

TWENTY-EIGHTH MEETING

Torrance, California.  
February 7th, 1922.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held this date, was called to order by the President at 8 o'clock P.M. in the council chamber.

The following Trustees being present; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone and Proctor. Absent; Trustee Smith.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and corrected as to the burning of rubbish in the center of the city, and approved when corrected.

Communication from R.F. Goudey, Engineer of the State Board of Health regarding the issuance of a permit to the City for the operation of the sewer farm and septic tank was read; Trustee Fitzhugh stated that the present tank was full up and that he would get into consultation with the Engineer, Mr. Gascoigne and Mr. Shelhart, to see what could be done about cleaning it out, and made the following motion. That the communication be referred to the Sewer Committee for attention, motion duly seconded, carried.

Marshal reported that many of the street lights were not burning and that many of the residence have been calling his attention to this fact.

The Recorder addressed the Board on the matter of having to pay for interpreters in the recorder's court, stating that the fees paid in Los Angeles were \$3.00 per day, in the lower courts, and that he occasionally requires the services of an interpreter, also that he was asked by one of the people who acted as interpreter for his fees. Mr. King asked for information from the Board in this matter. On motion of Trustee Stone, duly seconded the Recorder was instructed to pay interpreters when required, not more than \$3.00 per day, motion carried, by the following vote; Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone and Proctor. Absent; Trustee Smith.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that owing to the rain, his department would have to go over Arlington Ave. again.

The question of a telephone for the City Hall was discussed and in connection with the discussion the Clerk submitted a proposition to the Board, which was made by Mr. Stevenson, Campaign Manager for the Chamber of Commerce, to the effect that the Board furnish the Chamber of Commerce with free rent, light, heat, telephone service, typewriter and typewriter desk and chair, that the Chamber of Commerce would furnish a stenographer, who would do the stenographic work for the City and the routine work in the City Hall. On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, the Clerk was instructed to make the following offer in writing to the Chamber of Commerce, that the Board will furnish to the Chamber of Commerce free of charge light, heat, table and furniture, telephone, and use of the room at such times same are not to be used by the Board for meetings, provided that the Chamber of Commerce furnishes a typewriter, typewriter-desk and desk equipment and the services of a stenographer for such City work as required, including taking minutes of Board meetings, motion duly seconded, was passed by the following vote, Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone and Proctor. Nays; None. Absent; Trustee Smith.

Mr. Fred Burkhard, owner of Kern Court asked the Board if they could and would grade the alley back of his court, between Arlington Ave. and Portola St, he stated that this alley was in very bad shape and that a large number of cars were using same. The Board advised him that the alley was not as yet City property, but the Board would be glad to do what they could for him in this regard.

Trustee Stone reported at this time regarding the Street lights and stated that the Edison Co check the lights which are not burning at various times, but that better service could be had if a contract were made with Mr. M.W. Smith, of the Torrance Electric Shop., to maintain the Street Lights. Upon being informed that the Edison Co's contract includes the replacing of lamps. He made the following motion, that the Clerk be instructed to write the Southern Edison Co., attention Mr. Houston, complaining of the service of the street lights, at the following places, Plaza del Amo, 218 st & Arlington, 218 st & Cabrillo. Motion duly seconded was carried.

Trustee Stone stated that at the rate hearing of the Water Co. he objected to their being granted an increase on account of the inadequate fire protection furnished the city, and stated that a test had been made for the purpose of acquainting the railway commission with the pressure furnished at various places under different conditions, which report

showed by using standard fire nosles, 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ # thru one line, 17# thru two lines and 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ # thru three lines, at the corner of ElProdo and Sartori, and at the corner of Manuel and Carson, using the same equipment 25# thru one line and 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ # thru two lines, pressure at the pump was 42# before making tests. He made the following motion, that the City Attorney take care of the record and report to the Railway Commission, motion duly seconded was carried.

Trustee Stone called the Board's attention to the fact that the Marshal was using his private automobile for the transportation of prisoners and that that the Board should pay the expense of such trips, and moved that the Marshal be allowed 8¢ (eight cents) per mile for transporting prisoners by auto. Motion duly seconded was carried by the following vote; Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone, and Proctor. Absent; Trustee Smith.

Trustee Stone reported that the moter-cycle of the Police Dept was an expense to the City, that the repair bill for the last month was \$28. and that it should be traded for a new machine, while the present ma machine had the trade value it has, and that a new machine would have little or no upkeep. New machines cost from \$525.00 to \$575.00 and the trade value of the old machine is about \$150.00 without the horn and speedometer, and made the following motion; That the Police Committee be authorized to investigate the purchase of a new machine for the City, trading in the old machine at \$150.00, motion duly seconded was carried, by the following vote; Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone and Proctor. Absent; Trustee Smith. Noes; None.

ORDINANCE #16, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING GRADE OF CARSON STREET FROM WESTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE TO THE PROLONGATION ACROSS CARSON STREET OF THE WESTERLY LINE OF LOT S-17 OF THE TORRANCE TRACT.

and on file in the office of the Clerk of the City of Torrance, was given its second reading at this time, and adopted and passed by the following vote; Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone and Proctor. Absent; Trustee Smith. Noes; None.

Mrs. Henderson addressed the Board in regard to her salary as Librarian, stating that she had received \$49.00 from the county as January salary. That she had been receiving \$88.00 per month and that as the County were paying all other bills for the maintenance of the Library the City should make up the difference in her salary. She is also expected to put in more time now than she had before the Library moved. On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh the Clerk was instructed to communicate with Miss. Gleason to ascertain just what the county were going to do toward maintaining the Library and what the County expected the City of Torrance to do. Motion duly seconded and passed.

Recorders report for the last Half of January, showing fines collected in the amount of \$155.00 was read, accepted and ordered placed on file.

Mr. Postle reported that as yet he had not been able to see the proper person in regard to the gas situation.

The matter of registering voters was discussed, it being the opinion that the majority of voters, or at least a great many had not yet registered the Board authorized Trustees Gilbert and Stone to enlist the services of a couple of Ladies, who would get out and work a house to house canvass and report the names to the Clerk, who was instructed to write a letter of recommendation to the Registrar of voters.

The President called attention to the nonenforcement of the Ordinance, regarding the storing of goods etc. on the sidewalks, Trustee Stone stated that he would personally see Mr. Reeve in the morning and order him to clear the walk by 9 o'clock, and if same was not cleared by that time the Marshal to take necessary action.

All demands upon the City which were properly audited were ordered paid; by the following vote; Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone and Proctor. Absent; Trustee Smith.

Statement of salaries due on Feby 16th was presented by the Clerk, and ordered filed when paid. by the following vote; Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone and Proctor. Absent; Trustee Smith.

Mr. Postle addressed the Board stating that it would be necessary for the use of the Engineer that the City purchase files and desk and equipment, for the keeping of the records of the Engineer's office and submitted a sample which he recommended and which cost \$1.85 each.

On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, the Engineer was authorized to purchase files and desk suitable to his department, motion duly seconded and carried by the following vote; Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone and Proctor. Absent; Trustee Smith.

Mr. Postle brought up the matter of having signs painted upon the door of the Council Chamber, and on motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, the Clerk was authorized to have signs painted on the door, designating what offices were located in the building. Motion duly seconded was carried by the following vote, Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone and Proctor. Absent; Trustee Smith.

In regard to the septic tank Mr. Postle thought that the City should have a water line put in so that the tank could be flushed out, this having been referred to the Committee for attention earlier in the meeting, no action was taken.

Trustee Gilbert presented the following resolution and moved its adoption.

Resolution No. 23

Resolved: That the Ordinance Committee be authorized to obtain the expert opinion of Mr. C.E. Spencer, and expert bond attorney, on the bond proceedings of the City of Torrance, at a cost of \$200.00. Motion being duly seconded was passed by the following vote; Ayes: Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone and Proctor. Absent; Trustee Smith.

On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Stone, and a roll call vote the following resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 24

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, REPEALING RESOLUTIONS NUMBERED 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, AND 22, HERETOFORE PASSED BY SAID BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Resolved: By the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance that resolutions numbered 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 22, of this Board of Trustees heretofore passed and adopted, be and the same are hereby rescinded and repealed.

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone, Proctor.  
Noes; None  
Absent; Trustee Smith.

On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and a roll call vote, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution No. 25

RESOLVED: That the City Engineer of the City of Torrance be and he is hereby instructed to file with this Board of Trustees, an estimate of the cost of the following named streets as outlined below:

Arlington Avenue for twenty (20) feet of the width thereof from the Southern boundary of the City of Torrance to the Southerly curb line of Plaza Del Amo, and for twenty-five (25) feet of the width thereof from the said southerly curb line of Plaza Del Amo to the Southerly line of Carson Street including intersections of all intersecting streets and alleys between said limits,

Carson Street for ten (10) feet of the width thereof from the Western boundary of the City of Torrance to the Southerly prolongation of the line between lots 13 and 14 of Block 52 of Torrance Tract across said Carson Street, including intersections of all intersecting streets and alleys between said limits.

Said improvement of Arlington Avenue to consist of five (5) inches of paving, and said improvement of Carson Street to consist of Four (4) inches of paving.

Carson Street from the Southerly prolongation of the line between lots 13 and 14 of Block 52 of Torrance Tract across said Carson Street to the Easterly end of Lot S-11 of Torrance Tract.

Arlington Avenue from Carson Street to a prolongation across Arlington Avenue of the Southwesterly side of Block 15 of Torrance Tract.

Marcelina Avenue between the extensions across it of the Southwesterly and Northeasterly sides of Block 15 of Torrance Tract.

The Southerly roadway of El Prado from the Southerly extremity of El Prado to the Easterly Boundary line of the City of Torrance.

Said portions of Carson Street, Arlington Avenue, Marcelina Avenue and El Prado to be resurfaced with asphalt oil and rock screenings.

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone, Proctor.  
Noes; None.  
Absent; Trustee Smith.

On motion of Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Gilbert and a roll call vote the following resolution was adopted:

## RESOLUTION NO. 26.

RESOLVED: That the City Engineer of the City Of Torrance be and he is hereby instructed to file with this Board an estimate of the cost of purchasing for the City of Torrance a sewer farm including the acquisition and construction of Buildings, structures, pumps, reservoirs and other works necessary therefor.

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone, Proctor,  
Noes; None.  
Absent; Trustee Smith.

On motion of Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Gilbert and a roll call vote the following resolution was adopted:

## RESOLUTION NO. 27.

RESOLVED: That the estimate of the City Engineer of the City of Torrance of the Cost of Improvement on portions of Arlington Avenue, Carson Street, Marcelina Avenue, and El Prado, being \$50,000.00, is hereby approved and ordered filed.

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone, Proctor.  
Noes; None.  
Absent; Trustee Smith.

On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Gilbert and a roll call vote the following resolution was adopted:

## RESOLUTION NO. 28.

RESOLVED: That the estimate of the City Engineer of the City of Torrance of the cost of acquiring a sewer farm, for the City of Torrance including the acquisition and construction of buildings, structures, pumps, reservoirs, and other works necessary therefor, being \$50,000.00. is hereby approved and ordered filed.

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone, Proctor.  
Noes; None.  
Absent; Trustee Smith.

On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Gilbert and a roll call vote the following resolution was adopted;

## RESOLUTION NO. 29.

RESOLVED: That the plans and profiles this day presented to this Board of Trustees by the City Engineer of the City of Torrance, for the following work to be done and improvement to be made, to-wit:

The grading of Arlington Avenue from the Southerly line of Carson Street to the Southerly Boundary of the City of Torrance, including the intersections of all intersecting streets and alleys and the paving of said Arlington Avenue from the Southerly line of Long Beach- Redondo Road to the Southerly line of Carson Street with five (5) inches of Willite paving. And the construction of cement curbs along both sides of said street, and the oiling and graveling of said Avenue on each side of the present pavement from the southerly boundary of the City of Torrance to the southerly line of Long Beach- Redondo Road said plans and profiles being numbered one (1);

Shall be and the same are hereby adopted as the official plans and profiles for doing said work and making said improvements.

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone, Proctor.  
Noes; None.  
Absent; Trustee Smith.

On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh seconded by Trustee Gilbert, the following resolution was adopted;

## RESOLUTION NO. 29a

RESOLVED: That resolution No. 29 heretofore adopted be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone, Proctor.  
Noes; None.  
Absent; Trustee Smith.

On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Gilbert and a roll call vote the following resolution was adopted:

## RESOLUTION NO. 30.

RESOLVED: That the plans and profiles this day presented to this Board of Trustees by the City Engineer of the City of Torrance, for the following work and improvement to be made, to-wit;

The grading of Arlington Avenue from the southerly line of Carson street to the southerly boundary line of the City of Torrance including the intersections of all intersecting streets and alleys between said limits, and the paving of said Arlington Avenue from the southerly line of Carson street to the southerly curb line of Plaza Del Amo for

twenty-five (25) feet of the width thereof, and to pave said Arlington Avenue from the southerly curb line of Plaza Del Amo to the southerly line of Long Beach-Redondo Road for twenty-(20) feet of the width thereof all of said paving to be with five (5) inches of Williate paving, and the construction of cement concrete curbs along both sides of said street, and the oiling and graveling of said Arlington Avenue on each side of the present paving from the southerly line of Long Beach-Redondo Road to the southern boundary of the City of Torrance, said plans and profiles being numbered No.1.

Shall be and the same are hereby adopted as the official plans and profiles for doing said work and making said improvement.

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone, Proctor.

Noes; None.

Absent; Trustee Smith.

On motion of Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Stone and a roll call vote the following resolution was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO.31.

RESOLVED: That the plans and profiles this day presented to this Board of Trustees by the City Engineer of the City of Torrance, for the following work and improvement to be made, to-wit;

The grading of Carson Street for thirteen (13) feet on each side of the center line thereof from the western boundary of the City of Torrance to the extension across said street of the line between lots 13 and 14 of Block 52 Torrance Tract, including the intersections of all intersecting streets and alleys between said limits, and the paving of said street for five (5) feet on each side of the center line thereof with four (4) inches of Williate paving between the said limits described above, said plans and profiles being numbered No.10.

Shall be and the same are hereby adopted as the official plans and profiles for doing said work and making said improvements.

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone, Proctor.

Noes; None.

Absent; Trustee Smith.

The question of paving of 16th Street arose at this time, in view of the fact that this district may become an oil field, it was looked upon as a waste of money to pave this street now, owing to the fact that it would not stand the heavy traffic which it would be put to, and the following motion was made by Trustee Gilbert, duly seconded and carried; That the City Attorney confer with the Dominguez Land Corporation requesting that the time limit, for the paving 16th Street be extended.

On motion of Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh and a roll call vote RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO.32. was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone, Proctor.

Noes; None. Absent; Trustee Smith.

On motion of Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh and a roll call vote RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO.33. was adopted by the following vote.

Ayes; Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Stone, Proctor.

Noes; None. Absent; Trustee Smith.

The City Attorney stated that the Dominguez Land Corporation stood willing to pay for the paving on Amapola Street, but wanted it done under the act of 1915, the question as to how this could be done arose as this is not a dedicated street and the attorney was instructed to confer with the Dominguez Land Corporation in regard to same.

On motion made and duly seconded the meeting adjourned until Wednesday evening February 15th. at 8 o'clock.

City Clerk of The City of Torrance.

Approved

President of the Board of Trustees,  
of the City of Torrance.