

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

Torrance, California,
July 5, 1922.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, July 5, 1922, and was called to order by President Fitzhugh at 8:45 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh. Absent: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 20, 1922, were read and approved as read.

A communication from Young & Spencer, Attorneys, was read, relative to the validity of the Bond Issue. Trustee Proctor moved that the letter be accepted and placed on file. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was carried by a majority vote.

A letter from the L. A. Paving Co. Inc., enclosing a check for \$647.94, being charges in connection with the road work advanced by the City was referred to the Finance committee for checking up on a motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Stone, and a majority vote.

Middlecoff & Ham, Attorneys for Kings County, et al, wrote that they were bringing suit against the So. Cal. Edison Co. for payment which it owes to all the cities and counties under the franchises which they have secured. The president of the Board stated that they would be glad to share the benefits of the proceedings and thanking them for their courtesy in asking our co-operation, but that was all we could do at the present time. That the clerk should communicate to them along this line.

A communication from C. P. Roberts to the President of the Board was read and on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash the letter was accepted and the President was requested to answer same in writing.

A plan for several swails was offered by the City Engineer and referred to the proper committee on a motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and a majority vote.

The Building Inspector submitted the following report:
TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TORRANCE:

During June, 1922, seventeen building permits were issued: 3 for moving buildings and repairing; 3 for garages and small buildings and eleven for residences. The value placed on the building operations was \$35,150. Fees collected for permits were \$43.50.

Signed H. R. Postle, Bldg, Insp.

Trustee Gilbert suggested that these building reports be kept in such shape that comparisons could be made from month to month easily.

City Recorder King reported that ^{fees} collected for the month of June amounted to \$365.00. Trustee Proctor moved, seconded by Nash, that the report be accepted and placed on file. Carried.

Mr. Fred Palmer appeared before the Board asking for a permit to put in a filling station; to cut out the curb and put the sidewalk in condition to stand traffic over it. Trustee Gilbert moved that the permit be granted under the Ordinance covering same. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Steiner offered the present location of the Dominguez Land Corp. offices to the City as a City Hall site at the price of \$19,000. \$3000. down and \$380. per month including interest. Said that he felt somewhat guilty as he had sold the present location of the Board. He pointed out that there was plenty of room for the Library, the Chamber of Commerce, the jail and a room for the Council Chambers

which might be used in the day time by the Recorder for his trials, and still be plenty of room for the City offices; and that he would pay out of his own pocket the first month's installment if 11 more citizens would pay a month's installment each. Trustee Proctor moved that it be taken under advisement, but there was no second.

Mr. Huntington advised that he was figuring on keeping the Paving Co. plant here as a fixture and was working hard to get work for it in cities of this vicinity, and asked the Board if they did not have two or three more streets to pave. He thought there was plenty of work around here to keep a plant busy; also that he had been informed that the Willite pavement across Nigger Slough had cost \$15. in repairs in three years. President Fitzhugh assured Mr. Huntington that the Board would help him in any way they could.

The Police Chief stated that the P. E. was not complying, as yet, with the request of the Board that cars do not stop on crossings so as to interfere with traffic.

Trustee Gilbert made a motion that the City Clerk be instructed to write to the P. E. Ry. asking them to install a silent wig-wag at the intersection of Carson and Cabrillo Streets. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor reported that he had seen Mr. Osburn about the articles the City wished to buy from the Dominguez Land Corp. and had made arrangements with him to pay for them out of money left over from the Street work. Also that another site for a City Hall had been suggested by Mr. Osburn that would cost less, but that personally he did not approve of the location. Lots 20, 21 and 22 of Block 15 were considered tentatively by the Board.

Regarding money spent under the Vrooman Act by the City, Trustee Nash thought the account should be a credit instead of a debit.

Trustee Stone reported that the garage back of the Burkhart Block would be moved this week.

Regarding getting the money from the County Auditor, Attorney Briney suggested that it might be well to adjourn until next Tuesday night as by that time he might have a resolution passed in order to get this money.

City Engineer Postle reported that the contracts for the Street work had all been signed and that Mr. Werden was putting up his plant which would be ready next week; that he had been over the detours with him and that he had promised to fix the street on the western boundary of the City so as to be passable.

Trustee Proctor read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 79

RESOLVED, that the Bond to secure the performance of that certain contract for the paving of Carson Street under Resolution No. 75 of this Board be fixed at Thirty-five hundred dollars.

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 79 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Proctor read:

RESOLUTION NO. 80

RESOLVED, that the Bond to secure the performance of that certain contract for the paving of Arlington Avenue under Resolution No. 76 of this Board be fixed at Fifty-five hundred dollars.

Trustee Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 80 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 27
 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6 ENTITLED
 "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE STORING OF MERCHANDISE
 AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, OILS, GASOLINE AND EXPLOSIVE
 AND INFLAMMABLE MATERIALS; AND REGULATING THE BURNING
 OF REFUSE WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA".

Trustee Stone moved that Ordinance No. 27 be adopted as read for the second reading, and that the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Stone, Proctor and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Ordinance No. 28 was read by Attorney Briney:

ORDINANCE NO. 28
 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE MAKING AND REFILLING OF
 EXCAVATIONS, THE MAKING OF FILLS IN PUBLIC STREETS,
 ALLEYS, SIDEWALKS AND OTHER PUBLIC PLACES; AND THE
 CUTTING AND REPLACING OF CEMENT CURBS AND SIDEWALKS.

Trustee Nash moved that Ordinance No. 28 be adopted as read for the second reading, and that the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The question of the Gas Co. crossing the street with their pipes near Portola and 214th, the Chief of Police was instructed to see that they did not dig up the pavement, but were to tunnel or drive the pipe under if they went across at all.

Mr. Gascoigne was instructed to tell Mr. Hoffman to move his roller out of the street so as not to be in the way of traffic, as no light was displayed thereon at night.

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

AYES; Trustees: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

President Fitzhugh stated that he would like to have the Board meet with Mr. Staley and Mr. Corey next Monday, or in the near future whenever all members could be present. Also mentioned a dinner date at Bell for the near future.

The following was read by the City Clerk:

Torrance, Cal. July 5, 1922.
 "To the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance:
 I herewith hand you my resignation as City Engineer, Street Superintendent and Building Inspector to take effect as soon as your Board can relieve me.

Signed: H. R. Postle."

On motion of Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Nash, the resignation was accepted by a majority vote.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the meeting adjourn. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Albert H. Postle
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

APPROVED:

James M. Fitzhugh
 President of the Board of Trustees
 of the City of Torrance.