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Adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Ava Cripe  
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 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, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Wayne Lynch, Manager, Southern California Gas Company, and his family, and at the request of the Mayor, Miss Tacey Lynch, 5½ years of age, led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Officer Gary Rippstein, Torrance Police Chaplain, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Having just received the minutes of December 13th, approval was held until the next regular meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman, 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, 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. The necessity of a meeting for legal advice from the City Attorney in the Council Conference Room by the Council following oral communications was announced by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:8. AGREEMENT WITH SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR WIDENING AND IMPROVING VAN NESS AVENUE AT RAILROAD CROSSING NORTH OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD.

Recommendation of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager that attached RESOLUTION authorizing execution of the referenced agreement be adopted by City Council.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-249

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 20, 1966 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE WIDENING OF THE VAN NESS AVENUE CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE'S ALCOA SPUR TRACK, DESIGNATED AS "CROSSING NO. 2H - 21.3-C."

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-249, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

9. LOAN FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND TO DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5E CONSTRUCTION OF STORM DRAINS IN DRAINAGE DISTRICT 5E. Recommendations of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager that (1) \$80,000 be loaned from Sewer Revolving Fund to Drainage District 5E and (2) that \$80,000 be appropriated from Drainage District 5E funds for construction of storm drains as shown on attached sketch.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendations as stated: That \$80,000 be loaned from the Sewer Revolving Fund to Drainage District 5E; and (2) That \$80,000 be appropriated from Drainage District 5E funds for construction of storm drains as shown on attached sketch. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried as follows:

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

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

10. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request for an extension of time for a temporary billboard to remain at 3655 Pacific Coast Highway be APPROVED.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated; the motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of South Bay Realty Company for temporary billboards to remain at 23220 Crenshaw Boulevard and 3661 Pacific Coast Highway be APPROVED.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated; his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. Recommendation of Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that the request of Southwood Construction Company for an extension of time for temporary billboard to remain at 4555 Pacific Coast Highway be APPROVED.

Councilman Miller moved to approve in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

13. City Traffic Engineer request for permission to attend the 46th Annual Meeting of the Highway Research Board in Washington, D.C., January 16-20, 1967.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that permission be granted, and that appropriate expenses be paid. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman, and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14. POLICY ON NON-EMPLOYMENT OF RELATIVES - COUNCIL FIRE AND POLICE COMMITTEE. Recommendation of Council Fire and Police Committee re: Policy of non-employment of relatives.

City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that additional time is needed to obtain necessary interpretations.

Councilman Miller moved that the subject policy matter be held for sixty days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. 1966-72 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM. Letter from City Manager presenting 1966-72 Capital Improvement Program.

Finance Director Dundore made an oral presentation on the high points of the Capital Improvement Program.

It was unanimously agreed to concur with the City Manager's recommendation that this report be referred to an appropriate Council Committee, it being agreed on the Finance Committee, for review and subsequent recommendation to the Council as a whole. Also, that a public hearing be scheduled prior to Council action on the 1966-67 projects, at which time, commissions, boards, advisory committees, and interested citizens of the community may voice their support or opposition. It was further agreed that this Finance Committee meeting be scheduled for early January, 1967.

16. CLAIM of Richard V. Stringham II, on behalf of wife, Lois Lee Stringham, against the City of Torrance for damage to her parked vehicle on December 6, 1966. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there was no objection.

17. SPECIAL CENSUS. Communication recommending authorization for the Administration to negotiate with the State Department of Finance relative to a Special Census.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager; his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call was unanimously favorable.

18. INSURANCE. Request of City Clerk for extension of General Liability and Combined Comprehensive Auto and Bus Fleet policies for periods of 3 years 5 months and 5 months, respectively.

This item withdrawn from the agenda.

19. NATIONAL SURF LIFE SAVING ASSOCIATION. Request of the 1967 National Surf Life Saving Association Team for contribution of \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved that the Promotional Department of the Chamber of Commerce be requested to make the subject contribution, to be reimbursed by the City, with the condition that the three other South Bay cities likewise contribute. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

20. HI-SHEAR CORPORATION'S REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADDITIONS. Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting their recommendation of APPROVAL.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

21. POWDER PUFF TERMINUS BUDGET.

This item withdrawn from the agenda.

PARK AND RECREATION:

22. RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to the Torrance Lions Club and Explorer Scout Post #268X for their volunteer service painting the building at the Albert Bartlett Adult Center.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-250

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING GRATEFUL APPRECIATION TO THE TORRANCE LIONS CLUB AND EXPLORER SCOUT POST #268X FOR THEIR VOLUNTEER SERVICE PAINTING THE ALBERT BARTLETT ADULT CENTER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 66-250. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

23. RECREATION BUILDING FOR VICTOR PARK. Recommendation of Park and Recreation Commission with comments from Recreation Director and concurrence of City Manager that money available and allocated to Victor Park be utilized for construction of a recreation building and a feasibility study be instituted.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the recreation building plans be reviewed by Staff and that a feasibility study be instituted by the City Manager. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

24. LIBRARY BOND - AD HOC COMMITTEE: Communication from City Manager re: creation of Ad Hoc Committee.

It was recommended by Mayor Isen that the Library Commission submit a total of 30 names for the Ad Hoc Committee to the City Council; the Councilmen to submit two names each to serve on such a committee, resulting in the formation of a Library Bond Ad Hoc Committee of approximately 25 members. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

25. BY-LAWS - CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Communication from Citizens' Advisory Committee requesting amendment to By-Laws.

Mrs. Velma Shelbourn, Citizens' Advisory Committee, was present to explain the need for the proposed addition to the Committee's by-laws.

Councilman Beasley moved that this matter be referred to Assistant City Manager Scharfman for his recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and there were no objections.

Councilman Miller requested that additional supporting information be furnished the Council to assist them in their evaluation.

At 6:10 P.M., on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Vico, the Council was recessed to hold the Redevelopment Agency meeting. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:25 P.M. following a general recess.

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26. PROPOSED SANITARY LANDFILL PROJECT. City Council Public Works Committee recommendation re: proposed sanitary landfill project.

Councilman Lyman requested that the subject matter be returned to the Council Public Works Committee for further study. There was no objection, and it was so ordered.

27. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND ON TRACT 17541; SUBDIVIDER: MEINE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY; \$5,800.00. Recommendation of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager that subject bond be released.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject subdivision bond be released; his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

28. EXPIRATION OF COMMISSIONERS' TERMS. Communication from City Clerk advising Council of the January expiration of certain Commissioners' terms.

Mayor Isen recommended that a personnel session for consideration of commission appointments be held on Tuesday, January 10, 1967, at 7:00 P.M. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

Councilman Lyman appointed Mr. Neil Campbell to the Citizens' Advisory Committee, this being an absolute appointment.

Mayor Isen further directed City Clerk Coil to contact those whose commission terms expire to determine their interest in serving another term.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

29. ORDINANCE 1738 substituting a new Article XXXVII with the same title in order to provide a license tax for bus benches and the granting of a franchise by the City.

ORDINANCE 1738

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE XXXVII OF CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW ARTICLE XXXVII WITH THE SAME TITLE IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A LICENSE TAX FOR BUS BENCHES AND THE GRANTING OF A FRANCHISE BY THE CITY COUNCIL THEREFOR.

Discussion preceded the motion, with Mayor Isen expressing concern for such advertising in residential areas. City Manager Ferraro clarified the proper controls represented by Ordinance 1738.

Councilman Olson moved for the adoption of Ordinance 1738 at its second and final reading; his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman, and carried with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico and Mayor Isen.

ADDENDA:

30. REFUND OF DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FEES COLLECTED IN ERROR (J.H. BARTON CO., INC.) Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$4,176.00 be refunded\* to J.H. Barton Construction Company, Inc. from the Drainage Improvement Fund. (\*No cash refund is anticipated. Mr. Barton has agreed that the refund due him may be used to offset inspection fees owed to the City.)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the \$4,176.00 which is to be refunded to J.H. Barton be used to offset inspection fees owed to the City. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

31. Budgeted Expenditure in Excess of \$300 - \$816.00 to B & J Fence Company to replace glass blocks and brick-up windows in jail at Police Building.

Commissioner Miller moved to concur with the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: NONE.

32. VARIANCE APPLICATION 66-13, CHARLES PRATTY, requesting that the final and third hearing on this application be set in February at an 8:00 o'clock meeting rather than on January 10th.

Mr. Maynard B. Henry, attorney for the proponent, was present, and advised the Council that any date subsequent to February 14th would be acceptable.

Representing the majority of the neighborhood, Mr. Gene Roberts, 2849 Winlock Road, urged that this matter be disposed of as soon as possible, and opposed any delay.

Councilman Beasley pointed out that a report to the City Council on the proposed freeway route should be forthcoming around January 21st, and well could have some bearing on this matter.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing on Variance 66-13 be postponed until February 28, 1967, an 8:00 P.M. meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

33. City Manager Ferraro regretfully reported the serious illness of Commissioner Margaret Clark.

34. Best wishes for the holidays, and a successful 1967, were extended by City Manager Ferraro on behalf of department heads and staff.

35. City Attorney Remelmeyer requested that the Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a letter of agreement between the City and the Rolling Hills-Jefferson, Inc. lessee. The subject letter of agreement contains settlement of a dispute over the interpretation of the lease, which will later be put in amendment of lease form. The agreement pertains to sales tax revenue and the right to audit, all details of which have been very carefully worked out, and are very advantageous to the City. Councilman Beasley moved to concur with City Attorney Remelmeyer's request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and there were no objections.

36. The requested report on the slag pile was made by City Attorney Remelmeyer -- the requested fence has been erected around the property and the requested trees and foliage will be planted very shortly. The drainage problem is yet to be checked. Mayor Isen asked that Mr. Remelmeyer direct a letter to the chairman of the Pueblo committee relaying the above information; it was further requested by Councilman Miller that City Attorney Remelmeyer report back in approximately sixty days as to what has been accomplished.

37. Director of Public Works Nollac announced that due to the holidays all rubbish will be collected one day later than normal.

38. Councilman Beasley reported on his attendance at the statewide convention of the Local Agency Formation Commission at San Diego, and the optimistic feeling throughout the State about the good job being done.

39. Councilman Miller requested that the report on the Madrid Avenue train situation appear on a January agenda.

40. Merry Christmas and a Nice New Year from Councilman Vico.

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41. Councilman Beasley moved that the Council recess at this point in the meeting for the legal advice session noted at the beginning of the meeting; any action on the return of the Council to be limited to this one item. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman, and there was no objection. In attendance on this matter was Mr. Joe Rogers, 1741 Juniper.

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The Council returned at 7:30 P.M. City Attorney Remelmeyer clarified that Ordinance 1737, passed by the Council on December 13, 1966, was with the condition that the owners sign and record a waiver of

damages. It was Mr. Remelmeyer's request that the Council amend that provision of the ordinance to permit him to require that the waiver be signed by the lender and any other party who had an interest in the property.

The many difficulties encountered in trying to obtain a building permit were related by Mr. Rogers, continuing after the Council action of December 13th.

There was discussion on the background and problems of this matter. Mayor Isen recommended adjournment of the meeting, which would furnish the necessary relief for Mr. Rogers; Mr. McKinnon and Mr. Remelmeyer confirmed that adjournment would put the Council action of December 13th in effect, and with the signatures of the owners of record, it would be possible for Mr. Rogers to obtain the building permit.

Councilman Beasley instructed the City Attorney, on behalf of the Council, to see that the waiver is prepared for signature and that the building permit be made available within 48 hours.

Further, Mayor Isen moved that the City Attorney suggest in writing an amendment to the subject policy, not retroactive, for study of the Council. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and there were no objections.

At 7:35 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adjourn to January 3, 1967 at 5:30 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and there was no objection.

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

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance