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Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Torrance, California
June 29, 1966

MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY
COUNCIL.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regularly adjourned meeting of the Torrance City Council from June 28, 1966, was held at 7:00 p.m., on June 29, 1966 in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were:
Councilmen: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

The following items were considered prior to the hearing on the appeal of the Bounty Room entertainment license.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

21. Recommendation of the Traffic Commission, that proposed resolution be adopted. This deals with one-hour parking on the east side of Arlington Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and the first alley to the north.

Mayor Isen asked if it would not be advisable to make this two-hour parking rather than one-hour. Traffic Engineer Horkay said his department had checked with the businesses involved and they want one hour.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-128

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 64-116, ARTICLE II, WHICH ESTABLISHES ONE HOUR PARKING LIMIT, BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-128 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. Proposed resolution prohibiting parking on the south side of 190th Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Van Ness.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-129

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF RESOLUTION NO. 63-33 WHICH PROHIBITS PARKING AT ANY TIME BY ADDING A CERTAIN LOCATION THERETO.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-129 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

23. Recommendation of Traffic and Lighting Department re closing of Howard Avenue from Pearl Street to Ruby Street from 3 p.m., to 10 p.m. on July 4, 1966 for the purpose of a block party.

23A. Recommendation of Traffic and Lighting Department re closing of Evalyn Avenue from Leonore to Carson for July 4th Block Party from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

As to each of the above two items, Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendations as set forth. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

FISCAL MATTERS:

24. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur as to the following four items of expenditure:

1. \$463.01 to Brooks Products for 124 concrete meter boxes to be used for meter installations by the Water Department.
2. \$591.24 to Western Water Works Supply Co. for 50 crossing headers to be used by the Water Department for water service.
3. \$1,396.60 to Jamison, Inc. for one piece of playground equipment called a crows nest, a proprietary product of Jamison - to be installed at the Pueblo Playground.
4. \$780 to Prismo California Co. (Bauer Paint Co.) for 200 gallons of traffic paint.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

25. Proposed resolution re 1967 Powder Puff Derby.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-130

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, URGING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE TERMINUS OF THE 1967 POWDER PUFF DERBY AT THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-130 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. Memorandum re purchase of Vegas lease, with two proposed resolution

Mayor Isen asked that this item be held until later in the meeting to permit a closed session under the Brown Act to receive legal advice. There was no objection.

PARK AND RECREATION:

27. Communication from City Manager re plaque for Sam Levy Memorial Park.

The request is for approval of the necessary funds appropriated from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus for \$404.60, plus tax. City Manager Ferraro said he would furnish the wording of the plaque to the Councilmen.

Councilman Miller moved to approve and appropriate the sum mentioned. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and roll call vote was:

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

WATER SYSTEMS:

28. Report from City Attorney noted by City Manager re Dominguez Water litigation.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Attorney and appropriate the sum of \$1450 to pay the statement for services rendered by Newlin, Tackabury and Johnston, special legal counsel. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

29. Communication from Water Superintendent with concurrence of the City Manager and Director of Public Works recommending progress payment as requested by Southern Pacific Constructors in connection with Well Improvement Program, in the amount of \$82,111.75.

Councilman Olson moved to concur and make the payment. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

30. Memo from City Attorney re purchase of Torrance properties of Dominguez Water Company and California Water Service Company.

The councilmen will study this memorandum and it will be considered on July 26th.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

31. PROCLAMATION:

Mayor Isen proclaimed July 4, 1966 as LET FREEDOM RING DAY.

32. Communication from Torrance Beautiful Commission re request for privilege of participating in study of relocation ordinance and related problems.

Mayor Isen said there is no objection and the City Manager was authorized to process the ordinance with the Commission prior to its coming to City Council.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

33. Proposed Billboard Moratorium ordinance resubmitted as per Council request on June 21, 1966, reworded at recommendation of Building and Safety Director.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1699

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROHIBITING THE ERECTION OR DISPLAY OF ANY BILLBOARD OR BILLBOARD STRUCTURES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR A NINETY (90) DAY PERIOD AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1694.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1699 as an emergency measure at this its only reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. Communication from License Supervisor re proposed ordinance amending Section 16.266 entitled Amusement Machines - License Tax, re reduction of yearly business license fees.

Mayor Isen commented that this would correct the injustice with respect to Mr. Cohen's seasonal operation and at his request, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1700

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SEC. 16.266 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR A REDUCTION IN YEARLY LICENSE FEES FOR OUTDOOR VENDING MACHINES.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1700 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

35. Proposed resolution re destruction of City records.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-131

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 34090.7.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-131 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

35A. Communication from Senior Administrative Assistant re railroad crossing separations.

Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this would be referred to Councilman Miller in connection with the Madrid Avenue Special Council Committee for review and recommendation to the Council. There was no objection.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE:

36. ORDINANCE NO. 1695.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1695

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE VI TO CHAPTER 18 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROHIBIT THE BLOCKING OF CROSSINGS BY TRAINS.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1695 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Mayor Isen announced there would now be heard the evidence with respect to an appeal from the denial of the entertainment permit to the Bounty Room and asked those witnesses who are to testify to rise and be properly sworn.

Deputy City Attorney Knickerbocker conducted the interrogation of the witnesses: the owner Don Bartelemie appealing the denial, spoke in his own behalf. He presented a petition with 32 signatures. Mr. Bartelemie said there had been previously entertainment here and he saw no reason why he could not also. Customers want live entertainment and if it is not supplied, they go elsewhere.

Sgt. Ashman of the Torrance Police Department, in command of the Vice Division, being duly sworn, was questioned and gave evidence regarding complaints of noise and disturbances at the Bounty Room. There have been eleven recorded complaints from February of 1964 to date. The list of actual complaints and incidents and their disposal was offered in evidence.

Mr. John A. Spisak of 21112 Ladeene Avenue, directly across the street, testified to having been disturbed by the noise and other factors of the operation of the Bounty Room. He objects to the issuance of an entertainment license. He owns the apartment house where he lives and has lost tenants because of the rowdy operation of the Bounty Room. He had previously submitted a petition with forty odd names in protest, and stated he speaks for the neighbors who are mostly working people who cannot attend this hearing. There have been no complaints under the operation of the beer bar without a rock and roll combo. The juke box is not objectionable.

Mr. Willard Rains, 14001 South Washington, Hawthorne, the previous owner of the Bounty Room for seventeen months, said much of the record of complaints was established prior to his ownership. He sold the business because he also has a business in Inglewood which required his attention. A pool room next to the Bounty Room, which is now closed, had caused some of the complaints, Mr. Raines said.

Mrs. John A. Spisak of 21112 Ladeene Avenue, also protested issuance of the entertainment license.

(The tape recording and stenographic notes of this hearing are being retained on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

The council discussed various proposed means of alleviating the noise which might result from granting the entertainment license. The consensus of the council is that this is not the proper location for this type of business.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the License Review Board to deny the entertainment license to the Bounty Room. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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A recess was declared during which Councilman Sciarrotta asked to be excused from the balance of the meeting.

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After returning to the Councilroom, Mayor Isen asked for a further few minutes for the council to meet with the City Attorney in the City Manager's office to discuss the legal problems involved in the Vegas lease at the Airport. Airport Manager Egan accompanied them.

The councilmen returned to the agenda at 8:20 p.m.

26. Re. Purchase of Vegas Lease, with resolutions attached.

Councilman Olson said the Airport Committee of the Council has studied this item carefully and believes their recommendation to be in the best interests of the City. The recommendation is to approve the sale on the terms set forth in the Committee report, adopt the resolution authorizing the sale and the resolution authorizing the bank loan to finance it. Airport Manager Egan and City Manager Ferraro concurred.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-132

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO SURRENDER LEASE DATED JUNE 28, 1966, BETWEEN THE CITY AND VEGAS AIR, INC. DIRECTING THE PURCHASE OF THE VEGAS AIRPORT LEASE AND TRANSFERRING THE MONEYS THEREFOR TO THE AIRPORT FUND, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF AN ATTORNMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND TROJANAIRE, INC.

Councilman Olson moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-132 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-133

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000.00) TO PROVIDE FOR THE FINAL PAYMENT OF THE VEGAS LEASEHOLD INTEREST.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-133 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

City Treasurer Rupert said this method of financing would result in an interest saving of \$13,750 over the term of the loan.

(The sequence of numbering of items is abandoned at this point because of conflict with numbering of the items in the minutes of the original meeting of June 28, 1966 of which these minutes are a continuation.)

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Deputy City Clerk Moss reported a letter had been presented by Mr. Ted Koletos which he asked be read aloud. There being no objection, the letter was read and ordered filed.

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Councilman Miller announced there would be a meeting July 6th at 4 p.m. in the City Manager's office with the President of the School Board and the School Superintendent with respect to the Children's Zoo.

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City Attorney Remelmeyer said a resolution should be adopted authorizing the borrowing of money for Hickory Park and at the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 66-134

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$123,800.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-134 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

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City Attorney Remelmeyer said the City is concerned with the undergrounding of utility lines. The Public Utilities Commission is holding extensive hearings on the subject and he asked authorization for one of the councilmen and himself to attend the hearings in San Francisco "tomorrow and Friday" June 30th and July 1st. Councilman Miller moved that the permission be granted and Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was

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

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City Attorney Remelmeyer told the Council he would leave shortly on annual military leave for two weeks. He will be at Fort McArthur.

There being no further business, the meeting was regularly adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...
Mayor of the City of Torrance