

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

Torrance, California,
February 2, 1925.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, February 2, 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.

The minutes of the regular meeting of January 19, 1925, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of January 26, 1925, were read and approved as read.

The letter from the Torrance Water, Light & Power Co in re installing fire plug on Amapola was ordered filed on motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

Trustee Deininger moved that the written report from the Health Department be placed on file after acquainting the local Chamber of Commerce of its contents. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A letter from the League of California Municipalities adding the City's name to their list of members was read.

A petition to change the set back line on Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in Block 65 was read. As this matter had gone through the regular procedure according to the Zoning ordinance, Trustee Deininger moved that the City Engineer change the set back line as petitioned and issue Building permits accordingly. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

J. W. MacDowell submitted an offer for the housing of the City offices and the Recorder's court, rental to be \$75.00 per month until the expiration of the lease on the present quarters and \$100.00 per month thereafter until the expiration of the one year MacDowell lease.

The matter was to be taken up under unfinished business.

Mr. Vonderahe again mentioned the matter of rezoning a portion of the industrial district in the southeast part of the City, as had been heretofore petitioned. A general discussion between the property owners and the Board ensued, the property owners claiming they had no chance to make their investment profitable under prevailing conditions. President Smith maintained that if the industrial district were interfered with, it would take away the only chance Torrance had of becoming an industrial center and thought it a very dangerous proposition to jeopardize the ultimate benefit to the whole community by considering the immediate benefit of the few.

Trustee Brooks moved that the petition to rezone a portion of the industrial district, as requested, be denied. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

Mr. Parks made a speech in favor of changing the present Business license ordinance so as to keep out irresponsible, fly-by-night contractors, giving an idea of what other Cities are charging and the amount of bond required.

Trustee Torrence stated that this matter was now under way and he appreciated the views given by different contractors as it would help the committee in their final disposition of the case.

Trustee Deininger reported that he had the report of the Street Superintendent regarding the consumption of gas and oil for the month for Street Dept. vehicles.

The question of the acquisition of more property in the vicinity of the municipal yards was referred to the next informal meeting.

Park improvement plans had been taken up with Mrs. Torrance, reported Trustee Deininger and definite action awaited the report of the finance committee.

An inspection of the new Warehouse by the Board was requested as soon as the lights had been connected.

Trustee Torrence reported that the installation of the Service Station for City vehicles had been completed and that Mr. Stevenson was acting as storekeeper.

A traffic sign was displayed and explained to the Board.

The above Trustee was informed that certain dangerous places along Madrid had been fenced, on his mentioning same.

A report of a fire in Moneta, as submitted by Chief Hannebrink, was read by Trustee Torrence. It appeared that the Standard Oil Co. had given the Firemen a check for \$50.00 in appreciation of their services and the Chief wanted to turn same into the City treasury.

Trustee Brooks moved that said \$50.00 be retained by the Fire Dept. for the purchase of accessories or necessities of the Dept., and that the Firemen should be given a vote of thanks for their good work. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Torrence concluded his report by reading a recommendation from the Police Chief regarding the red markings at street intersections and such traffic needs.

Clerk Bartlett reported Building permits for January amounting to \$37650.00 and for the Recorder fines amounting to \$676.00 for January and \$25.00 deposited on civil cases.

Also that the remaining outstanding money on the sewer extension in Block 65 had been received.

On report of Attorney Briney, Trustee Brooks moved that the application of the Superior Oil Co. franchise be referred to the committee for report at the next regular meeting. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 102

MAKING CHANGES IN CERTAIN SALARIES

Trustee Torrence moved that Ordinance No. 102 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same 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, Torrence, Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

Trustee Deininger introduced the following:

ORDINANCE NO. 103

ABANDONING AN EIGHT FOOT STRIP ON
REDONDO BOULEVARD

ORDINANCE NO. 104

ABANDONING A PORTION OF ALLEY IN
BLOCK 27

ORDINANCE NO. 105

REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 31

Regarding new offices for the City Departments, Trustee Torrance moved that the offer of Mr. MacDowell be accepted, and the City Attorney instructed to prepare a proper lease. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Torrence and Smith.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.
 Trustee Deininger did not vote.

Trustee Torrence moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for the City printing for the ensuing year. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Deininger moved that the leasing of certain portions of the Sewer farm to Ga M. King and Torrance Brick Co. be delegated to the City Engineer and Attorney with power to act. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Trustee Brooks moved that the sum of \$4500.00 be placed in a special fund to be used by the Chamber of Commerce for the purpose of compiling, printing and distributing an industrial survey of the City of Torrance, and for compiling, printing and distributing of such advertising matter as may seem feasible to the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Torrance; such fund to remain in the City treasury and be drawn against when it is ordered by the Board of Trustees in the usual manner. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Trustee Brooks 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, Torrence and Smith.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

At 9:25 p.m. on motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote, the meeting adjourned.

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.