

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

Torrance, California,  
April 20, 1925.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, April 20, 1925, and was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith and Deininger. Absent: None.

As per advertisement, bids were ordered opened for contract for disposal of garbage for the ensuing year, as follows:

C. J. Christensen -----\$ 220.00 per month.

G. M. King ----- 300.00 per month.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the bids be referred to the proper committee for investigation and report. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Bids were opened for the sale of a certain franchise as sought by the Julian Petroleum Corp., said company being the only bidder and their offer was \$100.00 for the franchise as advertised.

A certified check for \$100.00 for the franchise and a certified check for \$500.00 as an evidence of good faith was submitted.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Attorney be instructed to formulate an Ordinance granting the above mentioned franchise to the Julian Petroleum Corp. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 6, 1925, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of a special meeting of April 7, 1925, were read and approved as read.

Mr. Paul Vonderahe submitted a written request to erect a sign in front of the building known as the Colonial Hotel.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the request be denied and it be declared to be the policy of this Board to oppose all such signs in the future. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried. Regret was expressed that any such permit had been granted in the past.

The letter from the State Compensation Fund was tabled until the next meeting.

The Shell Company of California made application and submitted a diagram for a franchise for pipe lines through portions of the City.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Clerk be instructed to advertise for bids for the above franchise in the regular prescribed manner. Trustee Smigh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote.

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

Mr. Colwell was cited to appear before the Board to show cause why an Ordinance had been violated regarding the cutting of trees.

It was made plain to Mr. Colwell that trees on City property were not to be removed without proper permission and the Street Superintendent was to consult with him looking toward the planting of two trees to take the place of the one destroyed.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported that the matter of auditing the books at the end of the fiscal year would be attended to by Mr. Huberich.

Trustee Smith reported that the curfew would sound at 9:00 p.m. hereafter and suggested that the Herald representative take notice and advertise the meaning of such curfew.

Trustee Brooks reported that the Planning Commission had just perfected their organization and requested that some incidental expense money be allowed for such items as stationery, post cards, minute book, filing case, etc.

Trustee Smith moved that expense money up to \$100.00 be allowed the Commission for incidental expenses, the demands for which should come before the Board for approval and payment in the usual way. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

It appeared that Mr. Hobson had taken measures to suppress the noise arising from offensive gas engine exhausts, which was heretofore referred to him.

Engineer Jessup reported that he had been in conference with certain P. E. officials concerning Cabrillo Ave. and its crossings; that nothing definite, however, had been arrived at except a general discussion of what might possible be done with the City standing a part of the expense--such expense reaching up to 50 or 60 thousand dollars; that condemnation proceedings might be instituted thereby getting a more sightly street whereas, if it was left to the railway company, they would probably want to put in curbs on both sides of the right of way and ban the public from the use of such right of way.

Trustee Smith moved that this subject be referred to the Planning Commission and that they submit recommendations for the improvement of Cabrillo and Redondo Blvd. from the intersection of Sartori and Redondo Blvd. to Carson Street. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Briney reported that Mr. Brooks, Mr. Bell, Mr. Jessup and himself spent a very profitable afternoon at the District Planning meeting in Venice on April 11th.

The improvement or repair of Madrid and Acacia Streets was referred to the Street Committee.

The repairing of 213th Street north of the Union Tool was referred to the Street Committee with power to act on motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and the following roll call vote;  
 AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith, Deininger.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The installation of a certain gas heater without being vented according to the Ordinance, was referred to Chief Hannebrink and the City Engineer for investigation, on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote.

On a question by Attorney Briney, the Board expressed the opinion it is very much within the province of the Planning Commission to bring in recommendations regarding zoning or other matters of City planning without same having been previously referred to them by the Board of Trustees.

Clerk Bartlett reported that Mr. Ferman had dropped the idea of rezoning his lot if it went into the fire district automatically.

Nothing definite was reported on the aero landing except that a little grading was being done.

The placement of Mr. Mikelson's garage was referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation.

The allowing of barber shops in the residence district was referred to the Planning Commission for report on motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Torrence and a majority vote.

Engineer Jessup stated that the Willite Co. had had engineers out inspecting Arlington and Amapola Aves; also that the School Board was making a practice of subscribing to paving but not to lighting and that they would probably be willing to pay their share on lower Martina.

The marking of pedestrian isles across Border at El Prado and at 213th was referred to the Police department for report on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote.

Trustee Torrence introduced:  
 ORDINANCE NO. 112  
 VACATING ALLEY IN TRACT NO. 8572

The nailing of signs on trees on Plaza Del Amo was referred to the Street Committee.

Attorney Briney read:  
 RESOLUTION NO. 235

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance that the map of Tract 8766, this day presented to this Board, be, and the same is hereby, approved.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Resolution No. 235 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, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith, Deininger.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Fitzhugh 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, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith, Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

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At 9:40 p.m., on motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote, the meeting adjourned.

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

Approved:

R. J. Stearns  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.