

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

Torrance, California,
November 20, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, November 20, 1923, and was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Gilbert. The following Trustees were present: Proctor, Smith and Gilbert. Absent: Fitzhugh and Nash.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 6, 1923, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of November 15, 1923, were read and approved as read.

Clerk Bartlett read the following communication:

"Torrance, California,
November 20, 1923.

Mr. W. H. Gilbert, Chairman, Board of Trustees,
Torrance, California.

Dear Sir:

As I am removing my residence from Torrance my resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees is hereby tendered, to take effect immediately.

With best wishes for the continued prosperity of Torrance,
I beg to remain

Yours very truly,
Signed: E. H. Nash."

Trustee Smith moved that Mr. Nash's resignation be accepted with regrets. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The letter from the Regional Planning Commission regarding the widening of Florence Avenue and the elimination of the grade crossing at the Pacific Electric four track line south on said street, was referred to the Chamber of Commerce for action on motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Proctor and a majority vote.

The program of the Regional Planning Conference to be held November 24th was also read.

A letter from the Pacific Electric to the local Chamber of Commerce was read, the same having to do with the proposed improvement of Cabrillo--giving their idea of an equitable basis for the apportionment of the expense.

A discussion of its merits or demerits ensued, but no action, of course, was taken by the Board.

Mr. S. R. Wilson requested permission to operate a food vending wagon on streets in the restricted district--something in the shape of a pop corn wagon.

Trustee Proctor moved that the above request be refused. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Engineer Jessup reported that the Santa Fe crossing on Carson would probably be finished to night;

that the Amapola District paving was practically completed all but cleaning up;

and suggested that G. E. Lee be allowed to make out the assessment roll and bonds on the Amapola job.

Trustee Proctor moved that G. E. Lee be authorized to make out the assessment roll and bonds on Amapola district paving work. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Proctor, Smith and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

The Glass Co's franchise or lease was discussed to some extent but no amount for rental and been decided upon. Trustee Proctor suggested that the Attorney be delegated to figure out a fair rental for the proposition.

Trustee Fitzhugh took his chair at 8:00 P.M.

Trustee Smith reported the need of a longer ladder and nine short coats for the Fire department.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Fire department be allowed to purchase the articles as specified above. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Smith and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Smith stated that some kind of a metal locker for the safe keeping of money or other articles of value taken from prisoners was a necessary adjunct to the jail, also that two sawed-off shot guns should be procured.

The Engineer was to draw up plans for some kind of a safe that would fit both the needs and the place.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that two shot guns be purchased for the Police department, also ammunition for the guns. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Smith and Gilbert.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Proctor reported the need of a lawn mower for El Prado park.

Trustee Smith moved that a 15" lawn mower be purchased, considering this size as large enough for present needs. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Smith and Gilbert.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Proctor moved that the Diagram of the Amapola Assessment District, under Resolution of Intention No. 129, be adopted as submitted. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Smith and Gilbert.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The matter of adopting a definite policy as to price, etc. for the granting of pipe line franchises was again brought up and discussed pro and con. Mr. Hennessy of the Associated Oil Co. was present and was asked for a few words giving the other side of the proposition. Mr. Hennessy explained the matter from the Oil Company's point of view, stating that they were operating under the Broughton Act. It was finally decided that a meeting should be arranged between representatives of the Oil Companies and the City Attorney and Engineer to be held next Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. The matter of assessing each well for street repairs was to be brought up at the same time.

Trustee Proctor moved that, as it is the intention of this Board to grant a certain franchise for the use of a portion of a certain street for a building to be erected 9 feet above the level of the curb at a rental per year of not less than \$300.00; the City Clerk be instructed to advertise such franchise for sale. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Smith and Gilbert.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Mr. Spurlin asked permission of the Board to include in the present rezoning activities the changing of lots 28 and 29 in the Block 75 from zone 2 to zone 3. It was explained to Mr. Spurlin that this could not be done as a part of the proceedings but he was referred to the Ordinance for the correct procedure.

Trustee Proctor moved that the rezoning of certain city blocks as had been posted, be adopted as posted, with the exception of both sides of Arlington Avenue to the alleys be left as they were before; and that both sides of Gramercy and Andreo Avenues be placed in zone 1A instead of zone 2. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Smith and Gilbert.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Ordinance committee be instructed to amend the Zoning Ordinance so as to include a clause to the effect that "in all blocks in which the setback has been established by 50% of the buildings therein, such setback hold good for the entire block."

Trustees Smith and Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Smith and Gilbert.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:
 RESOLUTION NO. 150

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING PERRY G. BRINEY, CITY ATTORNEY OF SAID CITY, TO ENTER INTO A STIPULATION IN THE CAUSE NOW PENDING BEFORE THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, ENTITLED: "COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PLAINTIFF, VERSUS THE CITIES OF ALHAMBRA, ARCADIA, ET AL, DEFENDANTS, NO. 128529."

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Resolution No. 150 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Smith and Gilbert.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Engineer Jessup submitted a set of "rules" to govern the installation of electrical wiring, being supplementary to the Enabling Ordinance heretofore adopted by the Board, and stated that these rules would stop some of the wiring being done in the City as soon as it was practical to enforce them, and read:

RESOLUTION NO. 151

APPROVING, ADOPTING AND ESTABLISHING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING ELECTRICAL WORK IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, MADE AND ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY ELECTRICIAN OF SAID CITY UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF SECTION 6 (a) OF ORDINANCE NO. 53

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution No. 151 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, Proctor Smith and Gilbert.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Smith moved that 500 booklets containing the Electric rules be ordered printed. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor Smith and Gilbert.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Mr. Mendes requested through President Gilbert to be allowed to stage a boxing bout every week in the Legion Hall. Trustee Smith moved that the above request be granted under the Ordinance. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Proctor moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:
 AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Smith and Gilbert.
 NOES; Trustees: None.
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 10:10 P.M. Trustee Fitzhugh moved to adjourn. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

Approved:

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