

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

Torrance, California,  
June 27, 1923. 1

An adjourned, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, June 27, 1923, at 8:00 P.M., and was called to order by President Gilbert. The following Trustees were present: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert. Absent: Fitzhugh and Stone.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 19, 1923, were read and approved as read.

The following petition, signed by Amapola District residents, was read:

"We, the undersigned residents and property owners on Amapola Street of this City, hereby request that your Honorable Board of Trustees do grant us an extension of time, that is, from this date, June 26, 1923 until July 3, 1923, for the purpose of discussing further the street work to be done in our district."

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, the request was granted.

The Petroleum Midway Co. Ltd. submitted a bid for a certain franchise as follows:

"Los Angeles, Cal. June 4, 1923.  
City Council, City of Torrance,  
Torrance, Cal.  
Gentlemen:

The Petroleum Midway Co. Ltd. do hereby offer this bid of \$100.00 for the franchise as offered for sale by your Honorable Body. Said bids to be submitted not later than June 5th.

This franchise is for the maintaining and operating a system of pipe lines and telephone poles along the said streets as stated in the franchise.

Enclosed you will find check, certified, for the amount of \$700.00, to be applied as follows:

\$100.00 for bid.

\$100.00 to cover costs of advertising, etc.

\$500.00 a bond to be held until the completion of work.

Yours very truly,

Signed: Petroleum Midway Co. Ltd.

By S. C. Bryant"

Trustee Proctor moved that the bid be accepted and the franchise granted to the above named company. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Stone.

A letter from J. Isenstein, complementing the City on the efficiency of its Fire Dept. was read. Same was accepted and ordered placed on file on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote.

As it appeared that no fire plugs were accessible in this Mexican Village district:

Trustee Proctor moved that the Clerk write a letter to the Torrance Water, Light & Power Co., appealing to Mr. Osburn, personally, that immediate steps be taken to install two fire plugs, one at each end of the street in the Mexican Village; also making it plain that if something were not done within a reasonable time, the matter would be taken up before the Railroad Commission. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Clerk Bartlett read:  
 "Hon. Board of Trustees, City of Torrance,  
 Gentlemen:

The Business Men's Association of Torrance, at their monthly meeting held June 7, 1923, passed a motion unanimously 'to support your Honorable Body in any action taken to have Western Avenue paved."

Signed: Harry F. Gadeky, Sec'y  
 Bus. Men's Asso'n of Torrance."

Trustee Nash moved that the communication be accepted, acknowledged with thanks and placed on file. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A letter from Dr. Lancaster, Health Officer, also a letter from the Department of Health of Los Angeles County, was read. The latter explained the necessity of operating its own laboratory, the expense of which was to be shared by the different cities. The former recommending that such support be accorded, as the Laboratory was a very essential adjunct of the Health Dept.

The communications were referred back to the Health Officer for more explicit dope as to the cost, ect.

Some of the property owners on Amapola Avenue wanted a definite cost price per foot for rock and oil paving. The City Engineer stated that it was impossible to give a definite price without calling for bids in the legal manner; that such bids would, doubtless, vary from 1 to 5 cents per foot; that the bids depended a good deal on how badly the contractors were in need of work; that the only way to get a definite price was to let the proceedings go ahead legally up to receiving the bids, after which any or all bids might be rejected at the option of the Board. As no definite understanding had been arrived at with the P. E. Co. nor even among the property owners themselves, and as the matter had already been postponed until next Tuesday night, no further action was taken.

Mr. Sam Rappaport requested permission to hold a street dance in front of his new store on Friday night; that the Selig store would also be open for inspection, and that a little gift would be handed to each one; that he had expended quite an amount in advertising and consequently expected a large attendance.

Trustee Proctor moved that the request be granted. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Police Chief was instructed to help Mr. Rappaport with the roping off of a portion of the street.

Attorney Briney stated that at the last meeting of the Chamber of Commerce a committee had been appointed to go over Western Avenue with the City Engineer and bring in recommendations as to what program is needed; as to whether a bond issue should be put before the people or a special assessment or a combination of both; as to width and thickness of pavement, the Chamber would make no recommendations as the committee had been appointed only as a ways and means proposition.

After a discussion of the water service in the Amapola district, part being taken by the residents thereof, Trustee Proctor moved that the City Engineer take the matter up with Mr. Osburn, personally, also that the Clerk write a letter to Mr. Osburn setting forth the facts in the case and recommending a six inch main in the alleys instead of a two inch main along the side of the street. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Nash reported that he had requested the Auditor to come and make a report of last year's operations, after which he would be in a better position to report on the probable deficit; that it would cost in the neighborhood of

\$50.00, and that he would like the Board's consent to his action. Approval was given on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Stone.

Attorney Briney reported that he would have the Union Tool and the Oil Co. franchises ready for the next meeting.

The Attorney dictated:

RESOLUTION NO. 123

RESOLVED, That Resolution No. 122, heretofore passed by this Board, be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 123 be adopted and a copy of 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: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Stone.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 124

PLAZA DEL AMO AND 222D DISTRICT  
REPLACING

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 122

Trustee Nash moved that Resolution of Intention No. 124 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Stone.

Fire Chief Hannebrink reported that the Los Angeles District Telegraph Co. had spoken to him about putting in an alarm signal in the Fire house on condition they could get the different Manufacturing concerns interested, at no cost to the City. The Chief gave no specific reasons for same, so the matter was tabled.

The Police Chief was instructed to notify owners of lunch wagons that they would not be allowed to operate after July 1st; he was reminded also that he had been given permission to have a locker made for the City Jail by some carpenter here in town; and as to a desk, was advised to keep watch for a second-hand desk that would be usable and less expensive.

In the matter of target practice for the police force, Trustee Proctor moved that a box of cartridges a month be allowed each man. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Stone.

Chiefs Hannebrink and Anderson were instructed to take all necessary precautions for the elimination of fire hazards and accidents during the 4th of July.

Trustee Proctor 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: Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Stone.

At 9:15 P.M. Trustee Nash moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by a majority vote.

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

Approved:

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