

Torrance, California
June 26, 1967

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

An adjourned meeting of the Torrance City Council was called to order on Monday, June 26, 1967, at 3:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall to resume the Budget Workshop Session.

2. ROLL CALL.

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Vico arrived at 3:50 P.M. Absent: Councilman Olson (out of town). Also present were City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Treasurer Rupert, and City Clerk Coil.

In view of the fact that this was a study session, the flag salute and invocation were dispensed with by Mayor Isen.

Resuming the budget discussion, Mayor Isen introduced the matter of the proposed increase in rubbish collection fees and reiterated his feeling that an increase in these fees is an increased tax rate and to maintain otherwise is subterfuge, and recommended that the budget be kept in balance by economies that can otherwise be effected.

Councilman Sciarrotta commented that rubbish collection is a tangible service, something of accomplishment, and with the ever increasing costs of manpower and equipment, an increase does not seem unreasonable to him.

Travel expense was discussed at some length, and it was decided that it would be well to establish a Travel Policy Committee composed of Councilmen Miller, Beasley, and Sciarrotta, said committee to meet at 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 27th, with a report to be made available to Council that evening.

Attention was now directed to the budget proper for page-by-page review:

Page 21 - City Manager:
Mobile telephone (\$700.) deleted.

Page 31 - City Clerk:
Vertical files deleted (\$166.). The requested number of storage files was cut in half, reducing the requested funds approximately \$450.

Page 37 - City Treasurer:
It was questioned as to whether the bond files for Library Bond and payment for consultant services should not correctly come out of Library Bond funds. The City Attorney agreed to research this question and advise the Council.

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Minute Secretary

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Page 57 - Building Maintenance:

Acoustic tile and wall paneling for inspectors' room (\$874.) deleted for this year.

Page 67 - Central Office Services:

Minute Secretary services reduced \$300., leaving a total of \$900. in the budget.

Page 72 - Garage:

The salary of the Equipment Superintendent, in view of the pending resignation of the incumbent, was reduced by one half, the amount remaining \$6,745.

Page 79 - Insurance:

This figure for additional Workmen's Compensation and Health Insurance required for new positions will be adjusted and reduced, the Finance Director to report back.

"Page 85 - Community Promotion: St. Patrick's Day Parade (\$2,000) and Boy Scout Parade (\$2,000) deleted.

"Discussion followed on the need for a policy pertaining to parades. Councilman Beasley moved that there be a policy with reference to any new parades, including the St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Boy Scout Parade, that the City be reimbursed for actual costs, said costs to be computed and the promoters thereof so advised. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections."

by Director of Finance Dundore was presented. Discussion followed on the pros and cons of the community value offered by this particular parade -- with Mayor Isen moving that the allotted \$5,000. for the Armed Forces Day Parade under Community Promotion remain in the budget. The motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was clarified that the amount of \$5,000 stated above is approved, in addition to the approximately \$5,000 in City department services.

A ten minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen at 4:10 P.M. (Councilman Sciarrotta left the meeting at this point due to illness.)

On resumption of the meeting City Attorney Remelmeyer furnished two requested legal opinions -- the first pertaining to recording devices used by the Police Department, it having been determined that such devices are legal. Re: the second question pertaining to the use of the Library Bond monies, it was learned that those monies may be used for the purpose of the bond files and consultant services, requested on Page 37.

Page 91 - Retirement:

An adjustment on this figure will be furnished by the Director of Finance, an estimated reduction of 25%.

Page 103 -- Police:

\$4000 for the pistol range, deleted earlier, was replaced in the budget, at the request of City Manager Ferraro -- it being his recommendation that the elimination of the "special clean-up day", outlined below, would provide adequate funds for this needed facility.

Page 141 - Sanitation:

Elimination of "special clean-up day" (\$13,307). Councilman Lyman vigorously opposed the deletion of this service; it is his feeling that this is one thing of real value to the community. Councilman Miller recommended that this determination be held in abeyance until the rubbish collection fees are resolved.

Page 117 - Building and Safety:

Pamphlet which specified dwelling construction requirements (\$1,000) deleted.

Page 129 - Traffic and Lighting:

Portable gas driven generator (\$338) deleted.

Page 145 - City Yard.

Rock Storage Bin deleted - \$500.

Page 149 - Library:

Councilman Beasley pointed out that magazine subscriptions appropriately should come out of the Library Bond fund thereby deleting the amount of \$6,653 shown in the budget for this purpose.

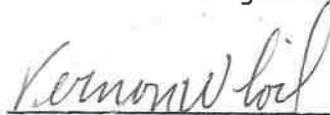
Page 155 - Recreation:

Newcomb Amplifier and turntable speaker unit (\$250) deleted. City Manager Ferraro requested that the part-time positions be reallocated as permanent positions, pointing out that funds would not be affected; there was no objection to this request.

It was the request of Mayor Isen that a report be furnished on dues and periodicals furnished each department to determine whether or not there might be waste and duplication in this area.

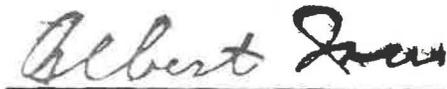
The consensus of the Council was that the 1967-68 Budget reflected much thought and study and all who participated were to be commended.

At 5:00 P.M. Mayor Isen moved to adjourn to 6:30 P.M. Tuesday, June 27, 1967 for a regular meeting of the City Council to resume the budget workshop session, followed by the first public hearing on the 1967-68 Budget and regular Council business. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

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