

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

Torrance, California,
March 6, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, March 6, 1923, and was called to order at 7:00 PM. by President Fitzhugh. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, and Fitzhugh. Absent: Proctor and Stone.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of February 27, 1923, were read and approved after slight corrections.

Trustee Proctor came in after the reading of the minutes.

A letter from the Union Tool Co., signed by Wilfred Teal, Sec'y, was read by the Clerk; the same asking for an easement over 213th Street for their three railroad tracks.

On motion by Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, the matter was referred to the City Attorney for a report at the next meeting.

A communication from the Altadena Citizens Association extending a cordial invitation to meet with them to participate in a public fete and dedication of their new highway lighting system on March 10, 1923 at 8:00 P.M., was read by the City Clerk.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the invitation be accepted and that a letter of thanks be forwarded to them for their kindness in remembering the City. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Stone arrived at 7:45 P.M.

A letter from J. J. Luskin was read in which he stated that he had been arrested for peddling without a license, and asked that he be allowed to collect his outstanding accounts.

Trustee Gilbert moved that Mr. Luskin be allowed to collect his accounts, and that the officer see that he does no more peddling without a license. Trustee Proctor seconded the same which was duly carried.

Mr. Gadeky, Secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, appeared in behalf of that honorable body, with the following motion which had been passed by them:

"Motion by W. T. Klusman, seconded by P. G. Briney, that the Sec'y take up with the Hon. Board of Trustees, the question of the possibility of the removal of a temporary jail from the new Fire house."

Mr. Gadeky stated that many complaints had been received by him regarding the location of the jail. Complainants contending that same was in too conspicuous a place; that it was not a good sight for the school children in passing; that immediate neighbors did not like the idea of a jail so close; that the bars were not conducive to the beauty of the town in general, and had a depressing effect on everybody; that, if the City was not financially able to remove the jail, civic organizations might take the matter up and furnish ways and means whereby a more logical location could be obtained.

Dr. Leake objected to the present location on the grounds that it was practically in his back yard; that it would be detrimental to the neighborhood, and that it is not desirable to be spoken of as living near the jail.

Mr. Klusman objected because it would lessen the value of his and other property in the vicinity.

The City Engineer stated that the bars might be concealed from the outside view without interfering with the ventilation, and that trees could be planted around the jail making a great difference in the appearance of the place.

Trustee Gilbert stated that the Board was not trying to cover up anything when this property was bought by the City; that the City Hall was open to the public and they had a right to look over the plans of tentative City buildings, and now that the building is practically completed, it seemed rather late to bring this matter up.

Trustee Stone thought complaints would be more in order after 2 or 3 months use of the jail, if we then find out that it is really objectionable; that the jail will be used so little that nobody will be very deeply injured, and the bars may be concealed, thus tending to mitigate one objectionable feature.

Trustee Nash assured the complainants that the City was in no financial condition to meet the expense of a new building at the present time, and asked that another suggestion from the Chamber of Commerce be received before the building is finished.

Mr. Sam Levy presented a petition requesting an Ordinance be drawn making it a misdemeanor for peddlers to enter upon property if property was posted with signs forbidding peddlers.

The Carson Street hearing of protests against bonds being issued for the payment of street work was opened.

Mr. Beckwith, representing the Carson Street property holders, stated that they had decided not to enter a protest at this time, and desired to withdraw all protests theretofore made.

Trustee Stone moved that all protests be overruled. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 114

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE
ISSUANCE OF BONDS UNDER THE BOND ACT OF 1915
FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF A PORTION OF CARSON
STREET UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 45

Trustee Stone moved that Resolution No. 114 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.

Dr. Lancaster, Health Officer, reported that the building formerly used by Mr. Zuver was again being used as a rooming house against the state law; that tenants were cooking and sleeping in the same room; that the Lessee was confounded to know that he was doing anything contrary to law, and that he stood to lose quite a sum of money if displaced; but that he could see no other way out than to tell the Lessee to quit.

The intended action by the Health Officer meets with the approval of the Board, according to President Fitzhugh.

Mr. Beckwith stated that the paving on Carson Street was being patched, and that if the City Engineer had been out there today he would have seen why the paving was so wavy, as the thickness of the top layer was not uniform.

Dr. Steiner assured the Board that the Engineer was on the job as he saw him out there himself.

The City Engineer stated that he knew the condition of the street and that any places needing attention at present, or that would need attention in the near future, were being attended to; mentioning further that some places near the school house were being patched while the outfit was at hand, and that the dirt taken out of these places was being hauled to the yard for future use; also that the patching of Arlington Avenue would start right away.

The collection for building permits from Industrial concerns and for erecting oil derricks was referred to the Ordinance committee on motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote.

Trustee Nash read the budget for the next eleven months.

The City Engineer was asked to take up the matter of improving the ball grounds at the school house with Mr. Mowry--reporting cost, etc.

The City reported building permits of \$123,370.00 for the month of February and \$9400.00 for February last year.

The Recorder reported fines to the amount of \$515.00 for the month of February.

The Ford confiscation matter was not definitely decided.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 115

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO GRANT THE FRANCHISE APPLIED FOR BY THE SANTA FE RAILWAY CO. AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR SAME

Trustee Gilbert moved that Resolution No. 115 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 48

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE TRAFFIC UPON AND THE PARKING OF VEHICLES UPON THE STREETS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Stone moved that Ordinance No. 48 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 49

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING SIGNS AND BULLETIN BOARDS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 49 be laid on the table until the next meeting. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Stone moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. 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.

At 11:15 P.M. on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Approved:

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