

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,
June 12, 1923.

An adjourned, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, June 12, 1923, and was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by President Gilbert. The following Trustees were present: Fitzhugh, Nash, Proctor and Gilbert. Absent: Stone.

The regular order of business was dispensed with as the meeting was for the special purpose of hearing paving propoganda, and finding out just what the property owners in the different districts wanted in the way and class of paving.

The City Clerk re-read two petitions, one bounded by Carson, Arlington, Cabrillo and 222d asking for resurfacing; and the other bounded by 222d, Arlington, Cabrillo and Plaza del Amo asking for a good paving--not crushed rock and dil.

Mr. Zhradnick then filed a petition with the Board protesting against the paving of 220th Street as follows:

"Whereas certain citizens of Torrance have asked your honorable body to pave Gramercy and Andreo Streets and in connection therewith the cross streets, to-wit: 218th and 220th Streets; and

Whereas, 220th Street is paved and has a fairly good and smooth surface between Marcelina and Cabrillo,

Therefore, we, the undersigned, being property owners on or along said 220th Street, do earnestly protest against the paving of said 220th Street between the intersection of said 220th Street with Cabrillo and Marcelina".

Above petition was signed by 31 residents.

Trustee Proctor moved that the above petition be received and placed on file. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mrs. Price presented a petition, signed by 29 property owners and specifying National paving, stating that she had the signatures of all but two of the property owners in that district living in Torrance and that they wished the petition to be accepted and the City Engineer instructed to prepare plans accordingly.

A telegram from B. M. Hart, City Engineer of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was read by President Gilbert. The same was regarding National pavement.

A general discussion of the National paving and of the Company ensued. Mr. West, their representative, maintaining that it was the best pavement in the world and they would stand back of it to the last ditch with any kind of guarantees that could be legally given; that he had not a word to say against other paving--being too busy boosting his own; that he was ready to answer any and all questions and that he would trace back any slams against the paving and give a true account of the conditions under which said paving was done.

Dr. Steiner asked regarding the giving of a guarantee--if it was illegal? Mr. West answered that under the California law it was not permissible to enter into a guarantee with the contractor, but that there was no law preventing the patentee from giving a guarantee.

The Engineer for the National Paving Co. stated that he had just returned from a tour of inspection of all the work that had been done by this company; that while he was somewhat suspicious of their claims at first, he had been sold on the proposition after going very carefully over all their work; that most of the large concerns had been built up over bitter failures as the experience gained thereby was an asset in the end and not a derogatory precedent by which to judge present standards; that the company had three plants on the road coming to the west and that they would be ready to furnish their paving material very soon.

Mr. West gave the names of C. H. Windham and A. L. Ferber of Belmont & Shores, both of Long Beach, as references.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the City Attorney, the City Engineer and the Board investigate the merits of the National Paving. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The heretofore paved portions of Gramercy, Andreo and Cabrillo were discussed as to what was really needed on those streets, as the petition already filed called for resurfacing only. It was maintained by Mr. Moon that those streets needed more than a surfacing job as there were certain places, at least, where the foundation was badly broken, and there was no use in putting money into a temporary proposition.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the City Engineer bring in specific recommendations as to what was needed on the above mentioned streets. There was no second to this motion,

The City Engineer was instructed to take up the matter of some kind of a muffler for making the exhaust of oil wellengines less offensive.

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

At 10:00 P.M. on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Approved:

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