

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

Torrance, California,
February 15, 1926.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, February 15, 1926, 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 February 1, 1926, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of February 8, 1926, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of February 10, 1926 were read and approved as read.

The letter from the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs, commending the Fire Chief and his department for good work performed, was ordered referred to Chief Hannebrink for his information and thereafter to be published in the Torrance Herald on motion by Trustee Brooks, seconded by Trustee Smith, and a majority vote.

The letter from the A. T. & S. F. Ry, concerning Sewer right of way across Madrid, was referred to the City Engineer.

A letter from the P. E. Ry, quoting estimates for the improvement of a portion of Redondo Blvd. over their right of way, was read.

The letter was ordered filed on motion by Trustee Smith, seconded by Trustee Brooks, and a majority vote.

A letter addressed to the Planning Commission and signed by Chas. Vonderahe contained his resignation as a member of the above commission.

Trustee Smith moved that Mr. Vonderahe's resignation be accepted. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Upon the recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce, the President appointed G. A. Maxwell to succeed Mr. Vonderahe and asked the Board to approve the appointment.

Trustee Smith moved that G. A. Maxwell's appointment to the Planning Commission be approved. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney reported on the letter from the Santa Fe that he did not think the City should accept same so it was referred to the City Engineer for investigation and report.

Trustee Fitzhugh came in at 7:30 p.m.

The Clerk reported for the Recorder collections of \$22.25 for civil cases and \$190.00 for criminal cases for January.

Building permits amounted to \$21400.00 for January.

Mr. Hobson reported that the Edison Co. was desirous of placing a pole on the American Legion property, in line with the Booster pump, to serve the legion.

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

The matter of removing a palm tree and replacing with two palms of a different kind, as reported by Mr. Hobson, was referred to Mr. Gascoigne to inspect. Location was 1007 Cota.

Mr. Monroe made application, through Mr. Hobson, for a special permit to place an intended residence closer to the front property line than the Ordinance allowed. The Building Inspector thought it would not be a detriment to the neighborhood.

Trustee Brooks moved that a special permit be granted to Mr. Monroe providing a written release was given by Mrs. Henderson. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Brooks moved that the City Attorney be instructed to draw up an Ordinance requiring the exhausts of all engines to be muffled in such manner as to meet the approval of the Engineering department. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Fitzhugh reported on the budget that for the first six months 49% of the total budgeted had been spent and that 51% remained to cover the last six months.

Applause from the audience.

Ways and means of improving a portion of Redondo Blvd. between Border and Post was referred to the Finance committee.

Mr. Page mentioned the menace to traffic obtaining at this point and urged quick action.

Trustee Brooks moved that the Pacific Electric Co be notified that the City will be willing to purchase the easement from them, the measure of price to be the betterment portion of the cost of improvement they will make at the time of granting the easement. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Jessup mentioned the planting of trees on Cedar Ave. This matter was with the Planning Commission at the present time.

Trustee Brooks reported that the Planning Commission had made an estimate of the cost of planting trees for a distance of three miles. Estimate was \$200.00 per mile using 25¢ trees.

Trustee Brooks moved that the matter of tree planting on Cedar Ave. be referred to the Planning Commission for recommendation as to a definite type of tree. Report to be made as soon as possible. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Brooks reported that Mr. Vonderahe had presented a petition to the planning commission requesting the rezoning of all lots between Artisano and Western Ave. and between Carson and 22nd. That is, the property in question was to be taken out of the fire zone but left in the industrial zone.

Trustee Smith stated that he appreciated the fact that conditions had changed to some extent as to the industrial district and that his idea was when the Planning Commission was formed that a more representative recommendation from the people themselves might be brought before the Board, particularly as to zoning, through the members of the commission being affiliated with different organizations where such matters might be brought up and discussed. If such things came directly through the heads of different organizations and from their representation, we would be able to do as the people wished.

Trustee Fitzhugh said he realized the fact that certain things were expected of the Planning Commission and that they endeavored to represent the bodies from which they were sent, but some things cannot be studied by such organizations. We have battled along lines of zoning for a few years and we cannot expect a few days thought to be a proper recommendation as such bodies might be swayed by a silver-tongued orator; that he did not believe it would result in the best interests of the town to scatter residences across industrial property. If conditions have changed so that this property has lost its value as industrial property, let us rezone it. During boom times we let down the bars and did things we should not have done and have seen many times where we made mistakes. I would hesitate to rezone the property in spite of the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

A general discussion of the matter followed, Mr. Vonderahe sponsoring his petition.

Trustee Smith moved that the request to take the property under discussion out of the fire district be denied. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Attorney Briney read:
RESOLUTION NO. 278

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance that said Board of Trustees has at this meeting on this 15th day of February, 1926, duly canvassed the returns of the Annexation Election held in "Northwest Torrance" on February 9, 1926, at which election there was submitted a proposition, "Shall Northwest Torrance be annexed to the City of Torrance?", and from such canvass finds and does hereby declare that there was a total of sixty-nine (69) votes cast at said election. That sixty-seven (67) of said votes were in favor of the annexation of said territory to the City of Torrance, and that two (2) votes were cast against such annexation. That a majority of the votes cast were in favor of said annexation.

Trustee Brooks moved that Resolution No. 278 be adopted as read and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Trustee Smith introduced:
ORDINANCE NO. 130
APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION
OF NORTHWEST TORRANCE

The meeting was called to order after a fifteen minute recess.

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

Trustee Brooks moved that the Board reconsider the action taken at the last regular meeting approving the form of the lease on the Sewer Farm and authorizing the advertising for bids on same. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Brooks moved that the lease motion be rescinded, same having been passed at the last regular meeting. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the form of contract for the lease of the Sewer farm, this day presented to this Board, be approved and the Clerk authorized to advertise for bids on same. Bids to be opened March 15, 1926, at 7:00 p.m. Trustee Smith seconded the motion which was duly carried.

At 10:45 p.m., Trustee Fitzhugh moved to adjourn until 7:00 p.m. February 23, 1926. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

Approved:
R. J. Deininger
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.