

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

Torrance, California,
December 19, 1922.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of
Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California,
December 19, 1922, and was called to order at 7:00 P.M. The
following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone
and Fitzhugh. Absent: None.

The minutes of the meeting of December 12, 1922, were read
and approved as read.

The Clerk read the following communication:

"To the City of Torrance,
Torrance, Cal.

Attention James M. Fitzhugh,
and Board of Trustees.

Gentlemen:

This refers to your Resolution No. 98.

We cannot understand why it was adopted, as we did not
apply for any such permit.

Please be advised that we do not agree to it, accept it,
or admit that it imposes any obligation upon us.

Yours truly,
Signed: DOMINGUEZ LAND CORP.
By M. R. Osburn, President."

Trustee Gilbert moved that the Clerk and the City Attorney
answer this letter courteously, explaining no hardship or im-
position of any kind was intended. Trustee Nash seconded the
motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Hyde, representing a delegation from the vicinity of
his residence, explained to the Board that the contracts they
held with the Dominguez Land Corp. were not being carried out;
that the improvement of the streets, including curbs, was a
condition of their contracts; that nothing was being done to help
the streets, and asked the Board for advise, if the City, itself,
could do nothing in the matter. City Attorney Briney advised
that the City could take no action.

Trustee Gilbert stated that the information regarding Bill
Board advertising was not available as yet, and that no answer
to letters to Redondo and others had been received.

Trustee Nash recommended that a fee of \$2.00 be charged for making a municipal search of the City records. After some discussion the following Resolution was proposed:

RESOLUTION NO. 99

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, authorized to charge a fee of \$2.00 for making a written report as to liens against property in the City of Torrance.

Trustee Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 99 be adopted as read, and the same 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, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Nash moved that the Pool Room Ordinance be amended so as to allow males of 18 years of age to frequent same. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Police Chief stated that he had received complaints against vicious dogs; that rabbit pens had been entered and the occupants killed, and also that the heels of pedestrians had been grabbed by such dogs.

Trustee Proctor moved that the matter be referred to the Police committee. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor reported progress in his department, and asked the City Engineer to report anything necessary under his supervision. Mr. Jessup called the attention of the Board to an error in the Plumbing Ordinance that read \$15.00 for a sewer connection instead of \$12.00 as originally intended. This matter was to be corrected later. The Engineer also mentioned that bids should be asked for for the plumbing and electric wiring of the Fire house and jail. The City Attorney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 100

RESOLVED, That the City Clerk be, and he is hereby, instructed to advertise for bids for plumbing and electric wiring for the City Fire house and jail, said bids to be filed with the City Clerk not later than 7:00 P.M. January 16, 1923, and to be opened, publicly, at 8:00 P.M. on above mentioned date.

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 100 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.

Trustee Proctor read:

RESOLUTION NO. 101

RESOLVED, That J. H. Howard be retained as special counsel to assist the City Attorney in research and litigation respecting the Sewer farm at a fee of \$250.00 payable immediately, and \$50.00 per day in court during litigation concerning the title to said Sewer Farm.

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 101 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. 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.

Trustee Proctor read:

RESOLUTION NO. 102

RESOLVED, That the City Attorney be authorized to protect the interests of the City in the Sewer farm, and to intervene in any action involving the title to said farm, if, in his Judgment, such course is advisable.

Trustee Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 102 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.

It was suggested by the City Attorney that the deed to the 3 lots owned by the City be laid on the table for a week or so, and not send in for recording.

The matter of the easement over the 22 foot strip in the middle of Guadalupe and Carson as offered by the Pacific Electric was referred to the City Attorney on motion by Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote.

Building on gore lots and the numbering of houses was laid on the table until December 26th, at which time recommendations from the City Engineer were to be received. Trustee Proctor made the motion, Trustee Gilbert seconded same, and it was duly carried by a majority vote.

Mr. Sam Rappaport appeared before the Board and requested that the alley behind his proposed new building be graded by the City. This matter was referred to the City Engineer.

Mr. Rappaport also mentioned that some Edison poles were in the way of grading operations. The City Engineer volunteered to make a personal call on the Edison Co. with the view of obtaining immediate action for their removal.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 43

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 41 ENTITLED
"AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PLUMBING, SEWER, GAS
CONNECTIONS AND CESS POOLS IN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE, AND PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF
A PLUMBING INSPECTOR"

Trustee Nash moved that Ordinance No. 43 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 44

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 40 ENTITLED
"AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING
THE OPERATION OF POOL AND BILLIARD HALLS IN THE
CITY OF TORRANCE"

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 44 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Nash read:

RESOLUTION NO. 103

RESOLVED, That all money remaining in the Street Improvement fund be transferred to the General fund.

Trustee Nash moved that Resolution No. 103 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. 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.

Trustee Proctor stated that he had employed Wm. Gascoigne as Street foreman; that Mr. Gascoigne was to devote all his time to the City henceforth, and moved that the Street foreman be paid a salary of \$150.00 per month. 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.

Trustee Stone moved that A. D. Stevenson be employed as patrolman for 10 days at \$4.50 per day. 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.

Trustee Proctor moved that Mr. Gascoigne be allowed \$15.00 per month for the use of his car. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

President Fitzhugh asked if Mr. Werdin had replaced the streets as were, as he had promised? The City Engineer answered that the work would begin next Thursday morning.

The City Clerk stated that he had written the Dominguez Water Co. with reference to fire plugs on the Pueblo tract, but had received no reply to date; also that he had notified the Torrance Water, Light & Power Co. of the approval of the Board as to locations of proposed fire plugs served by them, and was instructed to follow up these matters.

Attorney Briney read:
 ORDINANCE NO. 45

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 23 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT OF SALARY TO BE PAID TO THE MARSHALL, CLERK, TREASURER AND RECORDER OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE"

Trustee Stone moved that Ordinance No. 45 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

President Fitzhugh read a letter for publication, addressed to the public with reference to Carson and Arlington Street paving, and suggested that it be signed by all members of the Board. After some discussion, the letter was referred to the City Engineer for revision, and thereafter would be signed by the President of the Board of Trustees of the City and the City Engineer.

Trustee Gilbert moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Proctor 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.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the meeting adjourn until 7:00 P.M. December 26, 1922. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

Approved:

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