

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

Torrance, California,
September 21, 1925.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, September 21, 1925, and was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Torrence and Deininger. Absent: Fitzhugh and Smith.

The President set aside the regular order of business to open sealed bids for the improvement of a portion of Martina Avenue, as had been advertised. The bids were as follows:

	Grading Excavation per cu. yd.	Concrete Curb Per li.	Sidewalk per sq. ft.	6" Con- crete pav- ing pr sq ft	Estimated Total bid
Coy F. Farquhar	.65	.70	.19	.275	8396.00
Evans & Clark	.97	.58	.185	.252	8396.40
O. U. Miracle	.70	.64	.175	.25	7858.60

A Surety bond of \$1000.00 was filed with each bid.

Trustee Brooks moved that the above bids be referred to the City Engineer for checking and comparison. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The regular order of business was resumed by the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of Sept. 8, 1925, which were approved after a correction by Trustee Torrence to the effect that "the lenient attitude of the Board toward the Wright Act was reflected in the Police Department, not that the Police Dept. was wholly responsible.

Messrs Donnelly & Kraft submitted a written request for a permit to operate a transfer business, desiring to locate their stand on the west side of Border near the corner of Redondo Blvd.

Trustee Brooks moved that the above sought permit be granted. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A letter from the local Chamber of Commerce, expressing appreciation of the co-operative spirit shown, was ordered filed by President Deininger.

A second letter from the local Chamber of Commerce petitioned the Board to start proceedings for the improvement of a district

lying north of Carson Street and between Madrid and Cedar Aves. with paving, curbs, sidewalks, sewers and the planting of ornamental trees.

The letter was referred to the proper committee on motion by Trustee Torrence, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote.

A quitclaim deed tendered by the Dominguez Land Corp. to certain parcels of property in the City of Torrance was referred to the City Attorney and Engineer.

A resident of Portola Ave. complained of the burning of rubbish on vacant lots in her vicinity, stating that the smoke was very offensive and should not be allowed; that if there was no ordinance regulating the matter, there certainly should be one and asked the Board to put a stop to such practice.

Trustee Torrence mentioned that two complaints along the same lines had been registered to him in the last week; that he thought a person had no legal or moral right to dump rubbish on another's property, but that he did not know just what the redress was.

Trustee Brooks stated that he was in accord with Trustee Torrence's views, and suggested that the matter be referred to the Street committee and see if means of hauling it away might not be devised.

President Deininger appointed the following committee to look into the cost of collection and whether same should be charged to the property or paid by the City:

Trustees: Torrence, Brooks, Fitzhugh.

Mr. Tooley, introduced by Mr. Beckwith, requested a license to operate a restaurant at 2704 Carson Street, stating his intention was to run a first class place.

Trustee Brooks moved that such license be granted. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Gertch reminded the Board that no definite answer had been given regarding the removal of a tree in his drive-way.

Trustee Brooks moved that the removal of the tree be allowed provided another was planted under the direction and according to the suggestions as to kind of the Street Supt. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. McDonald complained of the nuisance existing for the last year at the Refining plant south and west of the school. It seems the company had promised to eliminate the exhaust nuisance and had also been given a certain time in which to accomplish same by the Board of Health.

President Deininger directed the Clerk to ascertain when the time was up, as notified by the Board of Health, after which the matter would be turned over to the Police Dept. for summary action.

Mr. Foley requested quick action as to improvements in the district west of Madrid as it would be less expensive to home builders if cess pools were not necessary.

Trustee Brooks stated that Mr. Gascoigne had taken care of the streets since the inception of the City as a corporation; that he had had one or two raises in salary during that time; that an employee was a much better man if he knew that he had not reached the maximum salary for his position, and moved that the salary of the Street Supt. be raised from \$200.00 to \$215.00 per month, effective Oct. 1, 1925. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Torrence and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

Trustee Brooks reported that a comprehensive report of the tree situation had been received from Mr. Ernest Brunton by the Planning Commission and that the City might expect a report from the Commission in the near future. Also that the committee begged a little more time in which to report on the burning of rubbish in the business district.

Trustee Torrence reported that the Bowling Alley ordinance was ready for discussion and that there were other things coming up that had not reached the Ordinance committee's hands as yet.

Engineer Jessup reported that work was progressing on Redondo Blvd. as fast as possible--being held up to some extent by the necessary lowering of water pipes.

Attorney Briney reported that the owner of Lot 3, Block 12, assessment No. 13 under R of I No. 193 objected to the payment of same on the grounds that the sidewalk had been laid and paid for before the sidewalk proceedings had gone through. It seems that the laying of this walk occurred between the survey of the district and the ultimate laying of the walks and, as no permit had been requested or granted for the laying of this piece by private enterprise, the same had been overlooked in the final assessment. The Attorney had no suggestions to offer so the matter was referred to the City Attorney and Engineer.

Mr. Hobson reported that he had received an informal application for a building permit for an addition to the laundry; that the request specified a wooden frame with corrugated iron sides; that as the location was in fire district No. 1 and outside of the industrial district, it did not comply with the ordinance and he would not issue a permit on a formal application. The Laundry Co. submitted that the times were too slow to permit them to build of brick, as had been at first intended.

Trustee Brooks moved that the informal request be granted, providing that an agreement in writing be signed by the Laundry Co. that they would remove the building at their own expense on demand of the Board, giving a 90 day notice. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Mr. Hobson also reported that a garage house had been practically completed without a permit having been taken out; that same did not comply with the ordinance; that he had given directions that the house be raised but this was not done, and asked for instructions.

Trustee Torrence moved that permits for sewer, lights and gas be withheld until the matter had been adjusted to comply with the State Housing Act and the City ordinance. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Engineer's report on the Martina Ave. bids was read, same recommending that the contract be awarded to O. U. Miracle as his quotations seemed reasonable.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 256
 AWARDING CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF MARTINA AVE.

Trustee Brooks moved that Resolution No. 256 be adopted as read 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: Brooks, Torrence and Deininger.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

The matter of the running at large of dogs, either licensed or unlicensed, as mentioned by President Deininger, was referred to the ordinance committee for immediate investigation.

Trustee Torrence introduced:
 ORDINANCE NO. 123
 REGULATING BOWLING ALLEYS

A letter was read from the local Chamber of Commerce recommending the appointment of Chas Vonderahe to succeed Mr. E. Z. Welch as a member of the City Planning Commission.

The appointment of Mr. Vonderahe by the President was approved by the Board on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

Mr. Jessup stated that the convention of the League of Municipalities would be of great interest to all members of the Board and that as many as could should attend.

Trustee Brooks moved that the Engineer be instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the improvement of a district north of Carson Street between Madrid and Cedar Aves. as petitioned by the Chamber of Commerce. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Torrence and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

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

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Torrence and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Smith.

At 9:45 p.m., Trustee Torrence moved to adjourn. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

Approved:

E. J. Deininger
 President of the Board of Trustees
 of the City of Torrance.