

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

Torrance, California,
Sept. 5, 1922.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, Sept. 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 an adjourned regular meeting of August 14, 1922 were read and approved as read.

The minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of August 22, 1922, were read and approved as read.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, the regular order of business was suspended.

Mr. Hirsch of the Gorham Fire Apparatus Co. gave a description and showed photographs of their Reo Fire Truck. The price of the machine is \$5000.00 cash or terms. He offered to allow \$1000.00 for the old Ford truck as first payment on a Reo, and the remaining \$4000.00 to be paid in three years with 7% interest per annum. No cash discount being allowable.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the matter be referred to the Fire and Finance committees with request for a report on same at the next meeting. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Two letters from the County of Los Angeles, H. A. Payne, County Auditor, were read. One was a statement of the assessed valuation of the City of Torrance as shown on the tax rolls for the fiscal year 1922-1923, giving the Operative Valuation as \$1,384,370.00. The other gave the railroad properties valuation as \$52,552.00.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Stone, and a majority vote, the letters were ordered placed on file.

A letter was received from the So. Cal Edison Co. referring to poles placed in the street on 214th St. assuring the Board of the temporary character of the installation, and also that they would be glad to move the poles as soon as a sufficient number of customers had applied for service in that neighborhood.

On motion by Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Proctor, and a majority vote, the letter was ordered accepted and placed on file.

Trustee Proctor moved that a map of the gas mains of the City of Torrance be purchased. Trustee Gilbert 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.

Fire Chief Hannebrink asked the Board how he was to get to the fire plug in front of the School house if the street was to be fenced off? The City Engineer explained that movable posts, with detachable chains between, were to be used so that barrier might be easily removed.

Mr. Murray addressed the Board regarding the issuing of more permits for pool halls, saying that he understood the Board was not anticipating the issuance of additional permits, also pointing out the harm it would do his business were more permits issued.

Trustee Stone stated that if new fire apparatus was acquired it would be necessary to purchase 500 feet of new hose and that a drying tower was a very necessary adjunct--such tower to be 25 feet high. Also that the floor of the present fire house was in bad condition.

In the matter of an alarm system, Trustee Stone stated that a system for present needs might be installed for about \$350.00; that it could be obtained through Mr. Reeve on any terms agreeable to the Board; that the system would consist of a three horse power motor and a siren.

Another matter Trustee Stone wanted understood was that the City was not paying for the juice for the flood light on the new oil station and that Mr. Tolson had been asked to write a letter to the Board concerning same.

Trustee Proctor reported that the street improvement work was progressing very nicely, and that he thought some of the gravel being taken off these streets might be used to good advantage in other places, such as filling up low places in alleys, etc; that there was a bad place in the alley near Mr. Watson's and also near his own place. The City Engineer stated, in this connection that every load of gravel that was put into an alley would, more than likely, have to be hauled out again as all the alleys were above grade, except in a very few instances.

The Engineer also reported that Mr. Black was providing the posts and chains for fencing off the street in front of the School house and that a red light of some kind should be installed at least on the west end as there was no street light at that end.

Concerning Dominguez St. not very much had been accomplished as yet; that he thought the street should be graded in some places first. By removing about 300 yards of dirt, then putting in some of the gravel that was being taken off of Arlington Avenue and afterwards to sprinkle same once a week for a while, the street might be put in a good temporary condition.

Regarding the Sewer farm, they were trying to kill out the weeds but the sun-flowers were so tall and heavy that a mowing machine would not go through; that the best thing to do was to get a tractor and disc to work up the soil.

The City Engineer thought a light truck was needed very badly at the present time.

Reporting on the Sewer connection for the new oil station, the Engineer said that he had talked the matter over with the Dominguez Land Co. but had gotten no definite results; that he had written to three owners of different lots asking them to co-operate in the installation of this sewer. One letter had been returned and he had received no answer to the others.

Mr. Gascoigne was instructed to remove a barrel of asphalt from the corner of Carson and Andreo Sts.

Mr. Neill's building was again under discussion as not complying with the building Ordinance. Trustee Gilbert volunteered to see Mr. Neill and get a written statement from him regarding same.

Trustee Proctor moved that Mr. Gascoigne's salary be increased \$10.00 per month to begin September 1, 1922. 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.

Recorder King reported fines to the amount of \$430.00 for the month of August.

The City Clerk reported building permits to the amount of \$37,750.00 for the month of August.

The Chief of Police reported that there was a dangerous place at night out by the booster pump on account of insufficient light; that three cars had run into the curb.

City Clerk Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 92
RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE EXTENSION OF
THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE LINE
THROUGH TORRANCE TO THE HARBOR DISTRICT

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 92 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk; also that a copy of same be forwarded to the City Council of Los Angeles, and a copy to the Chamber of Commerce of Los Angeles. 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.

At 11:45 P.M. Trustee Proctor moved that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, Sept 12, 1922 at 7:30 P.M. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by a majority vote.

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

APPROVED:

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

Torrance, California,
Sept. 12, 1922.

On account of a tour of inspection of the proposed new fire equipment and apparatus, and the holding of tests on same on this date, which same required the presence of the Trustees, there were no Trustees present at the time to which the meeting of Sept. 5th was adjourned, to-wit: 7:30 P.M. Sept. 12, 1922. Accordingly the said meeting was adjourned by the Clerk sine die.

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

APPROVED:

James M. Fitzhugh
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