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Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Torrance, California
September 14, 1965

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, September 14, 1965, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also in attendance.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Larry Radcliff, a senior at South High School, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Sippel of First Christian Church of Torrance, Minister of the Month, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 7, 1965, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta 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 Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM: Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 65-175 to abate weeds on certain property.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 65-175 declaring parcels listed in said resolution to be a public nuisance and providing for the abatement thereof, with certain exceptions noted therein. City Clerk Coil listed the following

six exceptions additionally:

Lot 9, Tract 437 - Miss Russell
 Lots 9 and 10 - Russell Oil lease - Martin Muker
 Portion of Lot 9, Tract 530, Gertrude Schreiber
 The Jefferson lease, at Crenshaw and Pacific Coast Highway
 Lot 47, Tract 639, Mary R. Zorovich
 Portion of Lot 80, Tract 437; 1932 238th Street and 1938 238th
 Street, Karl D. Fechner.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, these six were referred to the City Manager for investigation and report back if necessary.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing and Councilman Sciarrotta moved to accept and file them. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard, this being a public hearing and there was no response.

Councilman Lyman moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 65-187

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER/STREET SUPERINTENDENT TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 65-175, AND SETTING FORTH EXCEPTIONS THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-187 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked the City Manager to make a report back on all the contested parcels, or exceptions, so that the record may be complete, as an agenda item telling how each was processed.

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Officer Jackson of the Police Department and the winners of the Youth Safety Run were present with beautiful trophies of their success. They were introduced as Bob Davis, driver of a Rambler American, and his co-pilot Chuck McCutcheon who drove to 30.68 miles per gallon. The route was from Los Angeles to Yosemite and return, about 900 miles, over all kinds of highway, including Tioga Pass which is not only one-way traffic, but also complicated by miles of construction work. Grant Dibley and Dave Daley drove a Ford Mustang to 27.74 miles per gallon.

At the suggestion of City Manager Ferraro, Officer Jackson gave more details of the car clubs program for which he has acted as adviser for about twelve years.

9. CASE NO. 65-37, M. L. VAN TINE, Variance. The request is for reduction of the number of required parking spaces from 18 to 15 for a proposed office building on the northerly side of Palos Verdes Boulevard, approximately midway between Pacific Coast Highway and Via Valencia. Recommended by the Planning Commission for approval.

Planning Director explained that the reason for the recommendation of approval is that this is to be an office building, not a retail store. If it were converted to retail there might be a different recommendation. Any control would have to come through the functions of the licensing department notifying the land use enforcement people as a courtesy.

Mr. Van Tine was present and presented his reasons for asking the variance. He originally entered into this project with another man and the two exchanged five foot easements for the driveway purposes. He contends he has not been permitted the same rights as has this other man in the way of parking requirements. He (the other man referred to) has built a 3,000 square foot building, with fifteen parking spaces, for retail right next door to the Van Tine location. The building which is under construction at the present time will house Pat's Ski Shop.

Superintendent of Building and Safety McKinnon described the building which he said includes a large rack or shelf which the Planning Commission decided would not be chargeable against the parking ratio. It is used to display skis and other sporting goods and is large enough to actually walk on. The other man was not required to obtain a variance.

Mayor Isen asked if Mr. Van Tine would be within the Parking Assessment District contemplated for this area. Mr. Van Tine was not sure, but believed his property would be, and he would be agreeable.

The Mayor and councilmen were very interested in this apparent discrepancy between the decisions in the two matters, and would like to have a report as to the adjoining property.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. There was no objection.

Mr. Van Tine did not object to an additional week and on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Miller, the matter was continued for one week. Mayor Isen instructed Planning Director Shartle to determine whether or not this property is within the Redondo Beach Parking Assessment District.

The matter will appear early on the September 21st agenda.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

10. CASE NO. 65-27, PLANNING COMMISSION. Proposed ordinance.

City Attorney Remelmeyer noted a correction as to the transmittal letter in the seventh line of the second paragraph, the word "R-3" should be changed to R-2 - the R-3 was a typographical error.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1619

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 65-27 (Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1619 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

11. SANITARY SEWER IN HAWTHORNE AVENUE SOUTH OF NEWTON STREET. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that contractor on the subject project be granted an extra work item of \$130.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

FISCAL MATTERS:

12. BID FOR CAST IRON PIPE. Acting Water Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager and City Engineer/Street Superintendent, recommending that the low bidder, Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Co. be awarded the bid. The prices are \$1.902 per foot for six inch pipe and \$2.707 for eight inch.

13. BID FOR CITY UNIFORMS AND CLEANING CONTRACT. Director of Finance, with concurrence of City Manager, recommending that bid of Atlas Coverall and Uniform Supply Company be accepted. The most significant feature is the \$.70 for cleaning as there is a negligible amount of replacement required.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendations of the respective department heads as to items 12 and 13 and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the following expenditures:

\$1,500 (estimated) to Web-Air Automotive Company to supply Police Department's annual requirements of red ~~flates~~ ^{flares} without spikes - 20 minute duration, at \$28.13 per gross, a regular budget item.

\$583.09 to Andrews Hardware for 50 manual traffic counters to be assigned by Traffic and Lighting Department to vacationing students prior to their return to school.

The second item covers counters which are laid down at intersections to determine traffic counts, City Manager Ferraro explained.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

15. ITEMS OVER \$300 - EMERGENCY POLICE AND FIRE EQUIPMENT.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval of the following four items of expenditure for emergency Police and Fire equipment:

1. \$1,242.80 to F. Morton Pitt Company for 1 Fargo Kit F600 including an F621 unit which is a communication system consisting of two miniature short wave concealable transmitters and one receiver.

2. \$1,638 to Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. for 3 only Motorola Handie Talkie FM radio phones.
3. \$592.80 to F. Morton Pitt Company for twenty gas masks to be used by the Special Enforcement Detail of the Police Department.
4. For the Fire Department, \$2,634.32 to Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. for four only Motorola Handie Talkie FM radio phones with certain extra attachments.

Councilman Lyman seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

16. VENDING MACHINE LICENSE TAXES. Proposed ordinances amending sections of Chapter 16 to provide for an increase in vending machine fees.

Councilman Beasley moved that this item be tabled and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Olson.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley's reason for opposition was that he considers it the same as an increase in taxes. City Manager Ferraro reminded him that it is included in the budget for 1965-66.

Answering a question by Mayor Isen, Finance Director said it would bring Torrance into line with comparable cities, in the neighborhood.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1620

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 16 TO PROVIDE FOR AN INCREASE FOR VENDING MACHINE FEES: SECTION 16.266 "AMUSEMENT MACHINES - LICENSE TAX"; SECTION 16.267 "COIN-OPERATED MUSIC MACHINES - LICENSE TAX"; AND SECTION 16.268 "VENDING AND SERVICE MACHINES - LICENSE TAX".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1620 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Olson.

PARK AND RECREATION:

17. CONSTRUCTION WORK AT ENTRADERO PARK. Request of Recreation Director for an appropriation from unappropriated surplus for additional construction work at Entradero Park, with concurrence of City Manager.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the request for an appropriation of \$500 from the source and for the purpose stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

POLICE OPERATIONS:18. PROPOSED LOITERING ORDINANCE, and Emergency Ordinance on subject.

Councilman Beasley expressed himself as being against the first proposed ordinance and Mayor Isen asked what the difference is between the two proposed ordinances. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the first prohibits loitering in public places or a place of business; the second is an ordinance pertaining to outdoor restaurants, or drive-ins. Councilman Beasley said under the first ordinance, anyone could be arrested and Councilman Lyman could not see the reason for either ordinance and asked if there is some sort of report which the Council has not seen. City Attorney Remelmeyer said the Police Department representative would present the reasons verbally if the Council wished. The Council had the impression the reference was to teenagers, but Assistant Chief Porter said it is not teenagers, but young adults who are causing the trouble. The curfew law provides control as to minors, under eighteen years of age.

City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested the Council refer the matter to a committee and have the Police Department bring in their records to show the reasons for the proposed legislation.

Councilman Miller moved to refer the matter to the Police and Fire Commission for study of both ordinances. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Both City Manager Ferraro and Assistant Chief Porter stated there is nothing involved which cannot be discussed in a public meeting but Mayor Isen thought it would be well to have the Committee summarize the reasons and there being no objection, the ordinances were referred to the Police and Fire Committee of the Council.

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

19. EARLY ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT 23811 WARD STREET. Recommendation that the City Council take the necessary actions in accordance with the early acquisition policy as to the property of Mrs. Vivian Sanders. The City Manager recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to instruct the appraiser to make an acquisition appraisal of the property, and to review this case and report back to the Council with a further recommendation.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

20. PROCLAMATION OF TORRANCE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP WEEK Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of October 4 through 8, 1965 as Torrance Parent Teacher Association Membership week, and also the

21. PROCLAMATION OF CONSTITUTION WEEK - September 12 through 18, 1965.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

22. DELETION FROM OIL WELL BOND NO. 01B25588, of Louden #2.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Acting License Supervisor to so delete and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. There was no objection.

23. RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF GARDENA.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 65-188

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE CITY OF GARDENA ON THE COMMEMORATION OF ITS THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION AND THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INAUGURATION OF ITS MUNICIPAL BUS LINES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-188 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

24. TRAVEL REQUEST - 92nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE CHIEFS. Communication from Chief Benner, with concurrence of City Manager, requesting permission to attend conference at Miami, Florida, October 18 through 21, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the requested permission and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE:

25. ORDINANCE NO. 1618.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1618

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 17.79 AND 17.144 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954, ENTITLED RESPECTIVELY "PARKING ON NARROW STREETS" AND "TRUCK TRAFFIC IN THE CITY"; AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 17.79 AND 17.144 ENTITLED RESPECTIVELY "PARKING ON NARROW STREETS" AND "TRUCK TRAFFIC IN THE CITY".

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1618 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. SCHEDULE OF TENTATIVELY SELECTED DATES. The events listed are the ribbon cutting of the County Probation Building, Junior Citizens Day, and the Press Dinner.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to tentatively approve the dates set and if adjustments are found to be necessary they may be made. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

27. Councilman Miller asked what progress is being made with legislation on the subject of billboards and City Manager Ferraro promised to advance the priority so that it may be ready within thirty days.

28. Councilman Miller said he had been asked if it would not be possible to include City Commissioners in the insurance program and City Clerk Coil was asked for a recommendation after studying the question.

29. Councilman Sciarrotta asked for some kind of legislation regarding parking for prospective high rise buildings within the City. Planning Director Shartle said a report on parking regulations will come up probably at the next Planning Commission meeting which will include complete revision as to office buildings.

30. Mayor Isen called attention to Information Item A, the letter from Palos Verdes Aviation Company commending the Police Department efforts with respect to the theft of an aircraft. He commented that the recovery of the plane should receive equal publicity.

31. Secondly, Mayor Isen referred to the incendiary fires within the City a few days ago and the good work of the Fire and Police Departments which led to the apprehension of the arsonist. Although it appears there was no use of so-called molotov cocktails, Mayor Isen stated if there had been technically no State laws would have been violated. It is important that this fallacy be corrected and there is no reason to await action by the State legislature. He asked for an ordinance which would make molotov cocktails, or the equivalent, a misdemeanor and requested the City Attorney to prepare for study of the Council such legislation. A bottle of gasoline, technically, is not an explosive device.

32. City Manager Ferraro asked the City Council for some guidance as to the zone change for high rise which will come before the Council on September 21st, and asked if it would be appropriate to defer this hearing until some action has been taken on the parking regulations mentioned by Councilman Sciarrotta. His thought was that the City Council might like to consider the regulations separately from any individual application. Mayor Isen thought the hearing should go ahead as scheduled. Councilman Lyman believed the parking ordinance could be ready and considered at the same time.

Planning Director Shartle said it is not a simple matter; the entire ordinance must be rewritten. Mayor Isen asked that there be a consultation with the applicant.

33. Mr. Sam Hunegs told of some difficulties with the Family Health Foundation which formerly furnished medical insurance protection to City employees, and which is now out of business. There is a \$6,000 cash deposit and apparently about thirteen city employees have been dissatisfied as to the handling of their claims. He cited one particular case involving emergency care in a non-participating hospital, and described what he called a "kooky" arbitration board and said the matter should be reported to the State Insurance Commission. He believed the cash deposit should not be released until all these evasions have been investigated.

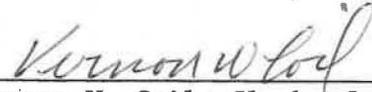
Mr. Ferraro stated the matter will be on next week's Council agenda with complete background information. There are some unpaid and disputed claims and he recommended enough of the money be held to satisfy the claims. The City Manager said nothing would be done until after this matter is investigated and a copy of the recommendation to the Council next week will be sent to Mr. Hunegs. It is planned to contact the Attorney General on the City's experience with the Family Health Foundation.

A short recess was declared at 9:10 p.m., following which the regular meeting of the Redevelopment Agency was held. Council reconvened as such at 9:20.

34. Mr. Don Foyle of 4303 West 234th Street, referred to the purchase of some instruments for measuring traffic and stated the group of young people which he had believed would assist in the project have now gone back to school and their extra activities preclude working as had been planned. He suggested the Council give some consideration to a program whereby college students could do this on a part time basis.

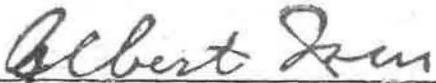
Mayor Isen and City Manager Ferraro reported work is being done along this line under the Youth Opportunities Act and a report will be made to Council before too long.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance