

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

Torrance, California,
November 16, 1925.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, November 16, 1925, and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Deininger. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Smith and Deininger. Absent: Fitzhugh and Torrence.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 2, 1925, were read and approved as read.

On motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Smith, and a majority vote, the communication from the local Chamber of Commerce regarding the improvement of the Cedar Avenue district was ordered filed and the Engineer requested to furnish a copy of his estimate figures, when ready, to the Chamber.

A second letter from the local Chamber of Commerce requesting that \$35.00 per month be allowed from the General fund to help pay the rent for the library, was read.

Trustee Smith moved that the sum of \$35.00 per month be paid to the owners as a part of the rent for the public library for the rest of the fiscal year; liability to become effective as of Nov. 15, 1925. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Torrence.

A letter from the City Planning Commission contained six different recommendations.

Under #1 Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 124

REZONING CERTAIN LOTS TO ZONE 7

Trustee Smith moved that Ordinance No. 124 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, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Torrence.

Nos. 2, 3 and 4 were to be considered at the next informal meeting.

On #5, Trustee Smith moved that the recommendation be approved and the matter referred back to the Planning Commission for definite plans. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

#6 was referred to the Engineer and the Police committee.

Under oral communications, Mr. J. C. Smith stated that the Torrance Brick Co. was greatly in need of more clay and that the most likely place was on property owned by the City. Mr. Smith forwarded the proposition of trading other property with the City, supposing the other property to meet the needs of the City just as well as that now owned by them.

The matter was referred to the City Engineer and the Park committee for investigation and report.

Trustee Brooks, in his report, enumerated numerous streets, culverts and crossings that needed attention--some being deemed dangerous;

that the Industrial Housing Corp. had left the streets in bad shape after their building operations in Columbia Court;

that a new tar heater for the Street Dept., at a cost of \$35. was necessary;

that a fence around a portion of the City yard should be erected--estimated cost \$170.00 for material plus labor.

As a consequence of this report, the Clerk and Engineer was to order the Union Tool Co. to repair the railroad crossing on 213th Street, and the Building Inspector was to order the Industrial Housing Corp. to clean up the pavement in front of the Columbia Court.

The Clerk reported Recorder fines for October: \$636.00 and for civil cases \$20.25.

Building permits for October were \$119205.00.

Engineer Jessup reported that he had estimated the cost of improving Cabrillo and a portion of Redondo Blvd to be \$54000.00 which sum would be doubled if condemnation proceedings were instituted and the land purchased. This was as far as the matter had gone at present.

Trustee Smith moved that the Engineer be authorized to proceed with the paving of the crossing at Redondo Blvd and Madrid. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Torrence.

Building Inspector Hobson reported that he had inspected the premises and surroundings mentioned in the application for a building permit by Mr. Murray and found that there were 5 or 6 houses very much nearer the line than his would be; also, in the same block, no houses fronted on this street and that nobody's view would be shut off on account of this erection; that he recommended that a permit be granted as originally requested.

Trustee Brooks moved that a permit to build be issued to Mr. Murray in accordance with the application submitted. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Brooks moved that the City Attorney be instructed to get in touch with the Willite Paving Co. and have definite arrangements completed for the repair of their paving before the first of December. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney reported that he had written the Bureau of Mines for data in re: the proposed abandoned derrick ordinance and received word that they were preparing a map which would show the desired information and a copy of same would be forwarded.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 126

REPEALING A PORTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 110

Trustee Smith moved that Ordinance No. 126 be approved as read for its first reading. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Hobson reported that the flag pole listed to the east, and, if same was straightened up, the unavoidable scars should be repainted.

Trustee Brooks thought the park in Columbia Court district would not be a good place for a tennis court on account of same being so small and surrounded by streets, and the chasing of balls would be dangerous on account of machines.

Trustee Brooks moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Smith and Deininger.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: Fitzhugh and Torrence.

At 8:45 p.m., Trustee Brooks moved to adjourn until 7:00 p.m. November 23, 1923. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

Approved:

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