

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

Torrance, California,
April 5, 1926.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, April 5, 1926, and was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Post, Smith and Deininger. Absent: Fitzhugh.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 15, 1926, were read and approved as read.

Trustee Post took the oath of office just before the meeting was called to order.

President Deininger welcomed Trustee Post and assigned him as chairman of the Ordinance committee.

Contractor Reeve stated, under oral communications, that a meeting of general contractors had been held and that a petition was circulated sponsoring a license fee of \$24.00 per year together with a \$1000.00 bond; that he had not signed the petition as he was not in favor of the bond--wishing to be able to bid as low other contractors.

Building Inspector Hobson mentioned that he had looked up the license fee charged by cities in this community and found that only three charged any license at all, the fee ranging from \$20.00 to \$50.00 per year.

President Deininger referred the matter to the Ordinance committee for further investigation.

Trustee Brooks reported that a map had been prepared showing the streets which had been repaired and also the streets that needed repairing; that members of the Board might look it over at their convenience;

that he had heard nothing lately concerning the memorial fountain to Mr. Torrance;

that the Engineer should confer with the Dominguez Land Co. with the end in view of acquiring a deed to Madrona Ave.

Engineer Jessup explained that a deed had already been given and that now the street was within the City limits.

Clerk Bartlett reported that Recorder's fines for the month of March amounted to \$105.00 and civil cases \$22.65;

that Building permits for March amounted to \$18540.00.

Mr. Jessup reported that, on account of the kind of transformer being used, the Edison Co. could not cut out a part of the lights on Redondo Blvd; that he would have to look farther into the matter;

that the 33 inch water line was in the same place and condition--the pipe being so badly rusted that it could not be lowered and it would take a half mile of new pipe to put it down under grade where it belonged;

that he had not heard any late report from the P. E. regarding the proposed Western and Redondo improvement.

Attorney Briney is to look into the City's liability regarding water mains and also the general status of the system.

Trustee Fitzhugh came in at 8:20 p.m.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that expenditures were 2% under normal for the last eight months;

also read a report by the Building inspector concerning zoning in Block 35.

The zoning report was ordered filed on motion by Trustee Smith seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote.

The matter of the Salvation Army building a class C building

on Lot 16, Block 7, as had been informally put up to Mr. Hobson, was referred to Attorney Briney for report at next meeting on motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Post, and a majority vote.

Mr. Hobson introduced Mr. Dunlap who lives in Block 90. Mr. Dunlop stated that he was trying to get gas connections for his home but that the Gas company wanted to charge him \$250.00 to connect him up--the distance being about 225 feet. Mr. Dunlop thought he might lay the pipe himself at a much less cost if the City would allow him to lay the pipe on City property.

Trustee Smith moved that the matter be referred to the City Engineer with power to act. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney reported that the Colburn case had been appealed to the superior court and that, in the other accident, the Casualty Co. had offered \$10.00 each to the men infured if they would sign releases. One of the men was advised by the insurance carrier not to sign and Mr. Gascoigne refused to sign so the Attorney had written the Casualty Co. that the City expected them to pay regardless.

Mr. Gascoigne reported that the planting of trees on Western Ave. and Redondo Blvd. was practically completed.

Chief Patterson reported that the City limit signs would be moved as soon as the Auto Club could get at it.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 132
REGULATING EXHAUSTS OF STEAM AND INTERNAL
COMBUSTION ENGINES

Trustee Smith moved that Ordinance No. 132 be adopted as read for its final reading 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, Fitzhugh, Post, Smith and Deininger.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 133
FIXING SALARIES OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Trustee Smith moved that Ordinance No. 133 be adopted as read for its final reading and 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, Fitzhugh, Post Smith and Deininger.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

President Deininger stated that no meeting had been held by the Womens' Club and, consequently, no member had been recommended for the Planning Commission; also that they thought some other service club might be asked to certify a name as it was hard to get a woman who cared to serve.

Trustee Brooks mentioned that one woman belonging to the Club would, no doubt, take great pleasure in acting on the commission; that Mrs. Henderson was a constructive thinker and would make a valuable member of the commission.

President Deininger appointed Mrs. Henderson as a member of the City Planning Commission, and asked the Board to approve the choice. Trustee Smith moved that the appointment of Mrs. Henderson be approved by the Board. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Clerk was to notify Mrs. Henderson of her appointment.

Trustee Fitzhugh mentioned the condition of the crossing at Carson and Arlington. It was explained that this crossing would

be repaired as soon as the plant on Normandie Ave. was working.

On a question, Mr. Jessup stated that electric signs for Border and Western and El Prado had been taken up with the Auto Club, but nothing had been heard from them.

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

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

At 9:00 p.m., Trustee Post moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded and carried.

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

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