

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

Torrance, California,
May 5, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, May 5, 1924, and was called to order by President pro-tem Fitzhugh at 8:00 P.M. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith. Trustee Smith having taken the oath of office before the meeting was called to order. Absent None.

The regular order of business was dispensed with.

Trustee Deininger nominated Trustee Smith to act as President of the Board for the ensuing year. Trustee Brooks seconded the nomination. There being no other nominees, Trustee Smith was elected by the following roll call vote: AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh and Torrence. Trustee Smith did not vote. NOES; Trustees: None. ABSENT; Trustees: None. Applause

"I thank you for this courtesy," said the new Mayor, "and I certainly appreciate it and hope that none of us, during my term of office, will do anything we are ashamed of"

The regular order of business was taken up by reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 21, 1924, which were approved as read.

President Smith appointed the following committees:

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Trustee Brooks, chairman,
Trustee Fitzhugh and Trustee Deininger.

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Trustee Fitzhugh, chairman,
Trustee Torrence and Trustee Deininger.

POLICE, FIRE AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE:

Trustee Torrence, chairman,
Trustee Fitzhugh and Trustee Brooks.

STREET, SEWER AND PARKS COMMITTEE:

Trustee Deininger, chairman,
Trustee Torrence and Trustee Brooks.

A communication, signed by Messrs. Crowell & Lundy, was read, same requesting permission to conduct a trial dance on Saturday evening, May 10th, and asking for a Special one-night rate.

Trustee Torrence moved that the above sought permit be granted at a fee of \$5.00. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Clerk Bartlett read the following petition:

"To the Honorable Mayor and City Council
and City Planning Commission.
Torrance, California.
Gentlemen:

We, the undersigned property owners, do hereby petition your honorable body to grade and improve Martina Ave., from

220th Street south to Plaza Del Amo, to curb and sidewalk said street and improve the surface of said street with crushed rock or pave with the same grade of paving recently used on Plaza Del Amo, east of Arlington Ave.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed by 7 property owners.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the above petition be referred to Mr. Jessup to take up with the property owners. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried.

The request of Mr. MacDowell for lights between the City and his court was referred to the Police, Fire and Lights committee for report at the next meeting.

Mr. Page appeared before the Board in the interest of City expansion as to factories, stating the Greater Los Angeles Association would hold a meeting in the Methodist church tomorrow night to which the whole Board were invited. Mr. Page also asked that the City Fathers exempt new factories from personal property tax for a term of three to five years as an added attraction; that such things were being done in Canada and some of the Eastern States, and hoped the Board would make a special effort to attend the meeting tomorrow night.

The matter of exempting new factories from a tax on their improvements was referred to the Finance committee.

The bad condition of the City water, as set forth by Mr. Dolley, was referred to the City Engineer.

The matter of heavy trucking on Post Avenue was referred to the Street committee for report.

Fire Chief Hannebrink asked what was being done toward securing fire plugs on Camino Real, both east and west of Arlington.

As the new Trustees had not as yet become conversant with the exact needs in that locality, and had also not had time to go over the budget to determine their financial ability, the matter was not acted upon.

Trustee Torrence brought up the question of cleaning up vacant lots of weeds and grass to reduce the fire hazard. It was explained that heretofore the City had been bearing this expense rather than to go to the trouble of putting a small lien on each lot.

As to lots where people were living, Attorney Briney stated that there were already laws sufficient to take care of such things.

City Recorder King reported fines amounting to \$2295.00 for the month of April.

Building permits for April were \$58125.00.

Chief Anderson again mentioned the need of a "Boulevard Stop" at Plaza Del Amo and Arlington and Plaza Del Amo and Carson.

Trustee Fitzhugh asked the status, if any, of the Cabrillo Avenue proceedings with the P. E. This matter, as well as the connecting of Post Ave. with the new El Prado paving, was discussed to some extent. It seems that a letter from the P. E. was being awaited in this connection. Trustee Fitzhugh thought the present Board should dedicate themselves to the task of cleaning up the aforementioned propositions.

The Street committee, the City Attorney and City Engineer were to confer upon the matter with the view of producing a working basis

No action was taken on the Engineer's request for a new mower.

President Smith said the closing of pool halls on Sunday would furnish a little food for thought as this matter had been mentioned to him from two or three sources.

Attorney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 88
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that Ordinance No. 88 be adopted as read at its first reading as an emergency Ordinance, and that the same be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Deininger seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh,
Torrence and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

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

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Torrence,
Fitzhugh and Smith.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 9:40 P.M., Trustee Fitzhugh moved to adjourn until Monday May 12th at 7:00 P.M: Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried.

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

Approved:
R. C. Smith
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.