

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

Torrance, California,
September 2, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, Calif., September 2, 1924, and was called to order by President Smith at 8:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Deininger, Torrence and Smith. Absent: Fitzhugh.

As protests against the Western Avenue assessment were advertised to be heard at this time, the regular order of business was deferred.

The Clerk reported that no written protests had been received.

Trustee Deininger moved that the assessment for the Western Avenue Improvement district, this day presented before this Board, be approved and accepted. 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 regular order of business was resumed by the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 18, 1924, which were approved as read.

The Clerk read the following application for franchise:
"The undersigned hereby makes application to the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance for a blanket franchise for the purpose of installing, operating and maintaining pipe lines for the purpose of conveying water, oil, gas and/or steam in the streets, within the corporate limits of the City of Torrance, outside the restricted district."

Signed: Superior Oil Company
By W. A. Geller.

Trustee Torrence moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for the above mentioned franchise. 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 letter from the Knights of Columbus, Torrance Council No. 2445, regarding the painting on the streets of the letters "KIGY", was referred to the Street Superintendent, on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Deininger, and a majority vote.

The communication from the Torrance Investment Co. to which was attached a letter to them from the Golden State Silk Mills, Inc., requesting that the Board adopt a Resolution "agreeing to take care of the waste drainage from the dye house", was referred to the City Engineer on motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote.

A letter from City Treasurer Dolley, requesting an allowance of \$25.00 per month for an assistant, was read.

Trustee Brooks moved that a salary of \$25.00 per month be allowed to the City Treasurer's clerk, effective July 1, 1924. 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.

G. W. Baker submitted a written request for permission to build a temporary lunch and fruit stand on Lot 1, Block 4, same to be fireproof and sanitary.

Trustee Torrence moved that the request be granted under the supervision of the City Engineer. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The Consolidated Lumber Co. asked for a permit to erect a corrugated iron building between their present office and cement warehouse.

Trustee Brooks moved the request be granted. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The request of the Crystal Filter Co., through Clerk Bartlett, to be allowed to sell their filters without the regular business license, was denied on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

Trustee Deininger reported that two drains were needed--one at Cabrillo and Cravens and the other at 213th and Cabrillo--to dispose of water which collected in these low places;

the Day and Night garage requested, through the above mentioned Trustee, permission to erect an electric sign at the curve of Western Avenue. Same was referred back to them for specific size and design;

also reported that the American Legion requested a resolution from the Board endorsing Preparedness Day, Sept. 12th, same was referred to Trustee Deininger to formulate, on his motion seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote.

Trustee Torrence moved that Chief Anderson be suspended during the investigation now obtaining, and that Mr. Phillips be instructed to act as Chief for the time being. 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.

"Officer Abbott had been relieved", reported Trustee Torrence, "and Officer Stanley had taken his place, the latter being a new man at the business and was really on probation".

Trustee Torrence mentioned the good work the Volunteer Firemen were doing and also their desire for uniforms, and moved that the City pay one-half the cost of such uniforms, i.e. the

City to pay the whole initial cost and hold out one-half the cost of same from their several checks as issued. 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 matter of special police badges was left to Trustee Torrence, and the placing of benches in El Prado park was referred to the Street committee.

Assistant Engineer Hobson reported that the improvement proceedings on south Cabrillo had been started.

Clerk Bartlett reported Building permits for August amounting to \$32,285.00;

also read a letter from J. H. Erwin requesting that his pool hall be operated under the name of the Industrial Club only--that no personal cognomen be used.

It was decided to issue the license in the regular way.

Attorney Briney read:

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

Trustee Torrence moved that Ordinance No. 93 be adopted as read for its final reading 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.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 94
 RE-ESTABLISHING BOUNDARY LINES OF
 FIRE DISTRICT NO. 1

Trustee Torrence moved that Ordinance No. 94 be adopted as read for its final reading 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 Deininger moved that the Street Superintendent be bonded in the amount of \$5000.00. 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.

Trustee Brooks moved that the Deputy City Clerk be bonded in the amount of \$2000.00. 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 matter of speeding near the Post Office, as reported by Mr. Gourdier, was referred to the Police committee.

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 9:20 P.M. the meeting was adjourned until Sept. 8, 1924, at 8:00 P.M. on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Torrence, and a majority vote.

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

Approved:

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