

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

Torrance, California,
September 4, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, Sept. 4, 1923, and was called to order by President Gilbert at 8:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Proctor, Stone and Gilbert. Absent: Fitzhugh and Nash.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of Aug. 28, 1923, were read and approved as read.

As the hearing of protests against the paving of the 222d-Plaza del Amo district had been advertised for this time, President Gilbert asked if there were any protests against said paving?

As there were no protests, after the City Engineer had explained the workings of the assessment district, the matter was to proceed in the regular way, and the regular order of business was resumed.

A letter from Ella M. Flood, thanking the Board for the sprinkling of the district south of 222d Street, was ordered filed. Trustee Fitzhugh came in at 8:30 P.M.

A representative of the Quality Box Lunch of Los Angeles, asked for permission to peddle box lunches - distributing a sample of his wares - in the City. As this matter was covered by the proper Ordinance, he was referred to the Clerk for a business license, on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Stone, and a majority vote.

The request of Mr. Vonderahe to cut the curb on Lot 4, Block 18, was referred to the City Engineer in the regular way.

Trustee Stone stated that he did not have much to report after his 3½ months absence, except that he had looked over the new Fire house and Jail and was very much pleased with things around there; also that he was glad to get back to California.

The City Engineer mentioned the matter of the contemplated cutting of trees and curb on Border Avenue, not as a matter to be passed on by the Board but for their general information as to what was going on.

Also that he reported progress on the valuation of the Water plant and expected to lay a definite report on the table at the next meeting.

Attorney Briney reported that they had filed an amended complaint in the Sewer farm suit and that if a demurer was sustained, they would stand an appeal on it; that there were 10 days in which to file a demurer.

Clerk Bartlett reported for Trustee Nash that \$2671.38 had been received from the County Auditor as collections on unsecured personal property tax; the City Attorney stating that a certain part of this would have to be rebated on account of this year's rate being lower than last.

The City Recorder reported fines to the amount of \$888.00 for the month of August.

The Clerk reported building permits amounting to \$228,700. for August, \$110,000. of which was for oil derricks

Mr. Gourdier, postmaster, apprised the Board of the fact that the Post Office department was practically ready to institute free delivery in the City, giving the requirements of

the department as to lighting, street signs and sidewalks.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Supt. of Streets be instructed to sencil the curbs of all the street intersections with the street names. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The matter of closing certain streets and alleys in the south part of the City where the Santa Fe crosses to eliminate grade crossing danger was referred to the City Engineer for report at next meeting.

Attorney Briney read for their second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 65
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE
TO THE GENERAL PIPE LINE COMPANY
OF CALIFORNIA

ORDINANCE NO. 66
AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE
TO THE PETROLEUM MIDWAY COMPANY, LTD

The above two Ordinances were held in abeyance until the next meeting.

Attorney Briney read:
ORDINANCE NO. 67

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE
TO THE UNION TOOL CO.

Trustee Stone moved that Ordinance No. 67 be adopted as read for its final reading, and that the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote, the resignation of Dr. Lancaster, Health Officer for the City, was accepted.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the President of the Board and the City Clerk be empowered to execute a contract with the County Health Department whereby the City would receive the services of a Health Officer at the stipulated sum of \$300.00 per year. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

As the contract with the Torrance Herald for City printing had expired, Trustee Stone moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for same for the ensuing fiscal period. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Attorney Briney read:
RESOLUTION NO. 141

A RESOLUTION ORDERING WORK
IN THE 222D-PLAZA DEL AMO DISTRICT

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 141 be adopted

as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Attorney Briney read:

Ordinance No. 68
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUILDING
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Fitzhugh maintained that all buildings should be set back 20 feet from the front property line on the two boulevards, Arlington and Carson, and made a motion to that effect which was not seconded.

After a more thorough discussion of the matter, Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 68 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 69

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20

Trustee Stone moved that Ordinance No. 69 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Upon Chief of Police Anderson's request for extra help in his department, Trustee Proctor moved that the matter be referred to the Police committee with power to act. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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

On motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Proctor, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned until Sept 11th, 1923, at 8:00 P.M.

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

Approved:

W. H. Gilbert
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.