

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

Torrance, California,
May 18, 1925

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, May 18, 1925, and was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Fitzhugh, Smith, Torrance and Deininger. Absent: Brooks.

The regular order of business was dispensed with in order to open bids for certain franchises, as had been advertised. The Petroleum Midway Co. Ltd. bid \$100.00 for the franchise as sought by them in their application.

Trustee Torrance moved that the franchise be granted to the Petroleum Midway Co. Ltd. with the proviso that the telephone line be used for their own private business and not as a public utility, and that the City Attorney be instructed to prepare the Ordinance granting such franchise. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

On the second franchise, the Shell Co. of California bid \$100.00 for the franchise as sought by them.

Trustee Torrance moved that the franchise be granted to the Shell Co. of California and the City Attorney instructed to prepare an Ordinance granting same. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The regular order of business was resumed by the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 4, 1925, which were approved as read.

The letter from Eberle & Riggleman, acknowledging receipt of a letter from the Board, explaining that specific investigation of Torrance would be postponed until the outside field was covered, was ordered filed.

The Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Co. submitted an application with blue prints attached requesting a permit to maintain and operate a 4000 volt power line across certain streets in the City.

Trustee Smith moved that the request be granted--it being understood that the line should be underground across Arlington Avenue. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

A letter from the local Chamber of Commerce contained a copy of a resolution recently passed by that body "endorsing the action taken by the City Trustees in proposing the paving of Redondo Boulevard, together with the lighting for said street and be it further resolved that the City Trustees request the City Planning Commission to consider restrictions zoning this boulevard against business".

Trustee Smith moved that the letter be filed and the part of same having to do with zoning be referred to the City Planning Commission. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Another letter from the local Chamber of Commerce requested that the Board undertake the seeding and watering of the local aviation field. It was figured that eventually it would cost the City in the neighborhood of \$200.00. However, a deposit of \$600.00 would have to be placed with the Water Co. which same would be returned after the necessity for water had passed.

Trustee Smith moved that the request be granted--it being understood that the City was to make the \$600.00 deposit with the Water Co. and stand the expense of labor in installing and dismantling the pipe and also to pay the monthly water rental as the bills appeared. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Trustee Torrence reported progress in the formulation of certain ordinances.

No particular action was taken in the matter of the confiscated automobile.

Mr. Gascoigne reported good progress on parks and alleys.

Trustee Torrence introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 115
REPEALING ORDINANCES NOS. 58 AND 62

ORDINANCE NO. 116
GRANTING FRANCHISE TO THE SHELL CO. OF CAL.

ORDINANCE NO. 117
GRANTING FRANCHISE TO THE PETROLEUM MIDWAY CO. LTD.

ORDINANCE NO. 118
CALLING AN ELECTION FOR THE 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 1925

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 113
GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE JULIAN PETROLEUM CORP.

Trustee Smith moved that Ordinance No. 113 be adopted as read for its final reading and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the erectors of signs, not complying with the City Ordinance covering same, be notified by the Police department to remove such signs. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The question of oiling two feet on each side of the paved alleys was referred to the Street committee to investigate.

The City Clerk mentioned the need of more safe room for records of his office and of the office of the Engineer. The Clerk was instructed to look into prices and other data.

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

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

At 9:30 p.m., Trustee Torrence moved that the meeting adjourn until 8:00 p.m. Monday May 25, 1925. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

Approved: [Signature]
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.