

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

Torrance, California,
December 18, 1923.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, December 18, 1923, and was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Gilbert. The following Trustees were present: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Smith and Gilbert. Absent: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 4, 1923, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of December 11, 1923, were read and approved as read.

President Gilbert stated that there might be an irregularity in the matter of adjourning the last meeting to another office for the purpose of choosing a Trustee to act in place of Mr. Nash, resigned, and recommended that the matter be again acted upon, therefore

Trustee Smith moved that Mr. F. A. Zeller be appointed Trustee in the place of Mr. E. H. Nash. 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.

The oath of office was administered to Mr. Zeller by Clerk Bartlett, after which the Trustee assumed his place with the Board.

The County Surveyor, through Mr. Jessup, submitted a map of a subdivision headed "Tract No. 7519", being a subdivision of Lot 31, Meadow Park Tract, for the approval of the Board, stating that he could see no reason why approval should be withheld.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the above mentioned map be approved. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A communication from Mr. J. Forbes Anderson was read by the Clerk, same asking that his name be stricken from a certain petition filed with the Board regarding the allowance for the drilling of oil wells in the restricted district.

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

The Clerk read a report from the County Auditor regarding November tax collections.

The Torrance Chamber of Commerce communicated with the Board asking for a larger donation for the Christmas tree than was given last year.

Trustee Proctor moved that \$50.00 be donated toward the Christmas tree. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Another letter from the Chamber of Commerce quoted a motion passed by that body as follows:

"Motion by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mr. Peckham, that the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce go on record as being willing to back the City Trustees in any effort they deem necessary to pursue to force the P. E. Ry Co. to pave Cabrillo Avenue between Border and Carson Streets."

On motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Smith, and a majority vote, the letter was accepted with thanks and referred to the City Engineer.

The third letter from the Chamber of Commerce read:
 "Motion by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mr. Bartlett, that this Board of Directors go on record as being in favor of the City Trustees passing on Ordinance creating boulevard stops at Arlington Avenue and 220th Street, and also on Carson Street in front of the School for the benefit of the school children crossing those streets."

Trustee Smith moved that an Ordinance be drawn making a boulevard stop at Arlington and Carson and two school stops at the other two corners mentioned above. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Shell Co. of California submitted an application for a franchise for a crude petroleum pipe line extending over a period of 40 years and located as follows:

"Beginning at the intersection of the easterly boundary line of the City of Torrance with the Long Beach and Redondo Road; thence in a general westerly direction along said Long Beach and Redondo Road to its westerly intersection with the westerly boundary line of said City of Torrance, said pipe line to be laid within the northerly five (5) feet of said roadway."

Trustee Smith moved that the proper steps be taken to grant the above sought franchise under the provisions prevailing therefor, and that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for same. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried.

As had been advertised, bids for the paving of the 222D-Plaza Del Amo and the Manuel-Martina districts were opened at 8:00 P.M.

For the Manuel-Martina district, the results follow:

Grading, per sq. ft.	\$ 0.045
Asphaltic Paving, per sq. ft.	.23
Concrete Curb, per lineal foot	.65

Bond attached for \$2500.00

Signed: Southwest Paving Co.

By W. E. Burke, President.

Grading, per sq. ft.	\$ 0.04
Asphaltic Paving, per sq. ft.	.21½
Concrete Curb, per lineal foot	.70

Estimated total bid \$20,559.90

10% Bond 2,500.00

Signed: H. G. Feraud.

Trustee Proctor moved that the contract for paving the Manuel-Martina district be awarded to H. G. Feraud. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION OF AWARD NO. 154
 AWARDED CONTRACT FOR THE PAVING IN THE
 MANUEL-MARTINA DISTRICT TO H. G. FERAUD

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Resolution of Award No. 154 be adopted as read, and 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, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Bids for the paving of the 222d-Plaza Del Amo district under Resolution of Intention No. 149 were as follows:

Grading, per sq. ft.	\$ 0.021
Asphaltic Paving, per sq. ft.	.253
Redwood Headers, per lineal foot	.15
Estimated total bid	\$31,000.00
Surety Bond 10%	3,200.00

Signed: Braun, Bryant & Austin, Inc.
By Joseph G. Braun, Pres.

Grading, per sq. ft.	\$ 0.03
Asphaltic Paving, per sq. ft.	.259
Concrete Curb, per lineal foot	.70
Estimated total bid	\$20,670.38
Surety Bond 10%	3,000.00

Signed: Chas. Thompson.

Attorney Briney read:
RESOLUTION OF AWARD NO. 155
AWARDING CONTRACT FOR THE PAVING IN THE
222D-PLAZA DEL AMO DISTRICT TO BRAUN,
BRYANT & AUSTIN, INC.

Trustee Proctor moved that Resolution of Award No. 155 be adopted as read, 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, Proctor, Smith, Zeller and Gilbert.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The City Engineer reported that finally orders had been issued by the P. E. to fix 5 crossings on Redondo Boulevard and to remove some of the elevation at the intersection of El Prado and Border.

On the Cabrillo Avenue matter, the City Engineer had had this up with Mr. McClure and recommended that an invitation be sent to Mr. Pontius to meet the City Authorities as that was seemingly the best way to get any action at all. Mr. McClure stated that Mr. Pontius responded to such invitations. President Gilbert offered to sign the letter if Mr. Jessup would write it.

In the matter of the rezoning of Carson Street, which petition had been referred to him for checking, Mr. Jessup stated that he could not very well check up on same as the frontage owned by the signers was not given and that he was not ready to report fully.

Some discussion of the above matter followed. Finally Trustee Smith moved that it be laid over until the next meeting and that, in the mean time, the Board might get in touch with the sentiment of those interested. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Jessup reported that the City had no jurisdiction on the west boundary where the Santa Fe was crossing Madrona Avenue as this street had never been dedicated.

Attorney Briney reported that the last suit between the Security Trust and Savings bank was over escrow proceedings, and that if the Bank were able to compel all parties interested to come into court, then the City would have been compelled in order to protect its interests, to appear; yet the court had held that, as long as escrow instructions had not been violated, they would have to be carried out; that the former litigation on the farm had not changed.

Chief Anderson reported that the safe, guns and ammunition for his department had been received.

Attorney Briney read:
ORDINANCE NO. 74
AN ORDINANCE CREATING A ROAD FUND FOR USE IN
CERTAIN DISTRICTS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
AND ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX ON
ALL WELLS DRILLED FOR OIL IN THE CITY OF
TORRANCE

Trustee Proctor moved that Ordinance No. 74 be adopted as read for its final reading, 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, Zeller and Gilbert.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 75
RECLASSIFYING PROPERTY AND AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 51

Trustee Smith moved that Ordinance No. 75 be adopted as read for its final reading, 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, Zeller and Gilbert.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

We ought to have some kind of a Resolution, said Trustee Proctor, so that when we get this money from the oil wells we can go to work on those streets right away; there will be material to buy which must be bought in small quantities unless we advertise for bids, besides which a small roller and grader will be necessary.

Trustee Smith moved that the City Engineer be given full power to act in the matter of securing material, labor and equipment for the repairing of the roads in the oil district. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The matter of cutting down two pepper trees as requested by Harvey Citts was referred to the City Engineer.

Trustee Smith moved that the City Engineer and Attorney be instructed to prepare plans and proceedings for the paving of Western Avenue. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Trustee Fitzhugh 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, Zeller and Gilbert.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

On motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Proctor, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

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

Approved:

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