	
40840 square feet @ 7¢ - - -	<u>2858.80</u>
Total cost of work - - - - -	12719.60
Already paid on account - - - - -	<u>7395.60</u>
Balance due	5324.00

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

Trustee Proctor moved that the report be accepted and a warrant drawn for the above amount. 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 Engineer also reported that the Assessment registers for Carson and Arlington Streets were ready for execution.

Mr. Werdin stated that he felt that the City had a good pavement now with the Willite people back of it, and that he would probably be the one to keep the same in shape, should any cracks occur.

A letter from the Willite Road Construction Co. was as follows:

"To the Mayor and City Council
of the City of Torrance, Cal.

Gentlemen:

We have just inspected the Willite paving laid on your City streets and note the fact that in a number of places the Willite top course was not properly bonded to the Willite foundation course.

We take the position that we will never permit one yard of Willite pavement to remain in unsatisfactory condition in your City or any other City - we feel our high reputation for square dealing for the past eight years must be maintained and we propose to maintain it.

We feel both the honor and confidence you bestowed upon Willite when you awarded contracts for same and you are not to be disappointed in any manner.

Therefore we desire to say to you now that we will go on record in this letter and hereby guarantee to repair and maintain all Willite pavements in your City for a period of three years from date hereof at our expense.

Any malformation or cracks occurring in same will be repaired in the highest possible workmanlike manner so that your citizens will receive perfect satisfaction in the use thereof in every manner.

Very respectfully,
Signed: Western Willite Road Construction Co.
By C. S. Reed, Pres.

President Fitzhugh: "We certainly appreciate the stand that has been taken by the contractor and the Willite Co."

Mr. Hinley for Willite Co: "We want to thank you for the fair and businesslike way in which you have treated us. It is unusual to me to meet a Board composed entirely of reasonable men, and I assure you I appreciate it very much."

Mr. Werdin: "We are going to fix up the streets that were broken by our trucks."

Regular order of business then taken up.

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

A letter was received from the American-LaFrance Co. stating that the Fire Engine would be shipped from the factory about the 22nd inst.

A second letter was received from the same firm enclosing a properly executed contract of lease for a Fire Engine for the City records and asking that receipt of same be acknowledged, which has been done.

A communication from the Pacific Electric Co. granting an easement over 22 foot strip in the center of Guadalupe Avenue and Carson Street was read. The letter also asked that the matter be taken up with the Board and both copies executed, returning fully executed duplicate for their records. The matter was referred to the City Engineer and the City Attorney for report at the next meeting.

The applications of Mr. Kalish and Mr. Buchle for permits to operate the Ironton Hotel and the Restaurant therein were read and referred to the City Clerk for action.

The Washer Wilson application for permit to sell washing machines was referred back to the Clerk, as the Washer Wilson Co. intended to establish a business location in the City.

A letter from the City Health Officer read:
"Board of Trustees,
Torrance, Cal.

Gentlemen:

There has been no known case of rabies in Torrance for several months now and I am of the opinion that it will be safe and proper for you to rescind the emergency ordinance you enacted when we were threatened with an epidemic of that disease among our animals.

Respectfully,
Signed: J. S. Lancaster
Health Officer."

A report to the Dominguez Land Co. by Mr. Shelhart regarding the placing of fire plugs within the City was read by the City Clerk, and was to be referred to later.

A communication from the Dominguez Land Co. giving notice to vacate the Sewer farm was read by the City Clerk:

Trustee Gilbert moved that the Clerk and the City Attorney write said Company explaining the matter of cultivating said Sewer farm. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The question of the area needed for a Sewer Farm was tabled for a few days on a suggestion from the City Attorney.

The County Tax Collector reported, by letter, that the sum of \$2257.99 had been collected by them for the month of November.

Trustee Nash moved that the letter be accepted and placed on file. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

City Attorney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 96

A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 89

Trustee Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 96 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor 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.

Fire plugs for the Mexican village were referred to the City Clerk with instructions to communicate with the Dominguez Water Co. whose line runs through said village.

Trustee Stone moved that the locations of fire plugs as set forth by Mr. Shelhart in his report to the Torrance Water, Light & Power Co. of Dec. 9, 1922, be approved. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Stone stated that he was sorry to report the indisposition of the Police Chief, but that he was a little better at present. In the mean time, Mr. Booth and Mr. Stevenson were carrying on the duties of the office.

Trustee Nash reported that his report had been read by the City Clerk, and that the available funds were somewhat below the estimate.

City Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 97

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DEEDS TO THE CITY
STREETS, ALLEYS AND PARKS, AND INSTRUCTING
THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE SAME TO BE RECORDED

Trustee Stone moved that Resolution No. 97 be adopted as read, and the same 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:

RESOLUTION NO. 98

RESOLVED, That permission be, and the same is hereby, granted to the Dominguez Land Corporation to carry out and fulfill any contracts or agreements with any lot-holders regarding the construction, by said corporation, of improvements upon any street or alley in the City of Torrance.

Trustee Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 98 be adopted as read, and the same 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: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

 Fire Chief Hannebrink requested the Board to pay for the printing of by-laws for the Fire department Association, and also that the City furnish suitable badges for each member. During a discussion of the matter, Citizen Steiner offered to defray the expense of printing the by-laws, immediately thereafter Trustee Nash moved that the City furnish suitable badges, as requested. Trustee Stone 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 Stone moved that the plans and specifications for the jail and Fire house be adopted and that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids, which bids were to be filed with the Clerk not later than 7:00 P.M. December 26th, and opened, publicly, at 8:00 P.M. the same night; also that all bids be accompanied by a certified check to the amount of 10% of the total bid. 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 Street foreman was having difficulty getting good help in his department on account of the low scale of wages allowed by the City; and moved that the minimum scale for common labor be raised to 50 cents per hour, and that sub-foremen be paid at the rate of 55 cents per hour. 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.

 The question of a charge for searching the City records was referred to the Finance committee.

 Trustee Proctor stated that 54 inches of water was going through the septic tank, and asked the members of the Board to find out from their employers if any great amount was coming from their plants.

 The City Engineer reported a price of \$608.00 as having been quoted him for the necessary equipment for the Sewer farm.

Trustee Stone moved that all bills, properly audited be paid.
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.

At 10:30 Trustee Gilbert moved that the meeting adjourn.
Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Albert W. Dantford
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

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