

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

Torrance, California,
March 17, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, March 17, 1924, and was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Gilbert. The following Trustees were present: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert. Absent: Smith.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of March 10, 1924 were read approved as read.

Mr. Hennessy of the Associated Oil Co. appeared before the Board requesting that said Company be permitted to construct and operate a telephone line crossing Plaza Del Amo with 6 poles along Border Avenue.

Trustee Proctor moved that the above request be granted. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Smith.

The regular order of business was resumed by the reading of a communication from the "department of health" which was as follows:

"In regard to the complaints of the water supplied in Torrance, our Mr Teats made several investigations, and states that he has advised you to have the Fire Chief blow out the water mains for at least ten or fifteen minutes each week for the next month or six weeks, and that this be done once each month hereafter. He is of the opinion that this will clean the pipes of Algae and sediment, thus eliminating the nuisance complained of.

I might state that we have made several bacteriological analyses of the water, and these analyses show that the water is safe for domestic use.

Trusting this method will eliminate any further trouble, I remain

Very truly yours,
Signed: J. L. Pomeroy, M. D.
By Harold A. Young
Chief Sanitary Officer."

No action was taken.

Mr. Armstead requested, for his principal, that a permit be granted to build a court on 213th Street across from the Lumber yard, describing the houses as being of one room, kitchenette and all the folding conveniences, stating that community toilets, baths and wash house would be provided.

After some discussion of the matter, Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the permit be not allowed. Trustee Proctor seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustee Smith.

Mrs. George was recognized by the Chair and desired permission of the Board to construct a sidewalk in front of her lot on City property so as to conform in distance from lot line with all other sidewalks in the City. It seemed that this lot had been bought when there was a street there making her lot a corner, but the street had since been abandoned.

Trustee Proctor moved that permission be granted to build a 4 foot cement walk beginning 6 feet easterly from the westerly line of the City park area A, Arlington and

Plaza del Amo park. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Mr. Gadeky recommended the placing of trash receptacles at auspicious locations in the City for the purpose of keeping waste paper and trash from blowing all over the City.

Trustee Proctor said he had just been told that the City engineer was busying himself with this matter at the present time.

Mr. Lewis asked what the Board was going to do about the dust on Plaza del Amo, stating that lately the traffic on this street was something tremendous and that he could not see how a woman could keep house under such circumstances; that at one counting, 47 cars had passed there in 7 minutes.

Engineer Jessup stated that work was to be stated tomorrow to shape this street up, but that there was not much that could be done to eliminate the dust as there was 10 miles of sand to the west and the wind blew every day from that direction. However, they would do the best they could with it.

Trustee Zeller reported that February tax collections amounted to \$361.40 net.

Chief Anderson mentioned a broken board in the Santa Fe crossing over Arlington.

Mr. Jessup asked what the Board wanted to do with Maple Street north of Carson, stating that he had turnpiked the lower end of it which helped, but that it was in bad shape. Mentioned that he could get sump oil, spread, for \$11.00 per load and that he was going to use it on Madronna Avenue from Carson Street south, and surface same with local sand.

Trustee Proctor moved that the salaries of patrolmen Bathrick, Dillon and Phillips be raised from \$150.00 to \$165.00 per month, effective March 16, 1924. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Smith.

Chief Anderson reported that the Edison Co. had been reminded four different times about turning on the lights in the evening. He also recommended that the license fee for peddlers be raised as there was quite a lot of kicking as to their operations in general.

Trustee Proctor moved that the peddlers license fee matter be referred to the Ordinance committee with instructions to make it pretty stiff. Trustee Fitzhugh seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Engineer Jessup presented a map of the Plaza Del Amo-222nd assessment district for approval.

Trustee Proctor moved that the map of the Plaza Del Amo-222nd assessment district be approved. Trustee Zeller seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustees: Smith.

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

AYES; Trustees: Fitzhugh, Proctor, Zeller and Gilbert.
NOES; Trustees: None.
ABSENT; Trustee Smith.

At 9:10 P.M. on motion by Trustee Proctor, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, and a majority vote, the meeting was adjourned.

Albert H. Bradley
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

W. H. Gilbert
President of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance.