

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

Torrance, California,
April 3, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, April 3, 1923, and was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Fitzhugh. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh. Absent: Nash.

The minutes of an adjourned, regular meeting of March 27, 1923, were read and approved as read.

The J. F. Stephens request to operate a popcorn, peanut and paper stand on the street was again read by the City Clerk, which request was granted on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Gilbert, and a majority vote. The nominal fee of \$3.00 per quarter to apply.

Trustee Nash arrived at 8:10 P.M.

The Union Tool Co. made application for a franchise to use a portion of 213th Street, just north of their plant, for railroad trackage, attaching blue prints specifying their exact needs for the future, and asking the right to use the tracks already laid; also that they be billed for the usual charges.

Trustee Stone moved that the necessary steps be taken looking toward the granting of the above mentioned franchise for railroad purposes; that it is proposed to issue said franchise to the bidder offering to pay to the City the largest stated sum for same which will run for a period of 21 years, and that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for said franchise--bids to be opened May 1, 1923. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Ernest E. McMaster application for a building permit was referred to the City Clerk for action on motion by Trustee Gilbert, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote.

Two petitions for street improvements were read by Clerk Bartlett as follows:

To the Honorable Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance:
Gentlemen:

"The following undersigned property holders respectfully petition you to begin street proceedings to pave, with four inch asphaltum, macadam pavement, the roadway of Manuel Avenue from Carson Street to 218th Street, 218th Street from Manuel Avenue to Martina Avenue and Martina Avenue from Carson to 220th Street".

16 property holders signed the above.

To the Honorable Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance:
Gentlemen:

"We, the undersigned property owners in the district lying between the western line of Cota Street and the western line of the alley to the west of Amapola Street and extending from the northern line of Carson Street to the southern line of Dominguez Street, respectfully petition you to begin street improvement proceedings for the improvement of the roadways in said district, where not already improved, by grading the same and paving with asphaltic, macadam pavement".

34 property owners signed the above.

Trustee Gilbert moved that the above petitions be accepted and that the City Engineer and the City Attorney commence whatever proceedings are necessary to the fulfillment thereof. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Harry Dolley asked permission to remove certain trees from in front of his place on Sartori Avenue, being upheld by two other gentlemen also interested in contiguous property.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Wash, and a majority vote, the matter was referred to the proper committee for action.

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Mr. Howard, who had just become owner of the Union Club pool hall, requested permission of the Board to operate the same. Mr. Howard was duly impressed by different members of the Board that the pool hall must be operated in a lawful manner--excluding certain infringements delineated by them. Upon the statement by Mr. Howard that he intended to conduct the pool hall in an orderly and lawful manner, Trustee Stone moved that the request be granted and a permit issued. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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The new business license Ordinance was mentioned by Mr. Roberts as being detrimental to his business and all business in his line, as it would compel them to double their linen supply or deliberately take their laundry out of the City limits themselves; that he understood the Ordinance would not be upheld in court.

President Fitzhugh stated that the Board was very willing to change anything that was not right nor for the best interests of the City, and suggested that Mr. Roberts procure citations in the matter and confer with the City Attorney.

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Trustee Stone reported progress in re installing fire plugs after being assured by the City Engineer that same had been placed in Vista Highlands and that they were working on Amapola today.

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The budget was reported by Trustee Wash to be working fairly well so far; that there was an item or two that might need remodeling, but, generally speaking, it was satisfactory except for clerical omissions which were promised to be rectified.

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Trustee Proctor reported that the Sewer farm was not in good working condition at the present time as the Septic tank was in process of cleaning and the sludge was being run out on the farm, which might cause a certain amount of stench momentarily.

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City Engineer Jessup reported progress in the trimming of trees, repairing of streets and weeding and grading of the ball grounds; that work on the Fire house was progressing, but not as fast as might be; that a few leaks had appeared during the last rain which would be attended to in due course of time; that the lighting report from the Edison Co. had not been received in full, but that a tentative estimate was that it would cost about \$1.00 a front foot for single standards, 150 feet apart--inside the tree rows.

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Attorney Briney stated that he had written the Santa Fe Ry Co. regarding the franchise asked for by them, asking if they wished us to republish notice for bids.

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The matter of the lunch wagon in front of the Union Tool Co. was left as is for the time being.

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The hearing, protesting against the issuance of bonds for work done on Arlington Avenue, was postponed until May 1, 1923.

City Clerk Bartlett read the following report:

FIREHOUSE CONSTRUCTION STATEMENT NO. 3

"The Hon. Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance. Gentlemen:

I beg to report regarding the work done on the Firehouse by the Brewer Construction Co. is as follows:

Material and Labor furnished to date	\$5000.00
Less 15%	<u>750.00</u>
	4250.00
Less Statement No. 2	<u>2975.00</u>
Balance payable	\$1275.00

Respectfully submitted,
Signed: J. J. Jessup,
City Engineer".

Trustee Stone moved that a warrant for \$1275.00 be drawn in favor of the Brewer Construction Co. in payment of monthly estimate as above. Trustee Gilbert 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 City Recorder's report for fines collected for the month of March amounted to \$950.00. Being asked for data by President Fitzhugh, it appeared that all arrests on Carson Street were for offenders making over 42 miles an hour, and on Arlington Avenue, over 35 miles per hour.

Building permits for the Month of March were \$126,485.00.

Trustee Proctor stated that he had seen no City Limit signs as yet. Trustee Stone answered that Chief Anderson would be going to the City presently and would attend to this matter.

Mr. Gadaky informed the Board that the Chamber of Commerce was making a drive for \$7200.00 for the erection and sustenance of three electric signs to be placed at the three main entrances to the City.

The City Attorney read a contract which he had prepared between G. M. King and the City of Torrance in re the disposal of garbage, said contract being approved, by non-opposition, after a correction suggested by Trustee Stone.

Trustee Nash moved that a dozen chairs be purchased for use in the Council Chambers, the City Clerk attending to the matter. 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.

Chief Anderson was referred to the Ordinance covering same on his complaint concerning trucks standing in the street for an undue length of time.

Attorney Briney read:
ORDINANCE NO. 51

ESTABLISHING DISTRICTS OR ZONES AND REGULATING THEREIN THE USE OF PROPERTY, HEIGHT OF BUILDINGS AND REQUIRING OPEN SPACES FOR LIGHT AND VENTILATION OF SUCH BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Gilbert moved that Ordinance No. 51 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor advocated the selection of an assistant to the City Engineer, the Building Inspector, the Plumbing Inspector, etc., as Mr. Jessup was occasionally absent from the City for a few days each month; and moved that the City Engineer be empowered to select his assistant. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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In the matter of going on record against the drilling for oil this side of the tree row, it was deemed unnecessary as the Zoning Ordinance would cover same after the Declaration had become obsolete.

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Trustee Stone 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.

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At 11:00 P.M. on motion by Trustee Stone, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Approved:

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