

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

Torrance, California.  
December 7, 1926.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, December 7, 1926, and was called to order at 7.45 p. m. by President Dennis. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Foley, Inman Wolfe and Dennis. Absent: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of November 16, 1926 were read and approved as read.

A letter from the Board of Education of Los Angeles, dated Nov. 22nd, 1926 locating certain property lately acquired by them was ordered filed on motion by Trustee Foley, seconded by Trustee Inman and a majority vote.

The Shell Company wrote asking disposition of their request to erect a 12' x 12' sign.

The Engineer reported that the ordinance covering signs would have to be changed before permission, as asked, could be given.

Trustee Foley suggested that the Clerk write the Shell Company explaining that it would be necessary to change the ordinance as their request conflicted with same.

A communication from the A. T. & S.F. Railway acknowledging receipt of our request to avoid blocking streets with standing trains and asking for an automatic flagman at Redondo Boulevard, stating that instructions had been given to avoid blocking crossings any longer than was necessary and that the automatic signal was being investigated.

Trustee Brooks suggested that the Clerk write instructing the Railway Company that streets must not be blocked at all.

A deed from the Los Angeles County Road Dept., covering a portion of Dominguez Street was referred to Attorney Briney for report at next meeting.

A letter from the Secretary of the Womens Club, dated Nov. 18, 1926, requested that steps be taken to curb the noise in front of their building during entertainments as such noise disturbed patients in the hospital.

The matter was referred to the Police Department on motion by Trustee Foley, seconded by Trustee Wolfe, and a majority vote.

The Julian Petroleum Corporation under date of Nov. 28th submitted an application for a pipe line franchise to replace ordinance No. 113. Trustee Foley moved the matter be referred to the Attorney for report at next meeting. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A letter from the City Planning Commission in re the removal of trees from Cabrillo Avenue was read.

Trustee Inman maintained that the trees were detrimental to the best business interests--obscuring signs, etc; that trees were alright in their proper place but did not think that place was on a business street.

Trustee Brooks advised that caution be exercised in the removal of trees as it was much easier to cut one down than to grow it again.

Trustee Wolfe moved that all trees on Cabrillo Avenue between Carson and Wells be removed. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustee Brooks.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

A second letter from the Planning Commission regarding zoning in the Cedar Avenue district was ordered filed on motion of Trustee Foley seconded by Trustee Inman and a majority vote.

The application of the West Side Transportation Company for a franchise or a permit to carry passengers through the City was referred to the City Attorney for his opinion on motion by Trustee Foley, seconded by Trustee Wolfe, and a majority vote.

A petition signed by fifteen persons requesting the City to take steps to annex territory lying south and west of the City known as Meadow Park district, was read by attorney Briney. The City Clerk then reported that he had investigated and found that more than 25% of the qualified voters in the district proposed to be annexed had signed the petition.

Trustee Brooks moved that the petition be accepted and placed on file. Trustee Inman seconded the motion.

Mr. Kitzmiller, representing Dr. Ellingwood, Dr. Ellingwood himself and Mr. Tomlinson, representing the Huntington Land Company protested the annexation of property controlled by them. Dr. Ellingwood owns 900 acres and the Huntington Land Company 800 acres which are included in the petition.

A vote was called for on the above motion which was as follows;

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 145  
AN ORDINANCE CALLING A SPECIAL ELECTION  
TO BE HELD IN CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE  
KNOWN AS MEADOW PARK DISTRICT ON THE 18TH  
DAY OF JANUARY, 1927, AND PROVIDING FOR  
THE SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS  
OF SAID DISTRICT THE PROPOSITION OF  
ANNEXING SAID TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE, DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACE  
AND APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICERS FOR  
SAID ELECTION.

Trustee Brooks moved that Ordinance No. 145 be considered as introduced this evening. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Mr. Bartlett read:

RESOLUTION NO. 309  
REGARDING SEWER OUTLETS IN SANITATION  
DISTRICT NO. 5

Trustee Brooks moved that Resolution No. 309 be adopted as read and a copy of same forwarded to the State Board of Health.

Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Mr. Trost of the Columbia Cafe requested that two trees be removed from in front of his place; also that he be given a permit to operate a pool hall at the above address.

Trustee Wolfe moved that the two trees, as above mentioned, be removed. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Foley moved that the pool hall question be referred to the Chief of Police for report at next meeting. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Wolfe moved that the Street Superintendent finish the job of removing scrub trees from El Prado Park. Trustee Foley seconded the motion which was duly carried.

As recommended by Mr. Leonard, Trustee Foley moved that the Clerk take up the matter of deeds to sewer lines along Ferrocarril St. with the Dominguez Land Company and the Union Tool Co.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. McDonald protested against the Boulevard stop at Carson & Arlington, claiming it to be detrimental to business interests on Carson besides being unnecessary.

President Dennis stated that he saw no reason for a boulevard stop at this corner.

Trustee Foley moved that the Chief of Police be instructed to make a count of the vehicles passing this corner for two days from 6.00 A. M. to midnight.

Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Engineer Leonard stated that a verbal request had been made to erect a corrugated iron garage 16 x 30 on Border Avenue near Redondo Boulevard.

Trustee Inman moved that the request be granted. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Engineer Leonard said he had been approached for information as to whether property on the corner of El Dorado and Cota now zoned for one and two story residences might not be rezoned to allow the erection of a four flat building, approximate cost. \$10,000.00.

Trustee Inman moved that the man be informed that such rezoning would be done upon request. Trustee Foley seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Inman reported that the garbage collection system on a month to month basis, was working satisfactorily at the present time.

President Dennis brought up the goat question again, stating that the ordinance was not being complied with. The Chief of Police was instructed to enforce the ordinance.

Clerk Bartlett mentioned the subject of zoning the northern district of the City in order to forstall the location of undesirable industries.

The question was continued until the next meeting as Mr. Hyde assured the Board that immediate action was not necessary.

Trustee Foley moved that the Clerk advertise for bids for gasoline for the next year with similar conditions obtaining this year. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

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

AYES: Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES: Trustees: None.

ABSENT: Trustees: None.

Trustee Foley moved to adjourn until 7.45 P. M. Tuesday, December 14, 1926. Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

Approved:

John Dennis  
President of the Board of Trustees  
of the City of Torrance.