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Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Torrance, California
September 20, 1966

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 at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 20, 1966, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Olson was absent on vacation. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. John Infield led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

City Clerk Coil 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 13, 1966, as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection. The minutes of the September 14th meeting remain to be considered.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all properly audited demands be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

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 and the motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

City Manager Ferraro had asked that Assistant City Manager Scharfman be permitted to give his report as to purchase of the water rights from the School District.

The School Board is meeting in special session at 6:30 this evening and for that reason it was necessary to decide this particular issue at this time. Mr. Scharfman said pursuant to the Council's authorization, the City Manager had filed a bid on water rights the School District had for sale in the West Water Basin. The bids were opened on Monday, September 12th and the City, Dominguez Water Company and Texaco Oil Company were revealed as the three bidders. Dominguez withdrew its bid. Because of legal complications the bids were continued until the Board meeting last night (September 19, 1966) in order to take oral bids. At that meeting the City was represented by Water Commission Chairman Waldo E. Ford and Assistant Water Superintendent Cecil Powell. The City originally bid \$50 per acre foot and Texaco bid approximately twice that amount, for the 59.4 acre feet offered. The price would permit the pumping of that amount of water annually and is paid only once, an outright purchase.

Texaco has bid \$6,162 for the 59.4 acre feet and the School Board is awaiting an opinion from the County Counsel as to what it may legally do and that opinion will be given them at the 6:30 meeting. According to the agreement signed by the cities and others in the West Basin Water District, these rights must be exercised within a five year period, which expires September 30, 1966. If they are not pumped by that date, the rights will be lost and that is why the School District is selling. The School Board will not make an award unless it is irrevocable.

Mr. Scharfman asked the Council for authority to offer a bid equal that of Texaco, the amount to be appropriated from the Water Fund.

Councilman Beasley asked how Texaco can pump this water and Mr. Scharfman said research has revealed they would pump the water for use in their refinery cooling towers at Pacific Coast Highway and Alameda. In fact, they have rights to draw more water than has the City of Torrance. \$6,162 figures a little over \$100 per acre foot. Texaco's original bid was \$5,821 and Chairman Ford said the City would go as high as \$6,112. However, the first oral bid must be 5% higher than the written bid and from then on in multiples of \$50.00; hence the \$6,162.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to authorize Assistant City Manager Scharfman to bid \$6,162 on behalf of the City at the meeting at 6:30 this evening, as an oral bid.

Councilman Beasley moved a substitute that Mr. Scharfman be authorized to use his judgment in bidding, up to the amount of \$7,000. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

The margin between \$6,162 and \$7,000 is probably not necessary, but Mr. Scharfman said it would be advantageous to know that it is authorized. Roll call vote was:

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

HEARINGS:

8. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1966 - RESOLUTION NO. 66-179. Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 66-179 to hear any and all property owners having objections to proposed removal of weeds covered in said resolution.

City Clerk Coil and City Manager Ferraro said there had been no exceptions, and City Clerk Coil presented Affidavits of Posting and Mailing which, on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Vico, were received and filed, by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

Mayor Isen announced this is the time for public hearing on the abatement of the nuisance and invited any who wished to speak; there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and, there being no objection, it was so ordered.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 66-179.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-199 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

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Mayor Isen welcomed Don Kirkland of the Press Telegram who formerly attended Council meetings, to this meeting.

Also in the audience was a delegation from one of the little leagues and Mayor Isen introduced Mr. John Infield, their spokesman.

Mr. Infield gave his address as 21234 Kent Avenue and said Southwood Little League has been playing, for the past four years, on land owned by the Huntington Land Corporation and leased by Texaco. Even if the league plays there this year, it will be the last year and there are few places in the neighborhood large enough for this activity. Two sumps were mentioned: the Ocean Avenue sump which is City-owned property and the one just east of Bishop Montgomery School, both of which are in process of being taken over because of failure to pay taxes. Mr. Infield has been advised by the City Engineer that the amount of water which normally drains into these sumps would not constitute a problem. One end could be made lower to catch the water and enough dry land would remain at the opposite end.

There are about 350 boys who expect to have a ball diamond by spring and these boys have twice been district champions. These young boys should have a field near their homes and Mr. Infield asked for help from the Council in obtaining it.

Councilman Miller moved to refer the question to Management for study of the feasibility of developing one of these sumps into a ball-park. From Management the matter would go to the Park and Recreation Commission. Councilman Vico seconded. City Manager Ferraro said the report on the study will be available in about thirty days after which the Park and Recreation Commission would review the findings. There was no objection.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. PROPOSED ORDINANCE adding definitions for take-out and walk-in restaurants.

Mayor Isen expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed ordinance in that it would place a burden on any small restaurant operation. In mayor Isen's opinion, the City is "going crazy in a lot of its regulations and red tape and requirements." There is nothing in the

law which requires restroom facilities for customers of restaurants; the requirement is based on the number of employees.

Planning Director Shartle said what is being defined, or attempted to be defined is the type of restaurant which will not require a conditional use permit. City Attorney Remelmeyer said if the Council will tell him what it wants, he will see that it is incorporated into the ordinance. He added that the County Health Department enforces only the laws that are applicable within the City and there is no reason for the City to enact more strict laws than those of the County itself. For instance, the County requires only one restroom, for instance, if there are less than five employees and no liquor is served; this proposed ordinance would require two.

Mayor Isen believes the ordinance requires a lot more study and, on motion of Councilman Miller, seconded by Councilman Vico, consideration was continued for not less than one month, to give an opportunity for study and recommendation by the Council Building Committee.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

10. REQUEST OF E. E. BUTCHER for review of vacation of that certain alley, Lot 42, Block 2, Subdivision of Lot 33, Meadow Park Tract. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer, noted by Acting Public Works Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that no change be made in the original recommendations.

Mr. Al Hess of South Bay Engineering represented his client, Mr. Butcher and requested he be permitted to dedicate 250 feet of alley in exchange for the vacation of approximately 125 feet of existing alley, for the following reasons: the alley being dedicated is not a new alley; it is rather a re-dedication of the original alley which was vacated when owned by the School District. The applicant is not a subdivider; he has purchased and is using previously established lots and, according to the Director of Public Works, only required to dedicate right of way; not to improve. He outlined several reasons why the alley would be advantageous, principally because of trash pickup, a public service.

The "paper alley" is not paved, Mayor Isen said, and the only argument seems to be who is to pay for paving the alley, the cost having been estimated at \$4,000. Mr. Butcher is building ten homes on this old subdivision.

Mr. Pete Swanson of 24221 Ward Street said the alley is a deadend and when the original alley was vacated, the City Council and Planning Commission agreed to open the alley to the public. This was never done. Trash trucks have to back down into it to pick up rubbish. The surface was decomposed granite with a thin blacktop coating. Mr. Swanson said the property owners would like to see the alley opened up.

Councilman Beasley who lived in this immediate area for twenty-one years, said the part which shows on the sketch as coming from the alley to the proposed vacation, was a part of the school grounds. It was vacated to the School Board and now is a part of Mr. Butcher's land. Mr. Beasley said Mr. Butcher is now opening up a situation which has been bad for many years. He has offered the City twice as much land as he will be receiving. The policy of the Council has been for the City to do the improvement where subdividers give the property in R-1 zoned property. He believed the City would be the one to gain in such an exchange, Mr. Beasley said.

Mayor Isen outlined what he believes to be the situation: that Mr. Butcher owns this outright as a part of his subdivision and he would be giving up the 250 feet x 20 feet in order to serve the area by bringing in an alley. Mr. Nollac explained that Mr. Butcher is requesting 125 feet be vacated in exchange for dedication of 250 feet of his land. The tract dates back to 1927 and there was dedicated an alley on the tract through to 242nd Street.

Mr. Nollac said there are several benefits to the property owners to be derived from this alley and there are also great benefits for the City in having the alley go straight rather than turning out to Park Street. Approximately half a lot will accrue to Mr. Butcher's benefit.

Mayor Isen said in that this is such a different situation, he would think the exchange should be made and the cost of improving the alley split between Mr. Butcher and the City. Mr. Hess said this is not a new subdivision; it is an existing subdivision. Mr. Nollac confirmed that technically, Mr. Butcher would not be required to dedicate the land because he is not subdividing and he does not have to have an alley.

Mayor Isen reversed his thinking after the matter was explained and Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the exchange of properties be consummated (dedication of a parcel of land 20 feet wide and 250 feet long in exchange for 125 feet of land as shown on the sketch) and that the paving cost of the alley be borne by the City. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent). This is preliminary action to indicate Council policy, Mayor Isen said.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to declare a recess for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried unanimously (Councilman Olson absent). The Council returned to its deliberations at 6:18 p.m.

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11. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PRAIRIE AVENUE BETWEEN 182ND STREET AND 183RD STREET - B66-57. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer, noted by Acting Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that H. E. Baker Construction Co. be awarded the contract, for the low bid of \$6,515.80.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

12. BEAUTIFICATION OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD: Recommendation of City Manager that the City Manager's office be authorized to prepare an application for 1966-67 participation in the H.U.D., Local Beautification Program for Urban Areas; and that upon completion, this application be further reviewed by the appropriate committee of the City Council and by any other City commissions and committees deemed appropriate by the Council, to report back to the City Council with a further recommendation.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

Mayor Isen declared a recess, following which the Council reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

13. DRIVEWAY ACCESS ONTO DALEMEAD STREET AT BRIAN AVENUE, with proposed resolution. Traffic Commission's recommendation of granting request for driveway access onto Dalemead Street at Brian Avenue, on a temporary basis.

Mayor Isen asked if any of the Dalemead property owners were present and Mr. George Brotherton of 2613 Dalemead came forward. He said representation by the opposition to this access has dwindled from ten originally, down to three. There are eighty children in this immediate area under fifteen years of age who might be affected, and he described the hazards, especially in wet weather.

Part of the agreement was that there be no exit on Dalemead, Mayor Isen said, and he sees no reason to take such a chance even on a temporary basis. Rather, he thought it would be well to experiment with the parking lot possibly relieving the congestion at the Parasol Restaurant. Evidently the Traffic Commission's concern has been for the convenience of the people who patronize the restaurant. If the recommendation was made from the standpoint of safety and convenience of the residents and it is found they do not want it, he saw no reason to stay with it.

Councilman Vico moved to close off the access to Dalemead as voted before. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen.

Mr. Harry Prod, Manager of the Parasol Restaurant, stated the position from the standpoint of his business. He said there is a definite problem of exit and he hopes for cooperation in solving it. There is a terrific risk involved in a left turn into the parking lot. He said the access would tend to improve the appearance of the entire area.

Mr. Fred Cochran, 2630 Dalemead, said the deplorable sight and appearance of the area belongs to the owner of the Parasol restaurant land. He is against the access, but said the neighbors have not kept up their protests, simply because they feared it was a lost cause.

Roll call vote on Councilman Vico's motion was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller (owns property within 300 feet)

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

To formalize the action, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to: (Version A)

RESOLUTION NO. 66-200

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 21x OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954," AS APPLIED FOR BY R. A. LOWE IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. PP66-2.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-200 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller (owns property within 300 feet)

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

14. REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FROM THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION for railroad grade crossing protection at Border Avenue north of Sepulveda Boulevard.

This is essentially the moving of a crossing near the Alpha Beta Market east of Cabrillo near Sepulveda Boulevard. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 66-201

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THAT A REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FROM THE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND FOR ONE-QUARTER OF ITS ACTUAL COST OF UPGRADE CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE BORDER AVENUE CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE TRACK DESIGNATED AS CROSSING NO. 2H-22.6.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-201 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Councilman Beasley asked who makes these decisions; he was under the impression they should be decided by the City Council. Mr. Nollac said this project was authorized by the City Council four years ago and completed a year ago. This is the paper work which finalizes the action. Councilman Beasley said he believes there are many other places where the money could better have been spent.

Roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 66-201 was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. CLAIM OF MRS. ELIZABETH McLEAN, 22724 Evalyn Avenue, for personal injuries allegedly sustained on June 22, 1966, as a result of a fall due to faulty construction of the sidewalk.

16. CLAIM OF NANCY E. GRIDER, 3843 West 180th Place, for injuries allegedly sustained from a fall at the southwest corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and 244th Street on June 13, 1966.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny claims listed in items 15 and 16 and refer them to the Legal Department. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

17. SECOND FLOOR ADDITION TO POLICE BUILDING - KOEBIG & KOEBIG. Recommendation of Assistant Finance Director and Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that payment to Koebig & Koebig for partial completion of the second floor addition to the Police Building be paid.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and pay the amount of \$2590 to Koebig & Koebig at this time. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

City Manager Ferraro remarked that this is the first City building outside of the Recreation building in which color has been used to any appreciable extent and the Council agreed it is very attractive.

18. TRAVEL REQUEST: City Manager requesting permission to attend the annual conference of International City Managers' Association in Phoenix, Arizona, October 23 through 27, 1966, with appropriate expenses.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was:

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

19. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following three listed expenditures:

1. \$774.80 to Prismo California Company for 300 gallons of traffic paint.
2. \$2,358.72 to Essick Mfg. Co. for four only air compressors and tanks; two to be used by the Park Department to operate pneumatic tools and two to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department for paint spraying.
3. \$471.38 to Uarco, Inc., for 35,000 payroll checks for IBM processing to be used by the Finance Department.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ELECTION MATTERS:

20. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re arguments for or against City Measure for Special Municipal Election consolidated with Statewide General Election to be held November 8, 1966.

Mayor Isen said there is no reason to consider this. Anyone who wants to do so may write arguments. It was ordered filed.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

21. ORDINANCE NO. 1723.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil ^{presented for second} ~~assigned a number~~ and read title to:
reading

ORDINANCE NO. 1723

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 235TH STREET APPROXIMATELY 125 FEET EASTERLY OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AT 2457 235TH STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZC66-14. (Standard Oil Company)

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1723 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

22. ORDINANCE NO. 1724.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1724

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED BETWEEN 212TH AND 213TH STREETS ON THE WEST SIDE OF BOW AVENUE AT 1825 WEST 213TH STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 66-16, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR SAID PROPERTY. (Ampco Metal, Inc.)

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1724 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Miller (doing business with one of the parties)

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

23. ORDINANCE NO. 1725:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1725

DIVISIONS AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
DIVISIONS REPEALING ~~ARTICLE~~ I THROUGH IV OF CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE
DIVISIONS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR
DIVISIONS NEW ~~ARTICLES~~ I THROUGH IV IN SAID CHAPTER 16 ESTABLISHING
DIVISIONS PROVISIONS GOVERNING THE LICENSING, TAXATION AND REGULA-
DIVISIONS TION OF BUSINESS AND TRADES IN THE CITY.

Councilman Beasley called attention to Section 16423, page 27, where the fireworks stand license had been increased from \$300 to \$375 and objected to the increase.

Mr. Nelson Cullum of 3415 West 188th Street, representing the Lions Club of North Torrance, said all of the operators of fireworks stands feel the \$375 is too much - even the \$300 is too much. This would buy a great many pairs of eyeglasses for children and that is the project which the fireworks stand of the North Torrance Lions Club supports.

Councilman Beasley moved to amend the wording of Section 16423 so that the amount would remain \$300. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

With this change, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1725 at its second reading. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

24. Mayor Isen suggested a personnel session or nomination of each of the two commissioners, Frank Burk and Robert Vroman to serve another term on the Torrance Safety Council. Since the Code gives him the right to do so, he renominated the two men. The Council was polled with unanimously favorable results (Councilman Olson absent).

25. Mrs. Cecelia Young of 2355 Eldorado Street, said she had been out of town at the time the Council considered her appeal as to the flowering eucalyptus tree in the parkway in front of her home. She repeated the objections to this old large tree and the nuisance it creates. She said she would be willing to have it removed at her own expense. However, Mayor Isen pointed out that this is not in accordance with City policy and there was considerable discussion of the policy and the cost of replacement and removal. Park Superintendent Clemmer said a suitable replacement would cost about \$75; removal also would cost about \$75; the question who is to bear the expense.

Councilman Vico moved that the tree be removed at City expense and that Mrs. Young be permitted to replace it with a tree of her own choosing. City Manager Ferraro said this does not follow City policy and Councilman Vico changed his motion to read: that the tree be removed at City expense. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent).

Mayor Isen moved that the City replace the tree with a tree of the type which would meet with Mrs. Young's approval in the parkway and also the price to meet with her approval. Councilman Miller complained that this is not customary and the motion died for want of a second.

Councilman Beasley moved that Mrs. Young be required to replace the tree which is to be removed with a suitable tree to meet City policy standards, that she be required to pay no more than \$30 for the tree and that the work be done by the City. Councilman Miller seconded. It was understood that the tree need not be a flowering eucalyptus.

Chairman Don Walker of the Torrance Beautiful Commission said he believes each street in Torrance should be designated as being planted with a particular tree; there should be uniformity. Mayor Isen suggested the Commission do something along this line; there are many trees which have died and never been replaced in the City parkways.

Roll call vote on the motion of Councilman Beasley was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

26. Assistant City Manager Scharfman had returned from the School Board meeting and reported that all members were present; that the Board had received an opinion from the County Counsel that awarding the water rights to the City of Torrance would keep them within the public domain. After saying some very complimentary things about the City's cooperation, the Board awarded the bid to Torrance at a price of \$6,162.05. The Council expressed satisfaction with the deal.

27. City Manager Ferraro reminded the Councilmen of the Sam Levy Park dedication on September 28th.

28. City Attorney Remelmeyer called attention to a supplementary item to Item C considered as Item 24 in these minutes and Mayor Isen asked that it be returned to the agenda on September 27th or later, perhaps two weeks from now.

28. City Clerk Coil called attention to the new City Official Roster distributed tonight.

29. Councilman Vico said the merchants in downtown Torrance complain of a lack of street sweeping service. Mr. Ferraro said it would be investigated.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Mayor of the City of Torrance

Council Minutes
September 20, 1966


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