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Torrance, California
May 15, 1962

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

In the absence of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil called the regular meeting of the Torrance City Council to order, May 15, 1962, 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Drale, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico. ABSENT: Mayor Isen (attending Mayor's conference in Miami). Also present were City Manager Peebles and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved in the absence of the Mayor that the Council appoint Councilman Nickolas O. Drale as Vice-Mayor of the City of Torrance, to act in that capacity when Mayor Isen is out of town for the next six months and that the vice-mayoralty be rotated according to seniority every six months, because it is not suitable that in a city the size of Torrance, the Council has to determine just prior to a meeting who is to be vice-mayor.

Councilman Benstead said he thought the Council should wait until the return of Mayor Isen before making such a motion and he would vote against it.

Councilman Sciarrotta's motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Vico.
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Drale.

Councilman Benstead's negative vote referred only to the general plan; he was not opposed to Councilman Drale's serving in the capacity for this meeting.

Councilman Vico agreed with Councilman Benstead who asked what objection there is to waiting until the Mayor returns. Councilman Sciarrotta had no objection, but stated the motion had passed and if the Council wishes to rescind the action at its meeting, it has that right.

3. At the request of Mayor pro tem Drale, Battalion Chief Lucas of the Fire Department led the salute to our Flag.

4. The Reverend Daniel Weaver, Del Amo Southern Baptist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Mayor pro tem Drale suspended the regular order of business to call on Robert Vroman who presented to the Council the second place award in its class, a colored photograph of the Torrance float in the January 1st, 1962, Tournament of Roses parade competition. City Clerk Coil accepted the picture which will be placed with other trophies adjacent to the City Hall lobby.

Mayor pro tem Drale introduced a visiting councilman from Salsgitter, Germany, Mr. Richard Guhr, his wife and daughter. Mr. Guhr has served as councilman in that city of 115,000 population since 1946. His city has 39 councilmen.

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

City Manager Peebles asked that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 1, 1962, Item 18, page 7, Vacation of a portion of Fonthill Avenue, be corrected to reflect the fact that there is a variance approved for the reduced frontage of the lot, as well as the fact that the Council approved waiving of the $100 fee.

Councilman Beasley moved the minutes of the regular meeting held May 1, 1962 be corrected as above stated and that the minutes of the regular meeting held May 8, 1962 be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Benstead moved all bills regularly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Benstead moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read title to any resolution or ordinance on tonight's agenda, the further reading thereof be waived; reserving and guaranteeing to each councilman the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

8. Claim of Lawrence Yamane, 2425 West Redondo Beach Boulevard, Gardena, California, in the amount of $932.70 for damages allegedly sustained in accident beyond Doty Street on 182nd Street, Torrance, March 23, 1962 at 10:40 p.m.

Councilman Benstead moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

9. Letter dated May 11, 1962 from Downtown Retail Merchants Association regarding free one-way bus trip to downtown Torrance May 31, June 1 and June 2, 1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation set forth in the letter and that of City Manager Peebles with respect thereto. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection; so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

10. Award of contract - Sanitary sewers in Ermanita Avenue from 171st Street to 420 feet southerly therefrom, per plan No. SS-81. Cover letter from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, dated May 10, 1962 to award contract to R. A. Johnson Company - bid summary attached.

Councilman Benstead moved the contract be awarded to R. A. Johnson Company at the price of $8,268 and all other bids be rejected. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

11. Calle Mayor Drainage Channel - request of Torrance Unified School District that City accept ownership and maintenance. Communication from City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, dated May 9, 1962, recommending City accept ownership and maintenance. Letters from Torrance Unified School District dated May 6, 1962 (with comment of City Manager Peebles) and April 17, 1962.

The recommendation of the City Engineer, concurred in by City Manager Peebles, is that the City offer to accept ownership and maintenance of the presently owned School District drainage system within the South High and Calle Mayor School sites as its additional contribution to drainage system costs.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

12. Councilman Beasley moved to accept the following street easement deeds:

1. Dated March 3, 1962 for the widening of Pennsylvania Avenue and future 228th Street and to provide a corner radius at the northeasterly corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and future 228th Street over portions of Lot 27, Tract No. 639, given by Murl A. and Ruth B. Reeves.

2. Dated April 27, 1962 for the widening of 230th Street and future 229th Place over portions of Lot 75, Tract No. 639, given by Johanna Olsson Nelson.

3. Dated April 27, 1962 for the widening of 230th Street and future 229th Place over portions of Lot 75, Tract No. 639, given by Mollie and Carl Albert Johnson.

4. Dated April 10, 1962 for future 229th Place over a portion of Lot 76, Tract No. 639, given by Pamela L. Vellinga.

5. Dated January 5, 1962 for future 235th Place over a portion of Lot 56, Tract No. 588, given by Augustine G. and Alice Solis.

6. Dated May 1, 1962 for the widening of 233rd Street and future 232nd Street over portions of Lot 6, Tract No. 588, given by Kenneth C. and Patricia J. Jett.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

13. Refund of drainage improvement fees for Tracts 27046, 27047 and 24568. Recommendation of City Engineer Nollac, with concurrence of City Manager Peebles, dated May 9, 1962.

The recommendation is composed of three items, as follows:

1. That drainage fees in the amount of $400 per acre on tracts 27046, 27047 and 24568 be refunded to Don Wilson, the developer of said tracts.

2. That where storm drain construction is bonded in the amount of 125% or more of the drainage fees normally due, a policy be established to reduce the collection to $100 per acre.

3. That lots designated on tract maps as "Park Sites" or "School Sites"be charged fees on the same basis as all other lots within the tract.

City Engineer Nollac explained this is in accordance with the ordinance, due to a technicality in that the tentative map was divided into four final maps. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he had not had a chance to study this subject and, rather than approve subject to the City Attorney's approval, Councilman Benstead moved to hold the matter for one week. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:

14. Recommendation to accept offer of contribution from the Tuesday Adult Arts and Crafts Club.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of th Park and Recreation Commission to award the contract for draperies for the Adult Center to M & M Draperies, the low bidder, in the amount of $181.18 and to accept the offer of Tuesday Adult Arts and Crafts Club to contribute $100 toward the cost thereof, the net amount of $80.18 to be allocated from the General Fund.

Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

15. Summary of actions taken at the meeting held Wednesday, April 25, 1962.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendations contained in subitems 2 and 3 of the summary and that the communication be filed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

16. Recommendation on Capital Improvement Budget priorities for 1962-63.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this communication to the budget sessions. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. Councilman Beasley asked City Manager Peebles if he thought it likely that $725,500 would be available for park sites; City Manager Peebles doubted it; there will have to be a lot of budget cutting.

17. Recommendation to approve new location for Youth Recreation Building at El Retiro Park.

Councilman Vico moed to concur in the recommendation to approve the site for the new recreation building at El Retiro Park as outlined in the letter dated May 10, 1962 from the Park and Recreation Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

City Manager Peebles recommended a review of the master plan prior to acting upon this recommendation.

In compliance, Councilman Beasley moved to reconsider the motion just passed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and, there being no objection, Councilman Beasley then moved that Item 17 be referred to the City Manager for study and recommendation at next week's meeting. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Benstead asked if the matter should not be held for budget sessions, but it developed this is a project of the Rotary Club and there is no expense on the part of the City, except supervision and inspection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT COMMISSION:

18. Recommendation of approval of remodeling of Acme Aircraft Company's office facilities.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Benstead asked if this would include the removal of the plane and other material mentioned, from City property and the billing by the City for rental for the time used. Mayor pro tem Drale said if there were no objections, the motion would include Councilman Benstead's remarks as conditions. There were no objections and the motion, with conditions, carried.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

19. Cover letter from City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting report regarding City of Torrance vs. Dominguez Water Corporation - litigation over Southwest Park water lines.

Mayor pro tem Drale asked for a briefing from City Attorney Remelmeyer, but Mr. Remelmeyer said the item was intended for two weeks study. If anyone would like to talk with him, he said he would be happy to explain, but it is a lengthy history and will be on the agenda in two weeks.

RESOLUTIONS:

20. At the request of Mayor pro tem Drale, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION BY THE SAID CITY OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TO WIT: THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM UPON THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 62-99. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-99. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

21. At the request of Mayor pro tem Drale, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO WILLYS G. BLOUNT FOR HIS TWELVE YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS CITY COUNCILMAN.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-100. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

22. At the request of Mayor pro tem Drale, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-101

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO GEORGE BRADFORD FOR HIS FOUR YEARS OF FAITHFUL AND DILIGENT SERVICE TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS CITY COUNCILMAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-101. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

ORDINANCES:

23. At the request of Mayor pro tem Drale, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1308

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II OF CHAPTER 26 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF A LOT OR OTHER PARCEL OF LAND, OTHER THAN A SUBDIVISION, AND PROVIDING REGULATIONS, GOVERNING SUCH DIVISIONS INCLUDING, AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONTROL OF THE DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE ON SUCH LAND AND THE IMPOSITION OF CONDITIONS THEREON.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1308 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

24. At the request of Mayor pro tem Drale, City Clerk Coil presented for its second and final reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1309

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 15J OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) GOVERNING THE SPLITTING OF LOTS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1309 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

25. At the request of Mayor pro tem Drale, City Clerk Coil presented for its second reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1310

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 15C OF APPENDIX I OF

"THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954"
(OFFICIAL LAND USE ORDINANCE) GOVERNING
MINIMUM LOT AREAS AND BUILDING SITE AREAS.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1310 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CIVIL SERVICE BOARD:

26. Class specifications for position classification of Garage Serviceman.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the class specifications and recommendations regarding Garage Serviceman. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked that the stipulation be added that the men who are now in the Tire and Lube classification, have taken the examination and are working as such, retain seniority over the men who are elevated to the new classification. City Manager Peebles said that was the intent and it would be a part of the record.

Mr. Louis Bisou, 4914 Halison Street, one of the tire and lube men involved, repeated Councilman Sciarrotta's condition, plus the fact that he feels there is danger in establishing a precedent. He contends the two men in the lower classification are not completely capable of doing the work he and the other Tire and Lube man do, and will not be doing it even under the new job name.

City Manager Peebles said the new classification was proposed to cure an inequity in the position and claimed that Mr. Bisou is misinformed to some extent.

Councilman Benstead asked, and was told, the difference in pay, roughly $25 per month.

Mr. Peebles said the consolidation of classifications would also cut down the number of classifications which he considered advantageous.

Mr. John Simmons, the business agent of the employees' union spoke in protest of the new classification, based on strict adherence to Civil Service examinations and regulations.

Kenneth MacRae, Garage Superintendent, explained the plan from his viewpoint. The request for classification study was initiated by him in October through Personnel. It is not a new thing, he said, but an attempt to cure an existing condition.

Mayor pro tem Drale asked for a complete report on the subject; how much increase is involved, the duties of the various classifications involved, etc., from the City Manager. Councilman Benstead raised the question of whether or not the pay increase should be retroactive. He favored sending the whole subject back to the Civil Service Board for a recommendation, as well as to the Legal Department for an opinion. Mayor pro tem said when the report comes from the City Manager, a decision can be made of where to go from there.

Councilman Miller moved, and Councilman Vico seconded, that the matter be held two weeks for the report. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

27. Councilman Beasley moved to approve the expenditure of $328.02 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one 4" Hersey Model D. C. Meter for the Water Department, to be used for Citizens Bank service, a budget item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. An item was added to the agenda, to correct an inadvertence as to publication of a resolution of intention to vacate a portion of Fonthill Avenue. City Clerk Coil explained it as a routine procedural matter and, at the request of Mayor pro tem Drale read the title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-98

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF FONTHILL AVENUE OVER A PORTION OF LOT 30, OF THE McDONALD TRACT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 62-98. Motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

29. Councilman Beasley again complained of the messy condition caused by the contractors working on the storm drainage project near his home. He recommended the Councilmen and department heads survey the area. Mayor pro tem Drale referred the matter to City Manager Peebles who said an official complaint has already been lodged with the County of Los Angeles.

30. Councilman Beasley recalled the proposal of Mayor Isen for a Torrance Beautiful Committee and suggested each councilman nominate two commissioners, and the Mayor three, for a fifteen-man committee. There are many places to consider for beautification: the new civic center development, streets and highways. Mayor pro tem Drale asked that the record show Mr. Beasley's suggestion and when the mayor returns it will be brought to his attention.

31. Councilman Miller added that Mr. and Mrs. Don Walker of 5203 Asteria, have done a lot of good work along this line and are very enthusiastic. Also, Councilman Miller offered his own services in liaison work or however he can be useful.

Councilman Beasley asked if the City Attorney could be instructed to draft whatever ordinance is necessary and Mayor pro tem Drale agreed that could be started, pending Mayor Isen's return.

32. Councilman Sciarrotta recommended utilization of the various school playgrounds for supervised recreational purposes, similar to what is being done in Inglewood. Councilman Vico asked what has been done about installing the sprinkler systems at the school grounds so that the turfs can be maintained. City Manager Peebles

reported the Council approved $35,000 for the sprinkling of three playgrounds with the understanding the School District would install those at the other four schools. When that is completed, he plans to call a meeting to formulate plans for joint usage. Bids are being advertised for at this time.

33. Councilman Vico called attention to the construction of some apartment units north of Artesia, on 173rd Place. There is a barricade at the end of the street and now it is going to be removed and a jog put in the street in front of someone's yard. Curbs and sidewalks have been torn out to gain access to the garages. City Manager Peebles explained that several meetings were held with the residents on 173rd Place who were very upset over the situation. However, there was no way the City could stop this access as it is only in the past two years that the City has required the one foot dedication of land. The property owner has put up a fence prohibiting any traffic other than that to the first unit of apartments, from using the street which decreases the traffic by about two-thirds. It is an old access route which the City cannot control other than by voluntary action of the property owners, but a means has been devised to obviate this sort of occurrence in the future.

34. Mayor pro tem Drale asked if the Council would instruct City Attorney Remelmeyer to draft some sort of regulation which would prohibit drinking of alcoholic beverages on Torrance Beach. City Attorney Remelmeyer doubted the City's authority to pass an ordinance regarding drinking but said he would do so, until it is definitely established that it is illegal.

35. Mayor pro tem Drale said there is a serious bicycle problem and recommended mandatory licensing thereof for better control. City Attorney Remelmeyer will make a recommendation on the subject.

36. Mayor pro tem Drale mentioned the non-partisan project, the Bonelli Reapportionment plan for the Senate. He attended the meeting recently. He had understood Torrance adopted a resolution endorsing the plan, but found that is not true and moved the Council adopt a resolution endorsing it. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and City Attorney Remelmeyer will prepare a resolution along these lines for presentation to the Council.

37. Mayor pro tem Drale mentioned the news item regarding the heroism of Mr. B. E. Jamison of Riverside in rescuing Paul Camilang, Jr., aged 9, who lives at 20826 Shearer Avenue, Torrance, and recommended some recognition of Mr. Jamison. City Attorney Remelmeyer is to write an appropriate letter of appreciation.

38. Mayor pro tem Drale reminded the Council of the tragic accident which resulted in great loss to the Nelson Rucker family. Councilman Vico moved a letter of sympathy be written by City Manager Peebles. Councilman Miller seconded and it was so ordered.

39. City Manager Peebles asked if any councilmen plan to attend the Independent Cities of Los Angeles County dinner Wednesday evening at Rodger Young auditorium. If so, they should contact Mr. Peebles' office.

40. Councilman Beasley moved the meeting adjourn to May 23, Wednesday, at 8 p.m. Mayor pro tem Drale seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Mayor Isen absent). There will be a work session at 7:15 p.m. on the taxicab subject which was on the May 8th agenda.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary





APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

Vernon W. Coil
Vernon W. Coil, City Clerk
City of Torrance, California