

THIRTY-FOURTH MEETING

Torrance, California,
March 7, 1922.

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance, was held this date, and was called to order by the President at 8 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Communication from the Chamber of Commerce accepting the offer in regard to the rent of the office, was read and on motion was ordered filed.

Mr. Stone reported that the foreman of the Edison Company had been to see him in regard to the lighting of the streets, and stated that we were promised better service in the future. Mr. Stone also stated that the Fire Chief reported that the roof of the fire station leaked, and that some water had wet the hose, and if same was not taken care of, the water leaking on same would damage the hose. He also called attention to the floor which needed strengthening and to the tires on the front wheels of the fire truck, they being the original tires and tubes which came with the truck and were getting old and would not hold the air. He recommended that oversized tires and tubes be purchased for the fire truck. On motion of Trustee Gilbert, duly seconded, the Fire Committee were authorized to have the floor and roof of the fire station repaired, and to purchase the oversize tires and tubes for the front wheels of the fire truck, by the following vote: Ayes, Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone, and Proctor. Noes, none. Absent, none.

City Engineer Postle reported for the Street and Sewer Committee, but could give no estimates for the cleaning of the septic tank nor for the repair of certain streets, owing to the fact that he had not yet obtained prices which were to have been quoted in these matters, but recommended the purchase of a car of crushed rock and decomposed granite for the repair of

Mr. Postle introduced an application for building permit from the Torrance Post of the American Legion, and stated that he would be willing to issue same free of cost should the Board so wish to grant it. On motion of Trustee Stone, duly seconded, the Building Inspector was instructed to issue a building permit to the American Legion, free of cost, as suggested. Motion carried, and it was so ordered.

The Inspector stated that the Pacific Electric R. R. were erecting a building on their car shop site and had not made application for a permit, nor had they taken notice of his communication regarding same. This matter was referred to the Ordinance Committee for attention.

On motion of Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, the Street Committee and the City Engineer were authorized to purchase the necessary crushed rock and gravel and oil to repair Andreo, Gramercy, Carson and Dominguez Streets, by the following vote: Ayes: Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor. Noes, none. Absent, none.

Mr. Postle, in behalf of Capt. Hansen of the Taxpayers League, invited the Trustees and wives, to a fish dinner to be held in San Pedro on Saturday, March 18th, for the purpose of showing the developments on the harbor. On motion duly made and seconded, the invitation was accepted with thanks.

Mr. M. W. Smith addressed the Board regarding the appointment of a City Electrician, as the city would need advice on matters of street lighting, etc., and that there be no salary paid. He also stated that he would like to take care of the lighting system for the City, instead of having the Edison Company maintain the system. On motion of Trustee Gilbert, duly seconded, the appointing of a City Electrician and the care of the present system was referred to the Lighting Committee, which motion carried. Mr. J. M. King, appeared before the Board, stating that the matter of leasing the sewer farm had been called to his attention, and that he would like to introduce Mr. Hugh Whitney, who would inform the Board in this regard. Mr. Whitney stated that leases were being signed in this neighborhood, and that about \$150.00 per acre bonus, with a rental of \$5.00 per month, could now be obtained, and that the land in question could handle about 4 wells. No action was taken.

The report of the Recorder for the month of February, showing \$81.00 in fines collected was read and ordered placed on file.

Ordinance No. 21, an ordinance of the City of Torrance calling a special election to be held in the City of Torrance on the 10th day of April, 1922, and providing for submitting to the qualified voters of said City, the proposition of incurring indebtedness for the construction and acquisition of certain Municipal improvements, providing for the issuance of bonds therefor, for the levying of a Tax for the payment of said bonds, consolidating election precincts, consolidating said special election with the general Municipal election to be held on said date, designating the polling places and appointing election officers for said consolidated election, and on file in the office of the City Clerk was given its final reading and passed by the following vote: Ayes: Trustees Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor. Noes, none. Absent, none.

Ordinance No. 22,

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, AND FOR ESTABLISHING VOTING PRECINCTS AND POLLING PLACES, APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS, AND FOR GIVING NOTICE OF ELECTION OF EACH SUCH ELECTION.

Was given its first reading and approved as read for the first reading.

Ordinance No. 23,

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT OF SALARY TO BE PAID THE MARSHAL, CLERK, TREASURER, AND RECORDER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Was given its first reading and approved as read for the first reading.

All demands from the city were on motion ordered paid when properly audited by the following vote; Ayes; Trustees - Fitzhugh, Gilbert, Smith, Stone and Proctor.

The bill of F.L. Parks for \$1.00 was referred to the Building committee for investigation.

Statement showing salaries due on March 16th was approved and ordered filed.

The question of having to move the city hall on account of the fact that the main office of the Dominguez Land Corporation were going to move to Torrance and they would require the space now used as a meeting place for the Board was discussed and the following ordinance was submitted therewith:

Ordinance No. 24,

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED " AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR HOLDING REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE " Numbered No. 15. BY PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE OF THE PLACE OF MEETING OF SUCH BOARD, which was approved as read for the first reading.

The President suggested that the public should be educated as to the reason and benefits of the bonds to be voted. No action was taken.

On motion the meeting adjourned until Friday evening, March 10th, 22, at 5:00 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:


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