

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

Torrance, California,  
September 8, 1925.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, September 8, 1925, and was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Torrance and Deininger. Absent: Smith.

A hearing of protests against the paving of a portion of Martina Avenue was called, as had been advertised.  
No protests had been filed nor were any voiced.

The opening of sealed bids for the purchase of a certain franchise, as had been advertised, was ordered by the President.  
The Clerk reported that no bids had been received.

The regular order of business was taken up by the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 24, 1925, which were approved after a slight correction regarding Mr. Klusman's application of a Real Estate office permit.

A letter from the City of Watts, requesting the Board to pass a resolution similar to the copy enclosed, was read. This had to do with the "contemplated demand to be made by the County of Los Angeles for the payment of certain money representing fines collected in the City Recorder's court".

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 254

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Resolution No. 254 be adopted. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Four letters were received from the local Chamber of Commerce. The first one was attached to a resignation, signed by Mr. Brian K. Welch, from the Planning Commission and asking that the Chamber be allowed to suggest another name.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the above resignation be accepted, effective October 1, 1925, and that a letter be written to Mr. Welch expressing the appreciation of the Board for his ideals and efforts on behalf of the City. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The second letter contained a recommendation as follows:

"That Ordinance No. 36 of the City of Torrance be amended to prohibit the burning of refuse in the business district, and further to provide for the collection and removal of said refuse from the City".

It was ordered that the Street committee present a plan along the above lines at the next meeting.

The third letter recommended the institution of Boulevard stops at the corner of Camino Real and Arlington Ave., and also at the corner of Arlington and Post Aves.

The Police department was asked to investigate this matter thoroughly and report.

The fourth letter was concerning the payment of charges for juice and upkeep for the electric sign located at Harbor Blvd. and East Road, the total of which was \$116.65.

The matter was referred to the Clerk.

A communication from the Neill Realty Co. asking for a three year extension of their permit to maintain their office building at its present location, was read. It stated that conditions were the same today as obtained three years ago.

Trustee Brooks moved that a two year extension of time be allowed the Neill Realty Co. subject to the revocation of the permit at any time at the discretion of the Board. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Under oral communications, Mr. Klusman requested that a new Chairman of the Police committee be appointed.

No action was taken.

The controversy between the Brighton Apartments and the Earl & Ted restaurant was again brought up, Mr. Winters asking the Board to revoke the license of the above mentioned restaurant. A lengthy discussion followed, being participated in by several witnesses from each side.

The City Attorney ruled that the City, itself, had no jurisdiction nor could it very well act as a mediator. The interested parties were advised to take the matter up with the owner of the building.

Trustee Torrence stated that the local Police department was not enforcing the Wright Act nor the City Ordinance to the fullest extent and that the City was getting a great deal of adverse criticism on account of it, and moved that the Police department be ordered to enforce the prohibition laws to the fullest extent. There was no second to the motion, Trustee Fitzhugh claiming that Torrance was more clean than the places where the prohibition laws were made, and Trustee Brooks de-

plored the fact that the sanctity of the home was so often violated, unnecessarily, as had happened recently in this vicinity.

See minutes of September 21, 1925.

The matter of the infringement of the Building ordinance by Mr. Palmer was to be left to the decision of the State representative who was expected in the near future.

Trustee Brooks reported that the Planning commission had engaged the services of Mr. Ernest Brunton who will come to Torrance and meet members of the Commission and go over the tree situation of the City--the cost for his services would be \$40.00.

On Trustee Brooks mentioning the need of "quiet" signs around the Hospital, he was advised that same was already being taken care of.

On Street equipment, Trustee Brooks recommended the purchase of a new Ford truck, a new Moreland truck, the keeping of the old Ford truck for emergency purposes and the disposal of two teams of horses.

It was decided that the Chairman should get the best price possible for the turnin of the Chevrolet truck on a Moreland, and report his findings at the next meeting.

Trustee Brooks moved that the President of the Board and the City Clerk be authorized to execute a lease contract for the purchase of a Ford truck. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Smith.

Trustee Torrence reported that the Ordinance establishing the tax rate for this year had been passed and that he had been awaiting the arrival of the City Attorney to formulate an ordinance regulating Bowling alleys.

Chief Patterson reported on the dog situation and mentioned the matter of complying with the motor vehicle laws regarding alley stops. The matter of signs was to be investigated.

The letter from the California Development Association, asking the Board to ratify the use of Portland cement, was referred to Engineer Jessup.

On motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote, Engineer Jessup was to be appointed to the League of California Municipalities convention to be held in Long Beach from Sept. 28 to Oct 3rd. Expenses were to be furnished by the City.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 255  
ORDERING THE WORK TO BE DONE ON A  
PORTION OF MARTINA AVENUE

Trustee Brooks moved that Resolution No. 255 be adopted as read 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: Brooks, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Smith.

The Recorder's report showed fines collected amounting to \$239. for the month of August and civil cases, \$64.00. Building permits for August were \$12800.00.

Chief Patterson, Recorder Rippy, Attorney Briney and the President of the Board are to confer the latter part of the week on the bill for board of prisoners at the County jail.

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 and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Smith.

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At 10:50 p.m., Trustee Fitzhugh moved to adjourn. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

Approved:

J. Semmings  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.