

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

Torrance, California,  
November 2, 1925.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, November 2, 1925, and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Fitzhugh and Deininger. Absent: Smith and Torrence.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 19, 1925, were read and approved after a correction by the President to the effect that the two houses ordered removed by the Building Inspector should read lean-toos instead of houses.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of October 26, 1925, were read and approved as read.

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A letter from the City Attorney's office of Santa Monica, soliciting expense money for a fight against the proposed raise in gas rates, was laid on the table until the appearance of the City Attorney.

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Mr. Kingsley, speaking for Mr. Hyde of the local Chamber of Commerce, gave a resume of the status of the annexation proceedings to date, stating that Mr. Blodgett of the C. C. M. O. was strongly opposed to the Business license tax as now imposed and that the other Oil companies were of the same temperament; they feel that they are an industrial organization just the same as any factory, and it looks as though the C.C.M.O. will not support this proposition if the tax is not taken off.

Trustee Fitzhugh proposed--as the money must be raised from some source--that the tax be halved. This proposition was not well received by Mr. Kingsley as he stated that if we can come back

with a promise that this tax will be taken off, we can expect a majority vote in favor of annexation.

Trustee Brooks wanted to go on record as being in favor of removing this business license.

President Deininger stated that, as there would be no roads to keep up and all we could give would be a little fire protection, he felt the same as Trustee Brooks.

Trustee Fitzhugh said that, as the business license was primarily a police protection proposition and as the oil companies were not getting value received for the money as their field men had to do whatever watching was done, he would go on record as favoring the repeal of this license if the district voted for annexation.

Mrs. H. K. Bain of the Elgin Sales Co. presented an album of photographs of the Elgin street sweeper for the inspection of the Board and said that she would appreciate the favor of being allowed to bring a machine here and demonstrate same and that the Board should not feel under any obligations to buy.

The Board felt that they were not in the market for a sweeper at the present time, but consented to the demonstration as Mrs. Bain knew their stand.

Mr. Allen of the Castle Apartments said he had received a letter from Fire Chief Hannebrink and read same. The letter stated that there was a tent on the roof of the apartments which was against the ordinance and that Mr. Allen should get a special permit from the Board to maintain same.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that a permit be granted with the understanding that the tent was to be used only as a shade and resting place; that no light or heat be used therein; that it be out of sight of the street and that the permit be revocable at the option of the Board. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Smith, representing vibrolithic pavement, requested the Board to hold up the proceedings on Cedar Avenue and make specifications calling for his method as same cost very little more and was so much more desirable from a wearing standpoint.

The matter was discussed pro and con, but no action was taken by the Board other than that the Board as a committee of the whole should go into the matter.

Mr. Hyde requested the Board to instruct the Clerk to communicate with the several oil companies in the proposed annexation district advising them of the expression of the Board regarding the business license tax.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the Clerk be so instructed. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Foley asked if there was anything the Board could do to get gas and lights out on Redondo Boulevard?

President Deininger informed him that it was outside of the Board's jurisdiction.

On a question by Mr. Gilbert, President Deininger stated that the improving of Cabrillo Avenue in the business district had been referred to the City Engineer for estimates as to cost, after which the matter would be placed before the property owners effected.

Mr. Jessup stated that he was not ready to report on same.

Mr. Hobson reported that he and Mr. Gascoigne had inspected the flag pole and concluded that same did not need paint, the only thing needed was to straighten the pole;

that the City had no ordinance covering the oil well noise, complaints must go through the District Attorney's office of the Health Department's;

that the Export Refining Co. probably had their muffler completed by this time;

that the State Housing Inspector stated that Mr. Palmer had broken the City ordinance, but that, on account of the house having large windows, the State law had not been broken;

that he had an application for a permit to build a duplex on the corner of Portola and Sierra, 7 feet from the side street line.

The Inspector was to see how other houses along the street were located and report.

Trustee Brooks moved that the Police Dept. be authorized to purchase replacement tires at a cost of \$20.00 each for Silvertown Cords. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Smith and Torrence.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 125  
CALLING ANNEXATION ELECTION

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 125 be adopted as read for its final reading and 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 and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Smith and Torrence.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the quit claim deed covering a portion of Lot S, Tract 2675, ~~and other property~~ tendered by the Dominguez Land Corp., be accepted and placed on file. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Smith and Torrence.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that \$100.00 be appropriated and a warrant drawn for same in favor of Chester L. Coffin, Secretary-Treasurer of Committee opposing proposed Gas Rate Increase as per letter from Santa Monica City Attorney; and that, when the investigation is over and the bills paid, an accounting of how the money was spent be rendered the City of Torrance, and that above mentioned amount be taken from the advertising fund. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Smith and Torrence.

Trustee Brooks suggested that the Dominguez Land Corp. letter regarding zoning in Cedar district be referred to the Planning Commission, also stated that he had authorized Mr. Gascoigne to go ahead with the improvement of the park near Columbia Court.

Trustee Brooks moved that the previous motion, under date of Sept. 21, 1925, to increase the Street Supt's salary and effective as of Oct. 1, 1925, be rescinded. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Brooks moved that the Street Supt's salary be increased from \$200.00 per month to \$215.00 per month effective as of July 1, 1925. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Fitzhugh and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Smith and Torrence.

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 and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Smith and Torrence.

At 9:00 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:

R. W. King  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.

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