

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

Torrance, Californi,  
January 5, 1925.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, January 5, 1925, and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Smith. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Deininger, Torrence and Smith. Absent: Fitzhugh.

President Smith stated that the bids for the paving of the alleys, as advertised, would be opened at this time, and the regular order of business deferred.

Clerk Bartlett opened and read the following bids:

Grading, complete, per cubic yard - - - - -	\$ 0.75
Side sewer connections and extensions, each - - -	8.25
Four inch asphaltic paving per sq. ft. - - - - -	.207
Estimated total bid	\$41823.75

Bid Bond 5000.

Dated Jan. 5, 1925.

Signed: Dunkle & Phillips  
By H. A. Dunkle.

Grading, complete, per cubic yard - - - - -	\$ 0.75
Side sewer connections and extensions, each - - -	8.50
Four inch asphaltic paving, per sq. ft. - - - - -	.237
Estimated total bid	\$ - - - -

Bid Bond 5000.

Dated Jan. 5, 1925.

Signed: Hall-Johnson Co.  
By W. E. Hall, Pres.

On motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote, the above bids were referred to the City Engineer for inspection and recommendation.

The regular order of business was taken up by the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of December 15, 1924, which same were approved as read.

The minutes of the special meeting of December 27, 1924, were read and approved as read.

A letter from the County of Los Angeles, Health Dept., accepting contract relative to health service, was read.

The written application of H. Tobias to erect a corrugated iron garage on his Lot 9, Block 24, in the fire district, was referred to the proper committee for investigation on motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote.

Mr. Carl Hyde, local Chamber of Commerce Secretary, gave a talk on the dire need of a new lighting system for the City, thinking it an opportune time to start proceedings, and promising to get behind the proposition to the best of his ability. Trustee Torrence stated that he had been going to introduce the subject himself; that he was heartily in favor of a new system, and that a tentative plan had been worked out; that the cost of juice would not be greater than at present.

Trustee Fitzhugh took his seat at 7:30 p.m.

Engineer Jessup displayed a map showing the location of posts and estimated the total cost of the above lighting installation as \$100,000.00; also estimating that there 2000 lots to absorb the cost, or in the neighborhood of \$50.00 per lot; that he thought the price of juice might be brought down to about 1¢ per kilowat.

Trustee Brooks moved that the matter be referred to the proper committee for a more definite report and line of action at the next regular meeting. Not seconded.

Trustee Fitzhugh stated that the matter had been discussed and under advisement for months and that he thought they were all about ready to shoot on the proposition at once.

Trustee Deininger moved that the City Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for a lighting system, and that the cost of same, up to the point of protests, be stood by the Engineer. Trustee Fitzhugh 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.

Contractors dumping rubbish from the sidewalk construction on lots adjoining the work was referred to Mr. Gascoigne.

Mr. Levy complained that night watchmen were not available on short notice, and thought that, as the merchants were paying an extra \$3.00 per quarter for this service, it should be possible to have a man on instant notice.

President Smith explained the matter and said same would be taken up with the department.

President Smith called for the opening of bids for a certain franchise, as sought by the Superior Oil Co.

The Superior Oil Co's bid, as read by the Clerk, offered the sum of \$100.00 for this franchise as per their letter dated Dec. 31, 1924, and on file in the Clerk's office.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the granting of the above mentioned franchise be deferred until the next regular meeting. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The matter of purchasing 5 lots adjoining the municipal yard, as reported by Trustee Deininger, was laid over until the next regular meeting on his own motion, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

Also the question of park improvement along the lines furnished by Howard & Smith was deferred for discussion at the informal meeting next Monday night.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported on Ordinance revision that progress was being made, but that the Attorney had been so busy with court in the City lately that more time would be required, and that he would approve the allowance of a stenographer, if necessary, in furtherance of the work; that it would be necessary to take up the building ordinance with the Engineer and his assistant, and that the Ordinance would be in shape for the next quarter. Regarding the dance hall and curfew Ordinance, it was the sense of the Board that children under 16 should not be out after 9:00 p.m. or be allowed to dance at a public dance after 9:00 p.m. unless accompanied by parent or guardian.

Trustee Torrence reported that a saving of from 6.00 to 10.00 per month might be made if the City installed their own tank and pump, and all such supplies were handled by a storekeeper; that the storekeeper would not increase the pay roll. More data and figures were to be furnished by the committee for the next meeting;

also reported that he had seen the County Health officer and talked over the situation with him; that they were willing to do anything to assist the City, and that he had their report for November and December;

as to the Police Blue Book, it was decided that by the next meeting time enough would have elapsed so that applicants for refunds might be reimbursed either in whole or in part, depending on the amount claimed;

as twelve o'clock closing on pool halls did not cover on Bowling Alleys, it was decided that this game might run later.

Clerk Bartlett reported for the Recorder fines amounting to \$1083.00 for the month of December and Civil cases filing fees amounting to \$16.00.

Building permits for December amounted to \$69100.00.

Fire Chief Hannebrink again reported the need of a fire plug at Amapola and Sierra, stating that there was a 10" main within a block. This was to be verified by the committee.

A general discussion of the need of an extra fire truck, a City Hall and especially a court room followed.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 100

GRANTING FRANCHISE TO PACIFIC ELECTRIC  
FOR SPUR TRACK

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 100 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 and Smith.  
NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

ORDINANCE NO. 101

GRANTING FRANCHISE TO THE SEABOARD  
PETROLEUM CO

was introduced by Trustee Fitzhugh.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 218

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO VACATE AN ALLEY  
IN BLOCK 27

Trustee Torrence moved that Resolution of Intention No. 218 be adopted as read and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks and 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.

Engineer Jessup reported on the Alley paving bids, to-wit:  
"Gentlemen:

In response to notice inviting proposals for Alley improvement under Resolution of Intention No. 208, bids were received from Dunkle & Phillips and Hall-Johnson Co.

The bid of Dunkle & Phillips being the lowest and appearing in proper form, I would recommend that the award be made accordingly to Dunkle & Phillips at the prices made in his bid."

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 219

AWARDING ALLEY PAVING CONTRACT

Trustee Deininger moved that Resolution No. 219 be adopted as read and 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.

The need of a crossing at Sartori and Cabrillo was mentioned by Mr. Reeve.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Clerk and Engineer be instructed to take the matter up with the P. E. and see what action they could get. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Fitzhugh mentioned the Consolidated Lumber Co's bill for December and moved that the Clerk be instructed to take same up with the Lumber Co. and get visual evidence that the City is getting what it is entitled to in the way of discount. There was no second.

Trustee Fitzhugh also moved that the Clerk write to the Board of Education advising them of the fact that the City had paid their bill for the Western Avenue paving. There was no second.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Engineer be instructed to proceed with plans and specifications for the improvement of Redondo Boulevard using concrete pavement. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The assessment district for the above work, as tentatively outlined by the Engineer, seemed to meet with the approval of the Board.

Trustee Deininger 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: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 9:45 p.m., on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned.

*A. H. Bantel*  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

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