

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

Torrance, California,  
August 14, 1923.

An adjourned, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, August 14, 1923, at 8:00 P.M., and was called to order by President Gilbert. The following Trustees were present: Fitzhugh, Nash, Proctor and Gilbert. Absent: Stone.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 7, 1923, were read and approved as read.

Mr. Wise's petition to change the zone on Lot 14, Block 19, was laid aside until later in the evening.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication from the local Chamber of Commerce asking that the Pacific Electric be prohibited from switching on Cabrillo Avenue during a portion of the day.

The matter was to be checked up by the Police Dept., and data put before the Board.

The following committee report was read by the Clerk:  
"To the Directors of  
The Torrance Chamber of Commerce:

We, your Water Committee, beg to report as follows:  
That we believe the Municipality should own the water system, and understand that the Water Company would sell. If your Body believes as we do, we recommend that steps be taken to arrive at the actual value of the plant, and if a valuation satisfactory to those in authority to buy can be arrived at, we would recommend that a Bond issue be submitted to the voters of the City of Torrance for the purpose of raising funds to buy said Water System.

Respectfully submitted,  
Signed: J. B. Hines, Chairman;  
J. S. Lancaster,  
F. L. Parks,  
Water Committee."

• The above matter was laid on the table until later in the evening.

A letter from Dr. Clason, Optometrist, regarding the excessive charge for vocation license, was referred to Trustee Fitzhugh to report at next meeting.

The City Clerk read the following:  
"To the Honorable Board of Trustees  
Torrance, Cal.  
Gentlemen:

We hereby respectfully request permission to install a 4" Gas Line across Plum, Vine and Santa Fe Avenues in Tract 1952, these crossings being indicated in red on the attached exhibit.

Signed:  
Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Co.  
By R. E. McMaster, Engineer."

Trustee Proctor moved that permission, as requested above, be granted. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The invitation from the War Department to attend a Military Tournament at the Civilians' Military Training Camp, Del Monte, California, August 18th, was referred to the Clerk to answer.

Dr. Lancaster, Health Officer, submitted an explanation of the tentative plan to maintain a District Laboratory in the interest of the public health at Redondo Beach, giving the names of the cities and the amounts required from each. The letter also contained his resignation to take effect September 1st.

No action was taken other than to instruct Attorney Briney to go into the matter further with the Doctor.

Mr. Fix appeared before the Board requesting a change of zone on the old Recondo Road so that business houses might be built out to the property line.

A discussion of the whole oil district followed, but no action was taken except that a portion of the Board concluded to visit the district and bring in recommendations at the next meeting.

Attorney Briney reported that the matter of the Bond Election proceedings for Western Avenue and for the Lighting were ready to be instituted, but that he would like an intimation from the Board as to whether it would be wise to go ahead with these matters or wait until the Water question could be included in the same proposed election?

It was thought unwise to let the two former matters lie fallow, but, as it would require a double election where one might very well do, Trustee Proctor moved that action on the Western Avenue and the Lighting propositions be postponed until the first meeting in September. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 63

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 51  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 63 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Prof. Burnett asked, through Clerk Bartlett, if the former arrangements for the Coach or Physical Instructor still held good, as he had to have a definite proposition to lay before an applicant.

It was decided that the former arrangements - to pay 58 cents per hour - were still agreeable to the Board.

Trustee Proctor reported that three lights were needed on and near the City Fire house - two flood lights on the building and one light in the street - as the darkness interfered with the proper manipulation of the Fire equipment.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Engineer be authorized to install said lights as requested. 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.

The request of Mr. Hansen to establish a Taxi stand by the P. E. depot was referred to Clerk Bartlett for the issuing of a permit.

Engineer Jessup reported that there was no Ordinance at present covering the erection of oil tanks, except of the underground variety.

As questions were being asked concerning same, the matter was referred to the Ordinance committee.

The Engineer also stated that he had had no luck in trying to raise subscriptions among the different Oil Companies for the repair of streets broken up by them, and that his correspondence with the P. E. regarding the improvement of Cabrillo - on their right of way - had resulted only in the Company offering the City easements over certain portions.

Trustee Nash delved into the City's Receipts and Expenditures for the past fiscal period looking toward the setting of the tax rate for the present year. After a discussion of the matter, account by account, Trustee Nash recommended a rate of 98 cents. In line with this recommendation, Clerk

Bartlett read:

ORDINANCE NO. 64

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE TAX RATE  
FOR THE YEAR 1923-1924

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 64 be approved  
as read for its first reading. 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.

-----  
At 12:00 midnight, Trustee Fitzhugh moved to adjourn.  
Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

Approved:

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