

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

Torrance, California,  
March 20, 1923.

a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, March 20th, 1923, and was called to order by President Fitzhugh at 7:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Proctor and Fitzhugh. Absent: Nash and Stone.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 1923, were read and approved as read.

A written request from W. R. Lee to cut the curb for a driveway to his garage on the 220th Street side, was granted on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and a majority vote.

The City Clerk read a communication from the Pacific Electric Ry. regarding automatic flagmen at Double and Cabrillo, also at Carson and Cabrillo, the Ry Co. contending that heavy traffic in each case paralleled the tracks; that standard Railroad and Auto Club signs protected the public, and that they would not recommend an automatic flagman at these crossings, under the circumstances.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Pacific Electric Co. be requested or required to install automatic flagman at Carson and Cabrillo. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Nash came in at 7:15 P.M.

The Chauslor-Canfield Midway Oil Co. submitted plats of an extension of their Oil and Water lines through Tracts 2675 and 2761, asking permission to cross certain streets as designated in red on the said maps.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the above request be granted with the proviso that pipes be driven under Carson Street. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The request of Estalla Z. Boggs to move a real estate office to a location on Lot 9, Block 24, was referred to Mr. Jessup to be taken up later in the evening.

At 7:30 business was suspended in order to give the Chautauqua Guarantors the use of the Council Chambers for a time.

The meeting was again called to order at 8:25 P.M., Trustee Stone taking his customary place with the Board.

Mr. J. Isenstein appeared before the Board requesting that he be permitted to move a California house through a portion of the City, onto his property in the Mexican settlement.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Building Inspector be given jurisdiction over such matters, requiring that the right size wheels, etc. be used and that street displacements, if any, be make good by the applicant. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Fire Chief Hannebrink apprised the Board of the necessity of purchasing a shut off nozzle, double male and female connections, etc, estimating that it would cost about \$100.00 to equip the Fire engine in good shape.

Trustee Nash moved that the Chief be authorized to make a requisition for the necessary appurtenances in his department. 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.

The matter of paving in different portions of the City was discussed, but, as no petitions had been received by the Board, no definite action was taken.

Trustee Mash reported that the tax collections for the month of February amounted to \$1516.35.

City Engineer mentioned the matter of paving around the Fire house, including the approach to same, estimating that some 3000 feet would be necessary and the cost about \$1000.00. The Engineer was asked to estimate the amount of crushed rock needed and to report same later in the meeting.

Trustee Stone moved that the City Engineer be instructed to go ahead with the proposition of paving around the Fire house. Trustee Mash seconded the motion. No vote was taken.

The City Engineer also reported that he had looked over the lay of the land on the school grounds for a base ball diamond and athletic field, finding that a very fine opportunity was at hand to make a good field with the minimum of expense, as no great amount of grading was necessary; that a back stop was the only thing immediately required besides the grading; that an appropriation of \$200.00 should be available at once.

Trustee Proctor moved that \$200.00 be appropriated from the Education and Recreation budget allowance to be applied on ball grounds and athletic field. Trustee Mash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The rehabilitation of the park in El Prado was mentioned by Trustee Proctor who asked the amount budgeted to his Dept. for this purpose, and also for any suggestions that might be helpful. Trustee Mash stated that \$1000.00 had been allocated to the Street, Sewer and Park department for this purpose.

Trustee Stone moved that \$1000.00 be allowed the Park committee for the present year to start improving said park, and that plans be submitted by the Park committee to the Board for its recommendations. Trustee Gilbert seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

As to Constitutional Amendments looking to more severe penalties for the law-breakers, the City Attorney recommended the approval of the Board to all except No. 2, stating that he was not in sympathy with affording the lesser Judges the right to comment on the truthfulness, or otherwise, of evidence submitted.

Trustee Proctor moved that a Resolution be drawn up following the recommendations of the City Attorney and forwarded to our representative in the Legislature. Trustee Mash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The City Attorney reported that the demurer against the intervention of the City in the suit pending over the Sewer farm had been sustained by the court, and that an appeal from this order would have to be filed within ten days from date of receipt of such advice. The court doubted whether the City's complaint stated a cause of action.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 116

RESOLVED, That the names of the streets shown on Map of Tract No. 6223, be, and the same are hereby, adopted as the official names of the streets within the limits of said Tract.

Trustee Mash moved that Resolution No. 116 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, Mash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh.  
NOES; Trustees: None. ABSENT; Trustees: None.

In the matter of cleaning vacant lots, it was decided that the City would do it themselves and stand the expense rather than to charge small amounts against the property, as the elimination of this fire menace was thought to be well worth the cost.

Street lights at Arlington and 14th, 218th and Gramercy and 218th and Cabrillo were reported as not working. In the case of the latter, the Clerk was instructed to find out if it was supposed to burn before reporting it.

City Attorney Briney reported that he had talked with Mr. Teal concerning a franchise to cross 213th Street by railroad tracks owned by the Union Tool Co; that he had intimated the mode of procedure and given all the information possible.

The Winter's building not complying with the City Ordinance was discussed. The City Engineer stated that he could not see where the City had any jurisdiction as the building was back from the property lines a sufficient distance. Dr. Steiner stated that the matter was covered under the Declaration, but that some one would have to bring it before the Dominguez Land Co President Fitzhugh said he would take this matter upon himself as a private citizen.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 48  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE REGULATING  
THE TRAFFIC UPON AND THE PARKING OF VEHICLES  
UPON THE STREETS WITH THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 48 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.

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 approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Gilbert introduced Ordinance No. 50.

Trustee Stone introduced Ordinance No. 51.

In the matter of Estella Z. Boogs, hereinbefore mentioned, Trustee Gilbert moved that the lady be notified that the permit could not be granted. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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.

At 11:00 P.M. on motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday March 27, 1923 at 7:00 P.M.

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

Approved:

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