

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

Torrance, California,
August 18, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, August 18, 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 August 4, 1924, were read and approved after correcting Trustee Deininger's motion regarding the asking for a deed from the western terminus of Redondo Blvd to Madrona Street.

A letter from the Engineering Department of Los Angeles regarding the paving of Western Avenue was read and placed on file.

The use of the City Hall for election returns August 26 and a7 was granted to the Registrar of Voters upon his written request, on motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

The letter from the Torrance Hardware Co. regarding the paving of alleys was read and ordered filed.

The written request of Otto Mikelson to erect an electric sign in front of his place of business was granted, under the supervision of the City Engineer, on motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

The application of the Superior Oil Co. for a franchise was referred back to the said company for correction.

The four applications to erect tent houses in Tract #2675 were denied on motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

In the matter of alley paving, Trustee Deininger moved that the proceedings progress on all alleys included in that certain district bounded as follows: Beginning at a point at Carson and Arlington Streets, thence north on Arlington Ave. to the alley on the north side of Redondo Boulevard; thence east on said alley to Cravens Ave; thence north on Cravens Ave. to Border Ave; thence south on Border Ave. to Carson Street; thence west on Carson Street to the point of beginning; said district also to include the north and south alley in Block 113 Torrance Tract; all in accordance with petitions now on file in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks 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.

The application of S. A. Carls to erect an open air market on Lot 1, Block 19, was denied on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

Mr. Gilbert made an application for a permit to erect 2, 3 and possibly 4 room houses on the Torrance Auto Camp site. Trustee Torrence moved that a permit be granted as above requested and that the Attorney change the fire district for same as needed. Trustee Deininger 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.

The throwing around of hand bills, as mentioned by Mr. Byrnes, was referred to the Police Chief for regulation.

The screen at the Union Oil Station was to be looked after again.

The request of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. to place poles and anchors on Artisanso Avenue and 220th Street was granted on motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Torrence and a majority vote.

Trustee Deininger reported that the sprinkling of alleys had been discontinued and that the City was complying with the law as to the time of watering lawns.

Trustee Torrence reported that he had found a man to relieve Mr. Stevenson at the Fire house for two nights a week, and two Sundays in the month, beginning August 1st, totaling 82 hours per month, more or less, at a salary of \$30.00 per month; also that he recommended the raising of Mr. Stevenson's salary from \$125.00 to \$150.00 per month effective September 1, 1924.

The above was made in the form of a motion which was seconded by Trustee Brooks and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Fitzhugh.

Trustee Torrence moved that the salary of Patrolmen Young and McMillon be raised from \$150.00 to \$165.00 per month, effective September 1, 1924, in accordance with regular schedule increase due to length of satisfactory service. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh.

Trustee Brooks reported that the budget for this year was ready to adopt and that the tax rate for the year 1924-1925 might now be set, and moved that the budget for the physical year--July 1, 1924 to June 30, 1925--be adopted. Included in same was an allowance for clerical work for the City Clerk of \$125.00 per month until Jan. 1, 1924, after which the allowance would be \$150.00 per month.

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.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 93
FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR 1924-
1925

Trustee Torrence moved that Ordinance No. 93 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Engineer Jessup reported that the proceedings for the improvement of the Columbia Court district were ready for action and read:

RESOLUTION NO. 186
ADOPTING PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTING MANHOLES
AND LAMPHOLES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE,
CALIFORNIA

Trustee Deininger moved that Resolution No. 186 be adopted as read and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks 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.

Engineer Jessup read:

RESOLUTION NO. 187
ADOPTING SPECIFICATIONS NO. 21 FOR
THE CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS
IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

Trustee Deininger moved that Resolution No. 187 be adopted as read and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks 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.

Engineer Jessup dictated:

RESOLUTION NO. 188

RESOLVED. That the plans and profiles for the improvement of Columbia Court and adjacent streets, presented this day before this Board, be, and the same are hereby, adopted.

Trustee Deininger moved that Resolution No. 188 be adopted as dictated and a copy of same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks 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.

Engineer Jessup read:

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 189

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO ORDER THE PAVING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING OF PORTIONS OF ARLINGTON AVE. DOMINGUEZ STREET, BORDER AVENUE AND COLUMBIA COURT, ADJACENT TO TRACT NO. 8572, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND THE ALLEY AND WALK IN SAID TRACT, ALL IN SAID CITY OF TORRANCE; DECLARING THE SAID WORK OR IMPROVEMENT TO BE OF MORE THAN LOCAL OR ORDINARY PUBLIC BENEFIT; DECLARING THE DISTRICT TO BE BENEFITTED BY SAID WORK AND IMPROVEMENT AND TO BE ASSESSED TO PAY THE COSTS AND EXPENSES THEREOF; DETERMINING THAT BONDS SHALL BE ISSUED TO REPRESENT SAID COSTS AND EXPENSES AND FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR HEARING OBJECTIONS TO SAID WORK AND IMPROVEMENT OR TO THE DISTRICT TO BE ASSESSED OR BOTH

Trustee Deininger moved that Resolution of Intention No. 189 be adopted as read, and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks 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.

Trustee Torrence moved that, providing the Dominguez Land Corp. would deed to the City of Torrance a 100 foot strip for street purposes extending from the present westerly terminus of Redondo Boulevard in Tract 4070 to connect with the Redondo Road at Madrona Ave., the City of Torrance would take steps to abandon, by public proceedings, 8 feet of the present 108 foot street in Tract 4070 extending westerly from Cedar St. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried.

 Attorney Briney dictated:
 RESOLUTION NO. 190

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance that the deed, this day presented, from the Pacific Electric Railway Co., deeding a certain parcel of land 100 feet by 90 feet at a point where Western Avenue crosses Lot B, Tract 1427, be accepted; and the President of the Board be authorized to sign same, and the City Clerk be instructed to cause same to be recorded in the office of the County Recorder.

Trustee Torrence moved that Resolution No. 190 be adopted as dictated and a copy of same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks 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.

 Engineer Jessup mentioned the need of two southern outlets from the City as Arlington Avenue was now the only one and it was quite necessary, at times at least, to have an extra road in that vicinity both for the use of the oil interests and public use generally, and recommended the improvement of Cabrillo Avenue from Plaza Del Amo to Camino Real.

Trustee Deininger moved that the City Engineer be instructed to present plans looking toward the improvement of Cabrillo Ave. as outlined above. Trustee Brooks 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.

 In the matter of storage of kerosene, as mentioned by Mr. Hobson, it was the sense of the Board that kerosene did not come under the head of volatile oils, and might be kept in such quantities as the trade demanded.

 It was suggested by Trustee Brooks that verbal permits of any description be avoided.

 Attorney Briney read:
 ORDINANCE NO. 92
 GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO THE PAN
 AMERICAN PETROLEUM COMPANY

Trustee Torrence moved that Ordinance No. 92 be adopted as read for its final reading and the same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Deininger 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.

 Trustee Torrence introduced:
 ORDINANCE NO. 94
 RE-ESTABLISHING BOUNDARY LINES OF
 FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Trustee Deininger moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Brooks 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.

At 10:30 P.M., on motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned.

A. H. Barrett
City Clerk of the City of Torrence.

Approved:

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