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Adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF 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., on Tuesday, March 21, 1967, 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 and Mayor Isen. Councilman Vico was absent. Also present were City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Jim Lynch, an employee of the Water Department, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

City Clerk Coil opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the minutes of the regular meetings held March 7th and March 14th were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all regularly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

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 Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote, Councilman Vico being absent.

Mayor Isen welcomed a group of El Camino students and gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for their benefit.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:8. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re ZC 66-26, Anna Mae Jones.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1755

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 APPROXIMATELY 130 FEET SOUTHERLY OF NEWTON STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZC66-26. (ANNA MAE JONES).

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1755 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

9. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re ZC66-23, Arthur Berke.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1756

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 AT 1104 ARLINGTON AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZC66-23, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR SAID PROPERTY. (ARTHUR BERKE)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1756 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

10. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FENCE ORDINANCE: Recommended for approval by the Planning Department and the Planning Commission.

Councilman Olson asked two questions, one regarding (b) of 2. and one regarding (e) of 2. Both were satisfactorily explained by Planning Director Shartle and a slight changing in wording or punctuation was recommended for the paragraph having to do with barbed wire fences.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1757

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING SUBSECTION M OF SECTION 15 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "FENCES, WALLS, RETAINING WALLS, AND HEDGES", AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1757 at its first reading. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Vico absent).

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

11. SEWER REVOLVING FUND EXPENDITURE: Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that \$500 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for installation of manhold and house connection in Garnet Street.

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

12. IMPROVEMENT OF ARLINGTON AVENUE FROM LINCOLN AVENUE TO 222ND STREET. The recommendation of the Director of Public Works, concurred in by the City Manager, is to adopt the accompanying resolution and appropriate \$60,000 in 186.1 Gas Tax Funds and \$10,000 in General Funds for the project.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendations stated. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED MARCH 21, 1967, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR THE WIDENING AND THE UPGRADING OF CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE ARLINGTON AVENUE CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE'S HARBOR DISTRICT MAIN TRACK, DESIGNATED AS CROSSING NO. 2H-22.2.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-55 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

13. Letter from Citizens Advisory Committee to Building and Safety Director, regarding Airport Lumber Company.

This is an informational item only and as such was ordered filed.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

14. PROPOSED RESOLUTION approving extension of assessment amounts in Street Lighting District No. 10.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC & LIGHTING ENGINEER, DATED JULY 6, 1965, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 65-139, DATED JULY 6, 1965, AND LEVYING THE PROPORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSESSMENT THEREIN REFERRED TO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE OF, CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, ALONG CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-10-65 (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 10), FOR THE THIRD YEAR OF THE FOUR YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDINGS. (STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 10)

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-56 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

15. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND HIGHWAY LIGHTING AT 244th STREET AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD. Recommendation to accept the work and pay \$11,410 to C. T. & F., Inc.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

16. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re Water Service Leadman.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-58

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 66-66 TO DELETE THE CLASS TITLE OF "SENIOR WATER SERVICEMAN" AND SUBSTITUTING THE CLASS TITLE "WATER SERVICE LEADMAN" AT THE SAME SALARY RANGE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-58; Councilman Olson seconded and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent). Mr. James Lynch of the Water Department asked to reserve the right to further discussion, if it proves necessary.

17. REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION of travel ban. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that a committee to consist of Mayor Isen and two councilmen study this question further. Mayor Isen said his intention was not to follow a course of complete prohibition, as moved for by Councilman Vico, and asked Councilmen Beasley and Olson to serve on the Committee with him. Councilman Miller expressed approval of a previous policy established about a year ago, but Mayor Isen said he favors attendance at local conferences rather than those at some distance. If there are other alternatives, he said they should be explored.

There was no objection to authorizing the committee above appointed to explore the whole subject.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-59 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

22. EARLY ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY IN URBAN RENEWAL AREA: Communication from Citizens' Advisory Committee re Jack Sands property at 23851 Ward St.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the communication to the City Attorney and City Manager for review and report back to the Council with a further recommendation. Councilman Lyman seconded and the motion carried, there being no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

23. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 30357, SUBDIVIDER, R & L HARRIS CORP. Recommendation of Director of Public Works that the subject final map be approved and that the City Attorney be directed to condemn for street purposes a portion of Lot 21, Tract 19237, at subdivider's expense, for Doty Avenue south of 177th Street.

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

24. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND ON TRACT NO. 30102, JOHANNA O. NELSON. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject bond be released subject to \$20 being deposited for one parkway tree.

Mrs. Nelson had written a letter to the Director of Public Works in opposition to posting the \$20 and her husband representing her at this meeting, also protested. City Manager Ferraro explained why it would not be to the best interests of the City to violate the policy which has been established for all subdivisions.

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

25. TRAINING ROOM AT CITY YARD: Recommendation of Director of Public Works that the construction of a training room at the City Yard be approved, and that \$1,550 be appropriated from surplus funds as follows: \$600 from the City Yard, Building Materials; \$300 from Street Construction Special Materials; \$500 from Sanitation Administration Building Materials and \$150 from Traffic and Lighting Building Materials; concurred in by City Manager.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated, including the designated appropriations. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

26. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re destruction of records.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-60

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO DESTROY CERTAIN CITY RECORDS AND DOCUMENTS PURSUANT TO THE GOVERNMENT CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-60 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

27. SALE OF MONETA WATER COMPANY LINES OUTSIDE OF CITY: Recommendation of City Attorney and Acting Water Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that the City sell the out-of-city portions of the municipal water lines to the City of Los Angeles and SCWC at the prices offered in each case; that the sale be approved and the City Attorney directed to prepare contracts of sale for presentation to the Council and the two purchasers as soon as practicable. It was specifically stated there are no water rights included in the sale.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:28. ORDINANCE NO. 1752:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1752

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SUBSECTION T TO SECTION 15 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" REGARDING THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1752 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

29. ORDINANCE NO. 1753:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1753

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SUBSECTION K TO SECTION 20 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS WHEN AN EXISTING USE IS ENLARGED OR IMPROVED.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1753 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Vico absent).

30. ORDINANCE NO. 1754:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1754

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 38 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" REGULATING OFF-STREET PARKING AND PARKING FACILITIES; REQUIRING OFF-STREET PARKING IN CONNECTION WITH THE ERECTION, IMPROVEMENT AND CHANGE OF USE OF BUILDING AND STRUCTURES; AND PROVIDING EXEMPTIONS THEREFROM.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1754 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta,
Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. City Manager Ferraro asked for confirmation of a promise he had made with respect to the condition of lines in the vicinity of Del Amo Boulevard where an explosion took place a short time ago. He said the City has been cooperating with the Southern California Gas Company and the County Sanitation District with respect to the homes many of which are lacking in current building standards. A gas trap has been proposed by the County Sanitation District for each of certain of the homes to guarantee that there be no backup of gas. A dye test is to be made to determine which homes are connected to the sewer. Mr. Ferraro asked authorization to spend not to exceed \$2,000 in cooperation with the County Sanitation District, figuring the gas traps will cost between \$100 and \$150 each.

Mayor Isen asked City Attorney Remelmeyer about the propriety of the City spending public funds on private homes and Mr. Remelmeyer assured him the Council has broad discretionary powers as long as the expenditure would be for purposes of public safety.

Councilman Miller moved to authorize the City Manager to spend not to exceed \$2,000 for the purposes he has outlined, in cooperation with the County Sanitation District which will be spending up to \$10,000 for the purpose. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the meeting was recessed at 6:05 to hold the Redevelopment Agency, and returned to its agenda at 6:08 p.m.

32. Councilman Olson spoke of the division made by the School Board as to the Grace Wright School and the Victor School. The new route will take some of the children along an unpaved portion of Spencer Street between Anza and Earl Avenues and he asked about a four way stop, or the paving of the street.

City Manager Ferraro stated there is a General Fund project in the sum of \$25 to \$30,000 in about the third year. The matter was informally referred to the City Manager to consult with the Victor Homeowners group.

33. Councilman Olson referred to the St. Patrick's Day parade, stating a vast majority of the people who attended live along Torrance Boulevard. He believed more people from other parts of the City would come to view the parade if it were not for the serious parking problem and congestion of traffic before and following the parade. He suggested that the Bus Department consider the possibility of arranging a bus schedule for the Armed Forces Day parade May 20th. The thought would be to have a "Homeowners Special Bus" which would bring people in near the parade route and after the parade, deliver them back to the general vicinity of their homes. The homeowners organizations could advertise and encourage the idea if it is considered to be feasible.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:13 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance