

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

Torrance, California,
May 19, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, May 19, 1924, and was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by President Smith. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Deininger, Torrence and Smith. Absent: Fitzhugh.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 5, 1924, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of May 12, 1924, were read and approved after a correction to the effect that Mr. Jessup was still City Engineer.

The letter from the Woman's Club regarding the speeding of automobiles on City streets and its attendant danger was referred to the Police committee.

A letter was read from the Torrance District Realty board No. 104 regarding paving of portions of Redondo Blvd. and Cabrillo Avenue--recommending condemning the P. E. rights of way on these streets for the purpose of paving same.

Trustee Deininger moved that the City Attorney and Engineer be authorized to take the necessary legal steps toward condemning the P. E. right of way on Cabrillo Avenue from El Prado to Carson Streets and on Redondo Boulevard from the intersection of Post Ave. therewith approximately 270 feet east, for the purpose of paving same. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Torrence and Smith.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

Mr. Page asked for the status of the tentative exemption of new factories from improvement taxes for from three to five years, and was assured this matter would come under new business.

The matter of creating a camp ground on Lot 3, Block 107, as outlined informally at the last meeting by Mr. Gilbert, was again called to the attention of the Board by him, asking that action be taken.

Trustee Brooks moved that the request to create a camp ground on Lot 3, Block 107, be granted. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Carson zoning question, according to Mr. Winters, had not been settled as yet, and he requested that his lot be zoned into the business district. Several other property on Carson asked that the district be left as it is with the proviso that business buildings could be erected, if desired.

It was the sense of the Board that, in order to be fair to everybody, this district should be rezoned lot by lot as requested, even though a majority petition had been filed asking for the rezoning of the whole street as far as Cedar.

Trustee Torrence moved that Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 17; Lots 1 to 6, Block 30; Lot 9, Block 24; and Lot 17, Block 16, be rezoned so as to be included in the business district and Fire district No. 1. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Fitzhugh took his place with the Board during the discussion of the above zoning.

As to building side walks on Redondo Blvd. and certain other streets, as recommended by Mr. Pederson, the same was referred to the Street committee to see what they could do.

Trustee Torrence reported the need of a charging machine at the Fire house for their batteries, stating that one would cost about \$16.00 and moved that a charger be purchased. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Torrence also reported that the last Saturday night raid had been pulled off in a very gentlemanly manner and that the people searched took it all in good part except those caught with booze, one of whom received rather the worst of it; also that he had heard comments greatly in favor of this action.

President Smith said he had heard comments that were not so good and doubted the efficacy of such wholesale stopping and searching as being against the best interest of the City.

Another report on street lights from Trustee Torrence was to the effect that Mr. Blowsey would see if the company had a goose neck in stock, and, if so, the lights as desired by Mr. MacDowell could be connected up with very little expense. The Trustee was awaiting further word from Mr. Blowsey.

Trustee Deininger stated that Mr. Hansen of the Chevrolet garage had requested him to mention the matter of erecting an electric sign in front of his place, the same having been granted by the old Board, and moved that such permission be granted under the supervision of the City Engineer. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Brooks reported progress on the 3 to 5 year exemption of new factories from taxes; also that he would like to get the Finance committee together to thrash out the budget.

An Ordinance was shown Trustee Fitzhugh covering the prohibition of heavy hauling in the residence district, so he moved that the Police committee be authorized to secure necessary signs for this purpose. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Fitzhugh mentioned that he had visited Long Beach, meeting Mr. Tremmel, assistant city attorney, who had assured him of hearty cooperation in the matter of condemning property for the purpose of paving same and having learned that an allowance of $\frac{1}{2}$ the value of contiguous property was usually the price set upon rights of way.

Mr. Hobson reported that Western Avenue had been completed for a matter of 1400 feet and that some 1800 feet of base had been laid.

Clerk Bartlett reported that the new headquarters for the City was being remodeled and would be ready for first of June.

A map of Tract No. 4901 was presented to the Board for their approval, same having the o.k. of Engineer Jessup.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the above mentioned map be approved. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The Perry road connection was to be taken up at the next meeting.

Trustee Deininger 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: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 9:45 P.M. on motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Approved:

R. R. Smith
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.