

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

Torrance, California,
July 17, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, July 17, 1923, and was called to order at 8: P.M. by president Gilbert. The following Trustees were present: Fitzhugh, Nash, Proctor and Gilbert. Absent: Stone.

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

The following communication was read:
"WHEREAS it has become necessary to pave Western Avenue as a main entrance to Torrance from the City of Los Angeles, and
WHEREAS Western Avenue skirts along the side of the Shoe String Strip and therefore the bulk of the cost would consequently fall on the property owners in Torrance,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of City Trustees be requested to call a special City election on a Bond Issue to cover the cost of 20 feet of same from the Northern City limits of Torrance to El Prado Street and 13 feet wide on El Prado from Western to Border Streets and that the Boulevard be continuous 26 feet wide and the balance to be covered by an assessment district on the abutting property."

Signed: TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
By Harry F. Gadeky, Sec'y."

On motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Proctor, and a majority vote, the matter was tabled until later in the evening.

Clerk Bartlett read the following communication:
"Board of Trustees, Torrance, Cal.
Gentlemen:

On behalf of my mother and of all the family, I wish to

extend our grateful appreciation for the beautiful expression of your sympathy sent us in our time of sorrow.

Sincerely,
Signed: Wallace Post"

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

A letter from the First National Bank of Torrance was read requesting permission to erect a clock on their building.

Trustee Proctor moved that the above request be granted subject to the approval of the City Engineer as to emplacement. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A letter from the Boulder Dam Association requesting that this municipality become a member thereof was referred to the Street, Sewer & Park committee for investigation and report at the next meeting on motion by Trustee Nash, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote.

A communication from the Petroleum Midway Co. Ltd., accepting the franchise from this City, granted June 5th 23 was ordered filed.

The City Clerk read an application for franchise from the General Pipe Line Co. dated July 12, 1923.

Trustee Nash moved, as this Board intends to grant such a franchise, that the City Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for same--bids to be publicly opened at 8:15 P.M. August 21, 1923; also that said work be done as specified by the City Engineer. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A request from the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Co. read as follows:

"To the Honorable Board of Trustees, Torrance, Cal.
Gentlemen:

The undersigned respectfully requests permission to install a 6" Oil Line across certain streets in Tracts Nos. 1952 and 2675, as shown in red on the attached Exhibits.

Yours truly,
Signed: Chanslor-Canfield M.O. Co.
By R. N. McMaster, Engineer."

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

Clerk Bartlett read:

"Board of Trustees, City Hall, Torrance, Calif.

Dear Sirs: Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Confirming telephone conversation of this date, between Mr. Jessup and our right-of-way Department, in which verbal permission was given to place two poles and one anchor on the north side of Carson Street between Ivy and Hickory Streets, as per sketch attached:

Please confirm by letter the verbal permission above referred to.

Yours truly,
Signed: I. F. Dix, Div. Supt. of Plant"

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the verbal permission, as above, be confirmed. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A letter was recieved from the Railroad Commission notifying the City that a hearing would be held in the matter of the application of the Santa Fe and Los Angeles Harbor Railway Co. to construct its line of railroad over and across the streets, alleys, roads and lines of electric railway between El Segundo and Wilmington, giving date of such hearing as August 13, 1923, at 10:30 A. M. in the Pacific Finance Building, Los Angeles,

Trustee Proctor moved that the City Attorney be present at the above mentioned meeting. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The written request of Evangelist Root to erect a tent to be used for religious services on a certain corner in the City was referred to the Ordinance committee for investigation.

A letter from the Regional Planning Commission inviting the Torrance Chamber of Commerce to meet with them in Lawndale next Thursday night was read before the Board.

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Nash, and a majority vote, the City Officers were requested to attend en masse.

Mr. Brooks appeared before the Board asking that he be permitted to use a building at 1824 Cabrillo Ave. as a mill and cabinet shop - putting in the necessary machinery, etc.

As the City Engineer recommended the allowance of the above request, Trustee Proctor moved that a permit be granted. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the hearing in re Arlington Ave. Bonds be continued until the first regular meeting in August. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:
ORDINANCE NO. 61

ESTABLISHING STREET GRADES ON WATSON
STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CAL.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 61 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:
RESOLUTION NO. 128

RESOLVED that Resolution No. 127 be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 128 be adopted as read, and the same 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: Fitzhugh, Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Stone.

Attorney Briney read:
RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 129

A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO IMPROVE AMAPOLA
AVENUE AND INTERSECTING STREETS BETWEEN
MADRID AVENUE AND COTA AVENUE
(REPLACING NO. 127)

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 129 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: Fitzhugh, Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Stone.

Attorney Briney dictated:
RESOLUTION NO. 130

RESOLVED that Redolution of Intention No. 124 be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

Trustee Nash moved that Resolution No. 130 be adopted as dictated, and same 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: Fitzhugh, Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Stone.

Attorney Briney read:
RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 131
A RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO PAVE THE PLAZA DEL
AMO-222D. STREET DISTRICT (REPLACING RESOLUTION OF
INTENTION NO. 124)

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Resolution of Intention No. 131 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: Fitzhugh, Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Stone.

In the matter of paving Western Avenue and El Prado east of Border, after full discussion, Trustee Nash moved that the City Engineer be instructed to prepare estimates for said paving under general municipal bonds, said paving to be 20 feet in width on Western Avenue and 13 feet in width on north and south roadways of El Prado, including the grading between curb lines of said streets, with the understanding that an additional six feet in width on Western Avenue and the remainder of the roadway between gutters on El Prado be paved by assessing abutting property therefor. 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.

Trustee Proctor moved that the City Engineer, a committee from the Board of Trustees and a committee from the Chamber of Commerce make plans to interview the County Supervisors and ask for aid in the Western Avenue paving project. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Steadman asked concerning the status of the water question. The City Engineer stated that he had been unable to get anything done in the matter so far as the Water Co. was broke and had no money for extensions, but that he was still trying to work out some method of relief.

Trustee Nash reported that \$1203.00 had been collected on Business licenses since the first of July, also that for the remainder of the year a program of strict economy was absolutely necessary on account of the condition of the general fund.

Trustee Proctor reported that he disliked to raise the question, after hearing the foregoing report of Trustee Nash, but that he thought it was no more than right to allow Mr. Gascoigne an extra \$5.00 per month for the use of his machine, as he used it a good deal in taking workmen to different parts of the City besides the regular work of overlooking the street work in all sections, and moved that Mr. Gascoigne be allowed \$5.00 per month raise, making the amount to be paid \$20.00 per month, taking effect July 16, 1923. Trustee Nash 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.

The City Engineer reported progress on the work in El Prad park and on the several streets--mentioning the fact that another water wagon was needed very much, and also that 56 tons of hay had been raised on the Sewer farm;

that the paving on Arlington Avenue would be finished, probably, by the end of the week and that the City force would be working in Vista Highlands in a day or so;

that he had talked the matter over with some of the Drilling foremen concerning the muffling of exhausts and the noise in general incidental to drilling and that they seemed willing to cooperate in the elimination of all noise possible;

that the well at the corner of Cedar and Carson would be brought in very shortly which would end the trouble of water on the street at that point.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that no further progress had been made in the matter of changing the zone in the northern part of the City, but intimated that the matter had not been forgotten.

The Chief of Police reported that 7 extra patrolmen were needed for the Fiesta, 4 of which would be paid by the Fiesta and 3 by the City. The men paid by the City were to work 4 hours each night.

Trustee Proctor moved that three extra patrolmen, working four hours each night, be allowed the Department during the Fiesta. Trustee Nash seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Gitzhugh, Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Stone.

It was the sense of the Board that the Police Chief had the power to escort out of town yeggs, sharks, crooks or other undesirable characters.

Trustee Fitzhugh read:

ORDINANCE NO. 62

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 58 OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENTITLED " AN ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REGULATING THE
KEEPING OF BEES

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 62 be adopted as read as an emergency Ordinance--a second reading not being necessary in emergency cases--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: Fitzhugh, Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Stone.

Trustee Nash 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: Fitzhugh, Nash, Proctor and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Stone.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M. on motion by Trustee Nash, seconded by Trustee Proctor, and a majority vote.

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

Approved:

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