

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

Torrance, California,
April 17, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, April 17, 1923, and was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Fitzhugh. The following Trustees were present: Gilbert, Nash, Proctor, Stone and Fitzhugh. Absent: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 3, 1923, were read and approved as read.

President Fitzhugh reminded the Board that he had been Chairman of same for a year and that it was now time to elect another Chairman. Trustee Stone moved that Trustee Gilbert act as Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Upon the insistence of the retiring President, President Gilbert assumed the Chair at the head of the table, mentioning his desire and faith for and in the co-operation of the Board for the good of the City for the ensuing year as many vital questions would, no doubt, appear.

The retiring President Fitzhugh thanked the Board for the consideration accorded him, emphasizing the co-operation and amity obtaining so persistently during his regimen. He then presented President Gilbert with a brand-new, beribboned gavel which same he was very sure would be used with forethought and wisdom--retaining the old gavel for the edification and ambition quickening propensities contained therein for his grandchildren, also as a personal memento of a very pleasurable comradery with the present Board.

A letter from Jos. F. Stephens was read by the Clerk thanking the Board for their allowance of his projected popcorn and peanut stand.

A communication from Henry E. Carter, Assemblyman, from the 71st district, relative to supporting bills now pending before the Legislature, proposed by the Crime Commission, was read by Clerk Bartlett, same was ordered filed on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Proctor, and a majority vote.

A request from Alfred W. Kitto to cut the curb for a driveway at 824 Cota Street was granted on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Stone, and a majority vote, with the proviso, however, that no trees be removed.

The Board thought that it was unnecessary to bring such requests before them as same might be very cared for by the Clerk, personally.

A Resolution passed by the Torrance Woman's Club was read, the same protesting against the destruction of trees and shrubs in the El Prado Park.

Trustee Proctor moved the communication be accepted and placed on file. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

In the matter of the complaint by Mr. Vonderahe against the unsanitary condition back of the Restaurant in the Steffen Block, it was deemed advisable for the Clerk to send a communication asking that the present condition be remedied and citing the City Ordinance on these points, Trustee Proctor making the motion, being seconded by Trustee Nash, with a majority vote following. Also that the Cafe and Mr. Reeve be sent a like communication.

Mr. Vonderahe requested that he be allowed to run a drain pipe from the drinking fountain to the curb to eliminate the muddy condition caused by non-drainage. Mr. Jessup thought this was a duty of the City and stated the matter would be attended to as such, also intimating that he had in mind the place in the street near Carson and Cabrillo and that steps would be taken as soon as may be to remedy the matter so that water will not stand in the pool.

A discussion of the Zoning Ordinance was injected into the meeting but it seemed to be the sense of the Board that protests against same should be filed in a more regular manner.

The obstruction of the sidewalks during building operations was mentioned, President Gilbert asking the Chief of Police to see that same were kept clear so as not to be dangerous to passers-by.

A petition, signed by 17 property owners, read as follows:
 "The Honorable Board of Trustees
 of the City of Torrance:
 Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned property owners in the district bounded on the north by the southern line of Carson Street, on the south by the northern line of 222nd Street, on the east by the center line of Cabrillo Street and on the west by the eastern line of Arlington Avenue, respectfully petition you to begin street improvement proceedings for the improvement of the roadways in said district by surfacing the same with rock, asphalt and rock screenings."

Trustee Proctor moved that proceedings be initiated looking toward the fulfillment of the above request. 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.

Upon a question by Trustee Stone, the Police Chief stated that the City Limit signs would be sent as soon as the Auto Club could get them.

Trustee Nash reported that the City Clerk had asked for clerical help in his department, but that the City's funds would not stand much more stretching and that he was not familiar enough with the situation to be able to place recommendations.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the matter be referred to the proper committee for report at the next meeting. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Chautauqua committee asked, through Trustee Fitzhugh, for permission to string banners, etc. along and across the streets of the City as a means of advertising the forthcoming Chautauqua feast. Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Chautauqua Director be given the desired permission. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor stated that he had a very gratifying report to make, which was that the Septic tank was clean from top to bottom--the first time since his tenure of office; that, with due amount of attention, it was unnecessary for the tank to be in such a bad condition again.

Mr. Jessup remarked that Mr. Gascoigne and his men should be extended a vote of thanks for the manly, loyal and persistent attitude which was maintained by them throughout the duration of this very undesirable job; that the least that could be done was to give them honorable mention.

The City Engineer also stated that the ball grounds had been finished as far as leveling was concerned; that the only thing yet to be done was to build the backstop which could be done within the \$200.00 appropriation allowed. Also that no definite report on the tentative lighting system had been received, but it would cost about \$40,000.00 to install a passable system, depending on what kind of ornamental standards, etc, were decided upon.

The City Engineer asked the Board to confirm his appointment of A. H. Bartlett as his assistant for the inspection of buildings, sewer connections, plumbing and wiring.

In the matter of using 6 inch tile in the Fire District No. 1, the Engineer stated that Class C buildings, according to the Ordinance, were supposed to be built of brick, stone or concrete, and that the use of tile was an infringement of the rules and rather a dangerous precedent.

An estimate of the cost of a sprinkling system for the El Prado park was given as from \$600.00 to \$800.00; that a Plumbers estimate was from \$1200. to \$1500.00 for a suitable layout. It was suggested that the park might be beautified to a certain extent before the installation of the sprinkling system--space for same being reserved in the plans. Trustee Proctor promised a further report at the next Board meeting.

Plastering of the City Fire house and Jail will be completed this week, after which the Engineer would start the grading necessary before the paving around said building.

The Police Chief reported that the Business and dog licenses had been collected to a gratifying extent, except in the Mexican village and in Vista Highlands.

Clerk Bartlett reported for City Attorney Briney that bids should be advertised for for the Union Tool Co's. and the Santa Fe Railroad Co's. applications for franchises.

On motion duly made and carried, the City Clerk was authorized to advertise for bids for said franchises.

The Clerk was instructed to write for information concerning the delivery of the Jail cells and the Siren.

Fire Chief Hannebrink reported the receipt of two nozzles which had been presented to him by Mr. Baird.

The City Clerk 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

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Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 51 be adopted as read for its final reading, and the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Fitzhugh 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 the appointment of A. H. Bartlett as Assistant to the Building Inspector, Plumbing Inspector and Electric Inspector by Engineer Jessup be confirmed by this Board. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The City Clerk read:

ORDINANCE NO. 52

ESTABLISHING STREET GRADES ON 218TH STREET BETWEEN CABRILLO AVENUE AND MANUEL AVENUE, ON 220TH STREET, 222D STREET AND PLAZA DEL AMO, BETWEEN MARTINA AVENUE AND CABRILLO AVENUE, ON CABRILLA AVENUE, ANDREO AVENUE, AND GRAMERCY AVENUE, BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND PLAZA DEL AMO, ON MARTINA AVENUE, BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND 222D STREET, ON MANUEL AVENUE BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND 218TH STREET, ON MADRID AVENUE, AMAPOLA AVENUE AND COTA AVENUE, BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND DOMINGUEZ AVENUE, AND ON DOMINGUEZ STREET, 208TH STREET, 210TH STREET, REDONDO BOULEVARD, 214TH STREET AND 216TH STREET, BETWEEN COTA AVENUE AND MADRID AVENUE, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Trustee Nash moved that Ordinance No. 52 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor introduced ORDINANCE NO. 53.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 54

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSTRUCTION, ALTERATION, REPAIRING AND REMOVING OF BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE SAME, AND FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE, AND ALSO PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A BUILDING INSPECTOR"

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 54 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Nash moved that special permits be issued for the two additions to the State Exchange building whereby 6 inch tile could be used in their construction. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO 55

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE AMOUNT AND PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF VARIOUS BUSINESS LICENSES AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 5 'AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATING THE CARRYING ON OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONS, TRADES, CALLINGS AND OCCUPATIONS CARRIED ON WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE"

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 55 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Stone seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Fitzhugh produced a map of Tract No. 5944, being the territory surrounding the Septic tank, on which were delineated two lots Nos. 14 and 15 which the Dominguez Land Co. offered to the City at the rate of \$1000.00 per acre. Said two lots comprised .6253 of an acre. The Trustee Stated that lot 13 on which the Septic tank proper was located would be included in the deed, if desired.

Trustee Stone moved that the City purchase Lots 14, and 15 of Tract No. 5944, and that the warrant be dated January 1, 1924. 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.

The matter of certain streets not being dedicated -brought up by Mr. Gadeky- was referred to the City Engineer for investigation on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote.

The Police Chief asked that different arrangements be made for a machine for the use of the Police Department as he did not want to use his personal car for this purpose any longer. This was referred to the Police committee for report at the next meeting.

President Gilbert asked Trustee Fitzhugh to take over the duties formerly assigned to himself, such as Chairman of the Ordinance committee, etc.

Trustee Stone moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Fitzhugh 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 11:30 Trustee Proctor moved to adjourn.

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

Approved:

W. H. Gilbert
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.