

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

Torrance, California,  
June 16, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, Calif. June 16, 1924, and was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Smith. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith. Absent: None.

The regular order of business was suspended for the purpose of opening bids for the sale of hay, as had been advertised.

The only bid received was from:

Coy F. Farquhar \$575.00

Trustee Deininger moved that the Farquhar bid for hay be rejected and the Clerk instructed to re-advertise for sale of same. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh and Smith.

NOES; Trustee Torrence.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 2, 1924, were read and approved as read as a return to the regular order of business.

A communication from the City Clerk of Los Angeles concerning Western Aveune paving was ordered placed on file on motion by Trustee Torrence, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote.

The letter from Burns-McDonnell-Smith, consulting engineers, on waterworks, water purification, sewerage and sewage disposal, power plants and appraisals of public utilities, was filed for future reference if required, on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

Messrs. Crowell & Alverson requested, by letter, that a permit be granted them for the operation of a bowling and billiard parlor with soda fountain, confectionary, cigars and tobacco included.

After Mr. Crowell had explained the proposition, and after his having been reminded that pool halls were under strict surveillance of the police, Trustee Torrence moved that a permit be granted as requested. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The Clerk read a petition for the paving of alleys in the City included within a certain district as described therein.

Same was signed by some 65 property owners.

The matter was discussed to some extent, but Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the petition be referred to the Street, Sewer and Parks committee for investigation and further discussion. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A second petition for paving an alley between 212th and 213th Streets, signed by Mr. Watson, was read and referred to the Street committee on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote.

A telegram from Perry Thomas, Deputy City Attorney of Los Angeles and Secretary City Attorneys Ass'n, was read. Same had to do with electric rates before the Railroad commission and the meeting was to be held tomorrow. As the time was so short, Clerk Bartlett took the matter up with President Smith and they wired an acceptance of the invitation to join with the other cities and pay our quota according to the population, also asked the Board to ratify the action taken.

Trustee Torrence moved that the action taken on the above mentioned telegram be ratified. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Torrence, Fitzhugh and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Torrence reported the need of a new police machine, stating that the committee had canvassed the subject to a certain extent and had received offers on a Paige, Studebaker and Hudson. Some of these offers included full equipment and others not. The Paige offer was 1175.00, Studebaker 1340.00 and the Hudson 1243.00. Trustee Torrence did not want it considered that he was trying to force a high priced article on the City, but he recommended the big 6 Studebaker as the best buy--all things considered.

After some general discussion, Trustee Deininger moved that the matter be referred to the Police committee with power to act. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The new charging machine had been received and was donig excellent work, according to Trustee Torrence. They were placing this machine outside of the Fire house in order to accomodate the other cars and the motorcycle for battery service.

Trustee Deininger requested delay on report of lighting system until after tomorrow evening.

The parking of trucks on the street east of the depot had been regulated.

Delay on report of sidewalks and paving on south Martina was asked until after tomorrow night.

The Redondo Blvd. and the Cabrillo Avenue proceedings were covered by a written report submitted by the City Attorney.

On motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote, the committee was given more time on the above.

The Attorney in his report, reported progress as to keeping records of vital statistics.

Trustee Brooks reported the dire need for economy, also progress on the budget.

The water question was still postponed.

Trustee Torrence reported in re aerial telephone lines crossing the streets, the Board did not see fit to grant an extension of such lines; that they told the Telepyone Company the only thing for them to do was to put them underground and the Company agreed to conform to this edict.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that the revamping of the license Ordinance was progressing and would be ready for a first reading at the next meeting;

also stated that Mr. Briney, Mr. Jessup and Mr. Bartlett suggested the revamping of the Building Ordinance as several things therein were loose and unsatisfactory.

As to fire escape on the Auditorium, it was concluded that the Fire Chief had authority to supervise same.

Chief Hannebrink reported, through Trustee Torrence, that he was receiving satisfactory cooperation from the School Board as to fire hazard at the school house.

Approval of the plans for the Wonan's Club building were deferred until the next meeting so as to settle a few points that were not quite clear.

Clerk Bartlett read:  
ORDINANCE NO. 89

AMENDING NO. 15 AND RESCINDING  
NOS. 24 AND 77

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 89 be adopted as read for its final reading, and that same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Clerk Bartlett read:  
ORDINANCE NO. 90  
RECLASSIFYING PROPERTY  
AND AMENDING NO. 51

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 90 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Stating the need of a garage for the police machine, Trustee Torrence recommended the building of a temporary shed on the side of the Fire house.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the police committee be empowered to have such a shed built. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

As to granting a permit to Mr. Johnson for the operation of a pool hall, it was thought that he should appear before the Board in the regular way and state his request.

Chief Anderson requested an Ordinance covering the use and sale of fire crackers, maintaining that there was a very real fire menace, especially to automobiles, by the indiscriminate shooting of them along the curbs.

President Smith suggested that the Ordinance committee draft an Ordinance for the next meeting.

The acceptance of certain deeds as tendered by the Dominguez Land Corp. dedicating the park in front of the School house and two streets south of Plaza del Amo, was recommended by the City Attorney in his written report which stated that he and the City Engineer had checked same.

In this connection was dictated:

RESOLUTION NO. 177

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance that the City of Torrance accept, and said City does hereby accept, those certain three deeds, dated the 9th day of May, 1924, wherein the Dominguez Land Corp. is grantor of two deeds and James W. and Dorothy Post is grantor of one deed, and the City of Torrance is Grantee, whereby the City of Torrance is dedicated certain land for public purposes.

Trustee Deininger moved that Resolution No. 177 be adopted as dictated, and a copy of 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: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

As to cutting down the lights on account of lack of power, Trustee Deininger moved that the Lights committee be given full power to act in this emergency. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Hobson, Assistant Engineer, reported that Western Avenue paving would be finished tomorrow and that Los Angeles would let the contract for paving their part in about 10 days.

Mr. Gascoigne reported that they were busy patching holes in the streets and that Plaza del Amo was in fair shape again.

Mr. Byrnes mentioned the fact that toilets were being placed too close to the sidewalk at the new Union Oil Station. Clerk Bartlett said this matter would be looked into tomorrow.

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

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 10:00 P.M., no further business appearing, President Smith declared the meeting would adjourn until next Monday June 23, 1924 at 8:00 P.M.

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

Approved:

R. R. Smith  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.