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Adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The Torrance City Council convened in a regularly adjourned meeting on Monday, July 1, 1968, at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were: Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None.

The regular ceremonies and standard motions were dispensed with by Mayor Isen, in the interest of time, and consideration directed to:

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

7. Proposed extensions of Maple Avenue, Madrona Avenue, and Garnier Streets.

Mayor Isen commented on the worthwhile and most enlightening bus trip of the subject area which had taken place immediately preceding this meeting - "a picture being worth a thousand words" - and requested Staff presentations at this time.

Planning Director Shartle first outlined past and present history of the proposed Amendments to the Master Plan of Highways, starting in February, 1965, with many public hearings having been held, studies, etc. A visual presentation was made as well by Mr. Shartle.

At Mayor Isen's invitation to speakers from the audience, Mr. Don Zavodnik, 3423 - 229th Place, responded, stating that he represents the Torrance Heights Civic Association, which borders between Sepulveda, 229th Place, Madrona, and Hawthorne Boulevard, and that the Maple Avenue route appears the most logical since it would eliminate the necessity of taking out some 20 homes. Mr. Zavodnik favored an alternate route for Madrona in which it would approach Sepulveda Boulevard, pointing out a vacant lot just before Sepulveda Boulevard and recommending that that lot be bisected, cutting over and around Maple to where Maple becomes 235th, then across to Lomita. Agreement with the proposed Garnier alignment was expressed by Mr. Zavodnik.

Mayor Isen deemed a motion in order to approve the Garnier route in principle, with Engineering to return with exact routes designated. Councilman Johnson MOVED that this Council approve in principle the Garnier route as it connects between Lomita Boulevard and 235th Street. The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, Mr. R.G. Harris, owner of property on Lomita Boulevard, came forward to protest the proposed Garnier Street alignment, which would go through the middle of his property, and could see no reason for not going along the edge of the property. Clarification was furnished by Director of Public Works Nollac in the over-all plans for the anticipated traffic congestion. Mr. Harris was not in agreement with the proposed route, stating that it seems to him that almost any other alignment would be preferable to this incredible arrangement, coming through an

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industrial subdivision in the manner proposed. Mr. Harris further stated that he does not know whether they have any rights of any kind, but, if so, they will be pursued, as they vigorously oppose this action.

Roll call vote on Councilman Johnson's motion was unanimously favorable.

Instruction was requested by Director of Public Works Nollac pertaining to the design of the street, etc., and the likely necessity of going into some of the economics tied into the golf course, requiring appraisals -- the Council had no objection to such appraisals, requesting that Mr. Nollac return to the Council as soon as there is a preliminary alignment.

Attention was now directed to the proposed Madrona Avenue alignment with Planning Director Shartle reviewing the accomplishments hoped for, and stating the Council Public Works Committee recommendation: That it be established on the Master Plan Madrona Avenue from 229th Place south to Lomita Boulevard as an 84 ft. wide arterial, with consideration being given to the possibility of extending 235th Street westerly from Maple to Madrona to provide a temporary tie-in. Further description and clarification was furnished by Director of Public Works Nollac.

Mrs. Mae Swords, a New Horizon resident, spoke on the hazard of generating additional traffic in an area already fraught with hazard.

A member of the Board of Governors at New Horizons, Mr. G.W. Webb, commented on the long range aspect of these proposals, recommending that the Garnier route first be established with the chance that the other problems would be solved before alternate routes such as 229th Place would be needed - his dream for New Horizons being that the present alley will be vacated, they will have their wall and access road, that Madrona will go through, 235th and Garnier extension will be a fact, with four major highways and tax money to take care of it, pledging the support of those at New Horizons to this end.

Mrs. Nelson Keyser, New Horizons, reviewed the arrangement of the apartments -- some designed to face Maple, with other units in the Madrona area constructed to require a quiet, private street, which would hardly be made pleasant by a major street, and result in devaluation of their property.

Mrs. Marilyn Eden, a resident on 229th Place, expressed her opposition to deadending Madrona on 229th Place, with too much traffic already in evidence.

Next to speak was Mr. John Sainsevain, 3640 Lomita Boulevard, representing the existing medical building on Lomita, Tormed, and Industrial Dynamics, expressing their approval of the proposed extensions, thoroughly supporting same, believing it is the right and best distribution of the property.

Mrs. Irene Griffith, 3432 West 229th Place, pointed out the anticipated heavy enrollment at the Sam Levy School; further, that there is a dangerous traffic situation at the present time on 229th Place. Mayor Isen requested that the City Manager check into this situation in an attempt to come up with some ameliorating measures.

Mr. Rudolph Galucci, 3403 West 225th, pointed out the railroad track going south on Madrona with the fence badly in need of repair, representing a hazardous play area for children, and used as well by them as a walkway to school.

Mr. John Matsuda, 3404 West 229th Street, requested clarification regarding houses proposed for removal on 229th Place, which was furnished by Public Works Director Nollac on an "if and when" basis.

Clarification pertaining to the proposed width of Madrona was requested by Mr. W.B. Philleo of New Horizons, and this information was given by Planning Director Shartle.

The following action was taken:

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved that the Council adopt the route establishing Madrona Avenue between Lomita Boulevard and 229th; 235th Street between Madrona and Maple. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

Public Works Director Nollac clarified that there will be an 84 ft. street from Lomita Boulevard northerly to 229th Place.

Councilman Johnson commented on the intent of bringing Madrona down as a 100 ft. wide street from Prairie to Sepulveda, then it is proposed to compress that traffic into an 84 ft. wide Madrona. It is the feeling of Councilman Johnson that a death trap would be created with such an arrangement, and he urged that Madrona be continued as a 100 ft. wide street in view of the inevitable development and accompanying traffic ten years hence, and the time to face the issue is now. Discussion followed on the past considerations along these lines and the recognition that such a paper street would prevent remodelling, additions, etc. for existing homes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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Vernon W. Coil

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

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...

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