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Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
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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 and the tenth annual Junior Citizens' Day, was held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 29, 1966, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

The Junior City Clerk, Kent Blair, called the roll of junior City Council with the following results: Junior Councilmen Scott Kerwin, Ulrich Jaeger, Michael Lewis, Peter W. Dunhaver, Wayne Sabo, Mary L. Boughen and Junior Mayor Allan R. Brown. Also in attendance were: Junior City Treasurer Jeff Marsee and Junior City Manager Ferraro, Chuck Bongard.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil of the City Council were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico and Mayor Isen. Also City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Junior Mayor Brown led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Francis A. Rath, Seaside Community United Church of Christ, opened the meeting with an invocation and Mayor Isen thanked him for his spiritual guidance during the month of November. A certificate of appreciation will be prepared by the City Clerk for presentation.

Each of the junior councilmen and other key officers introduced himself and his official capacity in his home high school.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the minutes of the regular meeting held November 22nd were not yet available and will be considered at the next council meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all bills regularly audited be paid. 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.

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, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure and of the provisions of the Brown Act for the benefit of the junior members and the audience.

PLANNING MATTERS:

8. PROPOSED ORDINANCE to reclassify that certain property located on the east side of Hawthorne Boulevard between 186th Street and 190th Street, described in ZC66-21, Ronald E. Moran.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1734

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 EAST SIDE OF HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD BETWEEN 186th STREET AND 190TH STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZC66-21, RONALD E. MORAN.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1734 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen (for reasons set forth in the transmittal letter dated November 3, 1966 and in the minutes of the Council meeting October 25, 1966.)

9. REQUEST FROM DON WILSON BUILDERS for reconsideration of the restudy by the Planning Commission of the Crenshaw property.

Mr. Wilson was present and said after he left the meeting last week, the Council passed a motion regarding restudy of his property and that of Dan E. Butcher for the possibility of light manufacturing. His statements tonight are on behalf of himself only and he presented maps of the area which outlined the zoning of property surrounding his. With the exception of the Union Oil property to the south and the Butcher property to the west, Mr. Wilson owns all the property around the subject land to a minimum limit of about 350 to 370 feet and any notices would be sent to himself, Mr. Butcher and Union Oil.

Mr. Wilson said he has employed the Industrial division of Coldwell Banker to prepare a survey showing the possibilities of developing his land industrially. After last week's meeting, he contacted Coldwell Banker and advised them the property was free and clear, but that there was to be this further study by the Planning Commission which would tie it up for a while. He had a representative of Coldwell Banker present at this meeting to speak in his behalf, and requested that he say a few words on the subject.

Mr. Drain of Coldwell Banker confirmed that this is one of the few fine areas left to be industrially developed and it is Mr. Wilson's wish to develop it fully. He said it is Coldwell Banker's opinion that the property deserves M-2 usage because it gives more flexibility for the type of industrial park as designed for the Irvine Ranch in Orange County and several others he mentioned. The design would call for

setbacks, landscaping, rear and sideyards not required at this time by Torrance. Industry coming into this area will undoubtedly come from the City and County of Los Angeles where an M-1 zone is extremely limiting. For that reason, after studying the M-1 and M-2 zones in Torrance Coldwell Banker has recommended an attempt to obtain M-2 zoning, with further restrictions relative to green areas, setbacks, parking, etc.

Mayor Isen confirmed by City Attorney Remelmeyer that any so-called obnoxious uses would have to be by conditional use permit.

Under these circumstances, Councilman Olson moved to rescind his motion last Council meeting directing the Planning Commission study. Mayor Isen seconded.

City Attorney Remelmeyer answered a question by Councilman Miller to the effect that with the exception of very obnoxious industry and those mentioned in the new conditional use permit ordinance passed about six months ago, any industry could go in without any particular controls. Planning Director Shartle agreed completely. Mr. Remelmeyer suggested he and Mr. Shartle could go over the M-2 zone and point out what industries should be further controlled. Mr. Drain said it would be very important to any industry moving into such an industrial park that the person who might move in next to them would not have an obnoxious use. Economically one neighbor would protect another.

Roll call vote on the motion to rescind was unanimously favorable.

Mayor Isen expressed the hope that the open area next to the tanks might be kept for parking or something which would not conflict with the tanks. There is no reason to waste this land.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

10. APPROPRIATION OF 186.1 GAS TAX FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF SEPULVEDA Boulevard from Arlington Avenue to Cabrillo Avenue and Arlington Avenue from Sepulveda Boulevard to 230th Street. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$40,000 be appropriated from 186.1 gas tax funds for the project.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation and so appropriate. Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF 190th STREET FROM KORNBLUM AVENUE TO ERMANITA AVENUE B66-66. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that contract be awarded to H. E. Baker Construction Co., and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Public Works (Primary Proposal \$23,546.52 - Alternate \$22,339.02, calling for substitution of black rock slag base for untreated rock base) The alternate proposal is the one recommended. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Councilman Beasley asked Mr. Nollac if there is any danger of this base disintegrating. Mr. Nollac said the State has tested the material with satisfactory results.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

12. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Halverson-Leavell Mortuary for billboards to be erected at various locations, be denied.

Mrs. Sandra Phillips, a member of the Torrance Beautiful Commission spoke against permitting the billboards to be constructed especially in that the sign and billboard ordinance is now in process of preparation. Two of the proposed billboards, she said, would be in residential zones.

Mr. Henry Halverson who made the request, spoke along the lines of his letter dated November 14, 1966, and stated one of his proposed billboards would partially eliminate an already existing eyesore.

In speaking of the billboard and sign legislation now being prepared, Mayor Isen asked if it would not be possible to separate and bring the billboard issue first. City Manager Ferraro said he would see that this is done.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the request from Halverson-Leavell be denied, without prejudice. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

13. Request of Bill Campbell for permission to relocate a building presently located at 716 East Alondra Boulevard, Gardena, to 2207 Border Avenue, Torrance, with comments of the Building and Safety Director.

Councilman Beasley moved that the building be permitted to be relocated because it was not the Council's intention to prohibit moving of commercial buildings. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

14. EMERGENCY ORDINANCE re moratorium and REGULAR ORDINANCE - construction and demolition of buildings and structures in the Meadow Park Redevelopment Area for a period of six months.

Mr. Jim Rahman of 4722 Laurette spoke of his interest in an area which proved to be a different area than that under consideration.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1735

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE AREA SHOWN WITHIN THE BLUE BORDER AS SHOWN ON MAP FILED IN BOOK 82, PAGES 34 AND 35 OF RECORD OF SURVEYS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF LOS ANGELES AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1735 as an emergency measure; his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1736

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON THE CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES IN THE AREA SHOWN WITHIN THE BLUE BORDER AS SHOWN ON MAP FILED IN BOOK 82, PAGES 34 AND 35 OF RECORD OF SURVEYS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF LOS ANGELES AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1735.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1736 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

15. PROPOSED RESOLUTION prohibiting parking on Hawthorne Boulevard between Sepulveda Boulevard and Torrance Boulevard.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-237

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 Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-237 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote. City Manager Ferraro said all the businesses in the area have concurred in this amendment.

FISCAL MATTERS:

16. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the three items:

1. \$347.36 to Westinghouse Electric Co. for 1,000 feet of direct burial lighting wire and 20 only Crouse Hinds light connectors to be used by the Airport for runway lighting.
2. \$714.79 to Chipron Inc. for 2500 metal vehicle business license plates to be used by the License Division and issued to companies conducting businesses within the City of Torrance.
3. \$416 to Aetna Auto & Truck Parts Co. for 200 old rear auto axles to be used by the Airport Department for aircraft tie-downs.

Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

17. PROPOSED RESOLUTION providing for issuance of negotiable note to provide for final payment for fire equipment.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-238

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TO PROVIDE FOR THE FINAL PAYMENT OF FIRE EQUIPMENT.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-238 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

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On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, the meeting was recessed for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

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Those Junior City officers who had parents and families present introduced them from the audience.

Mrs. Polly Watts of the School Board and J. Walker Owens of the Chamber of Commerce were introduced by Mayor Isen.

After a ten minute recess, the Council returned to its agenda, at 6:35 p.m.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

18. PARK DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR HOLDING AND STORAGE AREA AT CORNER OF MADISON AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY ON THE AIRPORT.

19. PARK DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR TURF FARM IN WEST CLEAR ZONE.

On request of the City Manager, Items 18 and 19 were withdrawn from this agenda for technical reasons.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

20. TWO RESOLUTIONS RE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HOUSING ACT:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-239

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AFFIRMING THE PRINCIPLE OF HOME RULE FOR TORRANCE IN THE CONDUCT OF ITS BUILDING CODE ACTIVITIES AND OPPOSING THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF STATE OR FEDERAL BUILDING CODES AND THEIR RELATED ACTIVITIES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-239. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-240

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL FINDS THAT THE TORRANCE BUILDING, HOUSING, PLUMBING, HEATING AND COMFORT COOLING, AND ELECTRICAL CODES AS A WHOLE PRESCRIBE MINIMUM STANDARDS EQUAL TO OR GREATER THAN THOSE PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE HOUSING LAW AND BY TITLE 8 OF THE CALIFORNIA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-240 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Building and Safety Director McKinnon said the passage of these two resolutions will mark a great day in the history of the City, toward stopping the inroads of Federal and State intervention into municipal activities. The City should be proud of the unanimous vote as being a very firm declaration of opinion that the City should be run by and for the people of the City and not by people many miles away with no recourse. The second Resolution, No. 66-240 declares the City's independence of the State Housing Act and has been passed by very few cities. The overall intent of the building codes of Torrance is greater than that of the State Housing Act. He believes Torrance stands alone and will be known as leaders in this field.

21. NOTICE OF LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES BOARD MEETING. This is an informational item and was ordered filed.

22. LITTLE LEAGUE LEASE AGREEMENT. Lease agreement with National League and Babe Ruth League for property located at Cabrillo Avenue and Plaza Del Amo (Del Amo Field).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the request to prepare a letter agreement as recommended by City Attorney Remelmeyer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PROCLAMATION:

23. Mayor Isen proclaimed December 10th and 11th as TEENAGERS MARCH DAYS to provide the necessary funds to sustain the important work being carried on at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A formal proclamation will be prepared for Mayor Isen's signature, for mailing.

24. The Junior City officers conducted a mock Planning variance case asking for establishment of a Playboy Club in western Torrance.

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Mayor Isen noticed four foreign exchange students in the audience and they were introduced. One is from the Netherlands, one from Denmark, one from Turkey and one from Scotland.

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ostrich but to face this thing as a matter of reality and to think that the possible solution is with the fine cooperation you people could afford, toward what I would call the youth rebellion that is taking place - Sunset Strip is merely a small example of the goings-on. We know that there is a tendency and I am going to make several suggestions, without any preachments whatsoever here, that there is a disobedience of authority in our younger people, truancy, violence, vandalism, narcotics, sex crimes, problems with curfew law and so forth.

"You will say, and I will agree, that we are talking about a very small percentage of our students but we must face up to these problems and do something about them.

"Now, you junior council members, you are here and we are all impressed with you and your ability, your backgrounds, your student activities, your leaders in the various high schools. I am merely suggesting that you people form the nucleus of a student-adult open forum or a series of open forums for the purpose of discussing these various areas of discord, causes, possible ways of cure, etc., to clean up and better the situation.

"Now, this forum is within the jurisdiction and should operate at least under the sponsorship of the Youth Welfare Commission. The Police Department - I have talked with Chief Koenig - would be called on for factual information and I know they have this in mind as an educational program and will cooperate. It would be up to you people to get the parents out to this type of forum. They would receive instructions on how to replace the worriments they have with constructive action. But, again, I am repeating, if this is going to be effective there has to be a complete student cooperation. Through what I am suggesting and under the jurisdiction of the Youth Welfare Commission, I believe there could be an avenue of communication that does not exist now and students, parents, law enforcement authorities, could achieve a great deal of improving understanding.

"We have Mr. Norman here of the Youth Welfare Commission, vitally interested in this and there will be a meeting that will go into it, but having expressed myself this far, I am just wondering if the Youth Welfare Commission would set up a program and send it to the City Council for its approval along the lines that I have indicated - what you people here would think of it. Would you be willing to work on something like this?"

The Junior Council indicated they would and that the idea has merit. At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Chairman Charles K. Norman of the Youth Welfare Commission responded enthusiastically. He invited all who wish to do so to attend the Commission's meeting on December 21st in Room 214 of City Hall where this program will be discussed.

Chief Koenig of the Police Department welcomed the opportunity for his department to learn the feeling of the youth of the community.

Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk to communicate these remarks to the Youth Welfare Commission.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the meeting was adjourned to December 13, 1966 at 8 p.m. The time of adjournment was 7:45 p.m.

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Minute Secretary

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APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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