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May 20, 1969

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 20, 1969, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

Also present: City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Treasurer Rupert, and Deputy City Clerk Moss. Absent: City Clerk Coil (out of town).

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Jim Becker led in the salute to the flag.

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The passing of Sheriff Emeritus Eugene W. Biscailuz on May 16th was regrettably announced by Mayor Isen, along with the request that there be one minute of silence in his memory following the invocation.

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4. INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by The Reverend Father J.A. O'Gormon, St. James Catholic Church, followed by one minute of silence to the memory of Sheriff Biscailuz.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of May 13th not yet received.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all properly audited demands be paid. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Uerkwitz, Wilson, 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 Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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Mayor Isen announced that a personnel session has been requested by City Manager Ferraro, with reference to wages and fringe benefits of employees; further, City Attorney Remelmeyer, at his request, has called a meeting for legal advice necessary at this time. These matters will be short, and will be considered at the first recess.

An enlightening explanation of Council procedure by Mayor Isen was furnished those in attendance for the first time.

PRESENTATIONS:

8. Award of Permaplaque Resolution No. 69-58, congratulating the Torrance Junior Chamber of Commerce for attaining a membership of 100.

Torrance Jaycee President, Mr. Leon Taylor, and member Ralph Grippo, were present to accept this permaplaque and the congratulations of the Council conveyed by Mayor Isen.

9. Award of Permaplaque Resolution No. 69-67, expressing appreciation to James P. Becker for his faithful and diligent service to the City of Torrance as a member of the Torrance Safety Council.

Mayor Isen, on behalf of the Council, expressed appreciation for his valuable community contribution as a Safety Council member.

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:

(Items A-1 and A-7 of Agenda Item 13 were considered separately.)

10. Award of Contract - Custodial Supplies.
Reference Bid #B69-10.
11. Claim of Duane Hopper for airplane damages sustained as the result of an incorrect marking on the Torrance Municipal Airport runway on March 9, 1969. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.
12. AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1969-70.
- A. Crushed Rock - CRB, Rock and Sand (Ref. Bid #B69-17)
 - B. Concrete - Class A & B-4 (Ref. Bid #B69-18)
 - C. Asphalt-Plant Mix (Reference Bid #B69-20)
 - D. Road Oils and Emulsions (Ref. Bid #B69-19)

13. BUDGETED AND SPECIAL EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:A. BUDGETED:

1. (Considered separately; see below.)
2. \$588.67 to M. Johnson Supply Company for 27 water pipe service saddles from 4-inch to 10-inch size requested by the Water Department for stock "as needed".
3. \$554.50 to The Devilbiss Company for one only replacement compressor requested by the City Garage for the shop air system.
4. \$550.83 to James Jones Company to repair City water hydrants as directed by the Water Department. Cost to repair each hydrant could only be determined after disassembly.
5. \$360.94 to Joslyn Manufacturing and Supply Company for one only concrete lighting standard and one only mercury luminaire which are replacements for a knock-down which occurred at Sartori and Torrance Boulevard on April 30, 1969. Billing for damages are in process.
6. \$701.19 to Kim Lighting, Incorporated for two only Kim luminaries requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department as replacements for two similar luminaires damaged by vandals. Billing back to the responsible party for the damage is in process.
7. (Considered separately; see below.)
8. \$2234.40 to Green Thumb Nursery for 152 lemon bottle brush trees requested by the Park Department for landscaping Anza Avenue.
9. \$339.15 to ABC Nursery for 380 one-gallon size plants called "Bill Evans pink Flowers" requested by the Park Department.
10. \$630.00 to Eugene Dietzgen Company for two only microfilm readers requested by the City Librarian for the City Library System.
11. \$302.40 to Automatic Printing Company for 5000 each Building Permit applications and 5000 each Plumbing Permit applications.
12. \$1826.19 to Industrial Electronics Corporation for 45 cases of fluorescent lamps requested by the Traffic & Lighting Department.
13. \$376.28 to Industrial Electronics for six cases of 1000 watt reflector flood lamps requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department. These lamps will be used to light recreation play fields.

B. SPECIAL - Library Books:

14. \$374.49 to Doubleday & Company, c/o John Thorne, for 51 adult books and 29 juvenile titled books.
15. \$2464.40 to Campbell & Hall, c/o Harry R. Wilson, for 391 adult fiction and non-fiction books.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with recommendations on agenda items #10,11,12, and 13 (excluding A-1 and A-7). His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attention was now directed to Agenda Item #13, A-1 and A-7:

1. \$334.75 to Bancroft-Whitney Publishers for twelve different sets of law volumes requested by the City Attorney.

Noted by Mayor Isen was the ability of City Librarian West to obtain books at substantially reduced prices, and his suggestion that purchases be made through this account. City Librarian West advised that a discount is not available in the subject case, but that it will be done in future purchases wherever possible.

7. \$3517.50 to Eastman Kodak Company for four only Recordak "Starfile" Microfilmer units; twenty extra reels; and one case of film as requested by the City Librarian. This is the newest microfilmer developed by Eastman for book charging purposes.

At Councilman Uerkwitz' question, City Librarian West clarified that the system presently used by the City Clerk's office would not be applicable in this case; these being individual units permanently assigned to the branch libraries.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that items A-1 and A-7 of agenda item #13 be approved. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

HEARINGS:

14. MOBIL OIL CORPORATION FRANCHISE HEARING on Resolution of Intention No. 69-72 to award franchise to Mobil Oil. ORDINANCE granting to Mobil Oil Corporation a franchise to construct, operate and maintain pipelines for the transportation of hydrocarbon substances.

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the public hearing for the award of the proposed pipeline franchise to Mobil Oil Corporation; the pipes are in the ground in public right-of-ways as shown on a map attached to the pipeline franchise ordinance,

which map is also on file in the office of the City Clerk. Mobil laid the pipes in accordance with the franchise granted by the City Council, but the franchise has expired and it is now necessary for Mobil to make application for a new franchise therefor from the City. On April 22, 1969 the Council passed a Resolution 69-72 declaring its intention to award this franchise; the Resolution provided for a hearing this date at 5:30 P.M., and for notice to be published in the South Bay Daily Breeze.

An Affidavit of Publication was presented by Deputy City Clerk Moss; Councilman Sciarrotta moved that it be received and filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

Mayor Isen then requested that anyone who wished to be heard for or against the franchise to please come forward at this time.

Responding was Mr. W.J. Collins, Right-of-way Agent for pipeline operations at Mobil Oil, 5323 Jesson Drive, La Canada, who stated that all the terms and conditions are quite acceptable, with the exception of two items: (1) Article 7 pertaining to the payment to the City of a fee of \$1500 for the first mile or less and \$1500 for each mile thereafter -- the total payment to the City under this provision, according to Mr. Collins, would be \$7300 -- and it is requested that this provision be deleted.

Mr. Collins then related action taken by the South Bay City Councilmen's Association wherein such a fee was established to compensate a city for disruption and problems involved in new installations of pipelines -- such as police activity, inspection, repairs to the street, follow-up engineering, paper work, etc. In the case of Mobil Oil the lines are already in the street, and it is felt that this provision should not apply under the intent of the original thinking; hence the request for deletion.

The second item, Mr. Collins continued, pertains to insurance which protects the City on liability, and deletion of this requirement is requested as well -- based on the stature of Mobil Oil, an obviously responsible company, this seems to him to represent an unnecessary burden and cost to take out such a policy. Further noted by Mr. Collins was the fact that there is a provision in the ordinance wherein Mobil agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City against all third party claims. City Attorney Remelmeyer explained that the clause insures sufficient franchisee "economic muscle" to pay any obligation that may be necessary; Mobil Oil would certainly qualify.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that the requirements set out by the South Bay Councilmen's Association seem to have been followed down the line, and he would concur that the \$1500 fee be waived since the pipelines are already in the ground.

Discussion followed on the merits of eliminating the \$1500 fee (which could be accomplished by inserting the yellow version of page 6 into the pink ordinance) it being confirmed by Staff that there will be no disruption to City streets with the subject request. Mr. Collins confirmed his understanding that other areas of location could require such a fee.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone else wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the yellow version of page 6 of the subject ordinance be inserted in lieu of the pink version, page 6, which, in effect, waives the \$1500 requirement. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and approval was unanimous.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved that the insurance requirement be deleted, provided there is a proper hold harmless clause in favor of the City. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

The above corrections noted, Mayor Isen then requested that Deputy City Clerk Moss assign a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1980

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO THE MOBIL OIL CORPORATION, A NEW YORK CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PIPELINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 1980 be waived. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1980 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

- 15. FUTURE HIGHWAY NEEDS - Planning Commission Resolution No. 69-22, endorsing a joint study of future County highway needs by the State Division of Highways, the Los Angeles County Road Department, the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission, and the cities of the southwest area.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, ENDORSING A JOINT STUDY OF FUTURE COUNTY HIGHWAY NEEDS BY THE STATE DIVISION OF HIGHWAYS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ROAD DEPARTMENT, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION, AND THE CITIES OF THE SOUTHWEST AREA.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-105. His motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 30596; ROBERT DUNN, Subdivider:

Recommendation of Acting City Engineer and Planning Director that subject final tract map be approved.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur in the above recommendation of the Acting City Engineer and Planning Director. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

(Considered at this time, because of its relation to the above item:)

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

32. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of covenant agreement between the City and Robert H. Dunn providing for the dedication of 232nd Street and for participation in the cost of opening and improving the street as the costs relate to benefits accruing to the property from the street opening.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN COVENANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND ELLIS M. STEPHENS AND ANN C. STEPHENS, TOM R. WHITE AND MARTHARUE WHITE, AND ROBERT H. DUNN AND NORMA J. DUNN, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE DEDICATION OF CERTAIN NECESSARY RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR 232ND STREET AND FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COSTS AND EXPENSE OF OPENING AND IMPROVING SAID STREET AT A FUTURE DATE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-106. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

17. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT NO. 27245; Subdivider, S.D.C., Inc. Bond #SCR 7-050-880; Amount: \$24,300.00. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that subject bond be released.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - Tract No. 30170; Subdivider, Prairie Subdividers. Bond #0582-65-A; Amount: \$10,500.00. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that subject bond be released.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur in the above recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

19. QUITCLAIM OF EASEMENTS IN VACATED 223RD STREET AND BORDER AVENUE. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of Quitclaim Deed to record owners of their interest in a portion of Lot S-3, Torrance Tract, submitted by Acting City Engineer.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-107

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 QUITCLAIM DEED TO THE RECORD OWNERS, JOINTLY OR IN SEVERALTY, AS THEIR INTERESTS MAY APPEAR, OF A PORTION OF LOT S-3, TORRANCE TRACT.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-107. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

20. ACQUISITION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR MADISON STREET, BETWEEN LOMITA BOULEVARD AND SKYPARK DRIVE.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That the City Attorney be directed to prepare a license agreement to allow Inter-Pebco use of the thirty-foot strip of old Madison Street.
2. That the City Council direct the City Manager and Staff to negotiate with Santa Fe and Inter-Pebco for the acquisition of right-of-way for the new alignment of Madison Street.

At the request of Councilman Johnson for needed clarification, Acting City Engineer Weaver advised that Inter-Pebco is extremely anxious to proceed with the development of their property and their need for vacation or quitclaim to accomplish this -- it is the feeling of the City that it should not completely obligate itself and completely vacate the street until there is the complete acquisition of the right-of-way; hence the recommended license agreement.

City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, and Acting City Engineer Weaver expressed their concurrence with this procedure, at Mayor Isen's question.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the Acting City Engineer's recommendations #1 and #2, as above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley.

Prior to roll call vote on the motion, discussion returned to the overall financial considerations anticipated, the "slivers" of property remaining, the time consuming Santa Fe negotiations, etc.

Mr. Don Hitchcock, attorney for the property owners concerned with the subject license agreement, 4004 Via Pavlon, Palos Verdes Estates, reiterated the history of this matter as presented to the Planning Commission as well as his client's willingness to cooperate in whatever manner recommended by the City.

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

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

21. AWARD OF CONTRACT - STORM DRAIN IN CARSON STREET FROM ANZA AVENUE TO OCEAN AVENUE SUMP (B69-23) JOB NO. 67029.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the contract be awarded to Herb Smeltzer Construction Company and all other bids rejected.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation of the Acting City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

REAL PROPERTY:

22. RESOLUTION directing City Attorney to institute condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of the necessary easement for installation of a sanitary sewer in future 234th Street. Submitted by City Attorney.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION BY THE SAID CITY OF TORRANCE OF CERTAIN PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TO WIT: THE CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF A SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM UPON THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND DIRECTING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO BRING AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE CONDEMNATION THEREOF.

(Sanitary Sewer in Future 234th Street)

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-108. His motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

23. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement providing for the acquisition of Parcel No. 6, owned by Walter V. Storm, required for the widening of Sepulveda Boulevard between Arlington Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard. Submitted by City Attorney.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-109

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND WALTER V. STORM FOR THE PURCHASE OF PARCEL NO. 6 FOR THE WIDENING OF SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-109. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

24. Torrance Management Employees' Organization recommending that the Council utilize whatever measures are within their power to have mandatory retirement age of 60 raised to age 65 by the Legislature for Chief Koenig.

City Manager Ferraro advised that this should have been an "Information Only" item, and requires no Council action.

25. Reclassification of Secretary position in Building and Safety Department to Senior Secretary. Recommended for approval by Civil Service Commission.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Personnel Director and Civil Service Commission that the position of Secretary in the Building and Safety Department be reallocated to the class of Senior Secretary, to be filled in accordance with Civil Service Rules and Regulations. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and approval was unanimous.

26. ORDINANCE Amending Section 14.1.22 of the City Code, Civil Service Rules and Regulations, Re: Hearing Officer. Recommended for approval by Civil Service Commission.

It was unanimously agreed that this matter be referred to the Council Civil Service and Personnel Committee.

27. ORDINANCES (2) adopting new provisions Re: Suspension, Demotion, or Removal of Officers or Employees generally.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1981

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 14.1.17 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "SUSPENSION, DEMOTION OR REMOVAL OF OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES GENERALLY" AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 14.1.17 WITH THE SAME TITLE IN ORDER TO HAVE ALL EMPLOYEES TREATED EQUALLY REGARDING SUSPENSION, HEARING AND DISCHARGE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1981 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1982

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE SUSPENSION AND DISCHARGE OF MEMBERS OF THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1982 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

28. RECLASSIFICATION of Senior Typist Clerk position in City Clerk's Office to Records Clerk. Approval of Class Specification.
RESOLUTION amending salary schedule.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of the class specification for Records Clerk; his motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and approval was unanimous.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-110

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 68-136, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION NO. 68-146, TO ADD NEW CLASSES TO THE CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-110. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 29. RESOLUTION amending Salary Resolution, Revised Class Specification and Reallocation of positions in Park Department, submitted for approval by Civil Service Commission.

Councilman Sciarrotta, moved for the approval of the revised class specification for Park Sprayer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and there were no objections.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-111

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 68-136, AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION 68-146, TO DELETE THE CLASS OF TREE SPRAYER AND ADD THE CLASS OF PARK SPRAYER.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-111. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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At 6:30 P.M. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council and reconvene as Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections. A 10-minute general recess was ordered at 6:31 P.M., followed by the personnel session as announced earlier in the meeting. The Council returned to its deliberations at 7:00 P.M.

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FISCAL MATTERS:

- 30. RESOLUTION that agreement with Southern California Humane Society for pound services to be renewed.

RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE DIRECTOR:

That the City Council approve the renewal of the agreement between the City of Torrance and the Southern California Humane Society for pound services for a period of two years ending June 30, 1971, and that the subject resolution, authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute and attest said letter agreement, be adopted.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-112

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN LETTER AGREEMENT EXTENDING FOR THE SIXTH TIME THE TERM OF THE APRIL 23, 1962,

AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED, FOR POUND SERVICES
BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND SPCA DOING
BUSINESS AS THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HUMANE
SOCIETY.

Councilman Miller moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-112. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PARK AND RECREATION:

31. HICKORY PARK TENNIS COURTS - Communication from the Park and Recreation Commission approving location of tennis courts in the northeast corner of the park and unanimously adopting the recommendation.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to speak on this matter.

Responding was Mr. Earl Peay, 23024 Greenwood, who stated that he represented the homeowners living on Greenwood and they question why they are being blessed with a tennis court. City Manager Ferraro advised that the tennis court is a capital improvement project approved by the Council some time ago and the development was accelerated because of the demand from the neighborhood. Mr. Ferraro added that the matter was sent to the Park and Recreation Commission for processing and there it developed into a difference of opinion as to the location for the court.

Councilman Sciarrotta related his role in the obtainment of the tennis courts, having submitted a petition circulated by the homeowners bearing over 300 signatures to the City Clerk, along with the request to the Director of Recreation to present this matter to the Park and Recreation Commission -- location having never been discussed.

Mr. Peay resumed his comments, outlining the events before the Park and Recreation Commission, and the resultant unhappiness of some of the homeowners with the location selected, feeling it a disservice to the area. It is their recommendation that the courts be moved to the center of the park.

Next to speak was Mr. Bob Flora, President of the Marble Estates Homeowners Association, who pointed out the universal agreement that tennis courts are wanted, and if it is possible, within the budget, to have them in another location, but they fear that delay may jeopardize obtaining the courts at all.

At Mayor Isen's request, Director of Recreation Van Bellehem described the complexities of relocating the tennis courts in the center of the park involving the oil facilities and encroachment into the school area, and at an indeterminable cost at this time.

Mr. R.C. Monson, president of the Palo Del Amo Homeowners Association, 22635 Fonthill, stated that the concern of his group is not about a specific location but that the tennis courts are provided without delay.

Mr. Jack Salling, 22640 Juniper Avenue, recalled that the quest for a tennis court had started in 1964 and the lengthy deliberations at that time. It was his recommendation that the recommendations of Staff relative to location should be followed.

Speaking next was Mr. Duane Pick, 2856 West 232nd Street, who was opposed to the taking away of green area where children play to provide a tennis court for a handful of people. Mr. Pick added that there is substantial opposition from other people who do not live on Greenwood.

Mr. Donald McGrath, 23102 Greenwood, suggested that perhaps the proposed tennis court could be effectively landscaped and set back from the sidewalk; there is a problem presented by the necessary brilliant lighting which would create a carnival appearance.

Representing the Southeast Torrance Homeowners Association, Mr. Lew Sismondo, 1974 West 235th Place, stated that they feel tennis courts for Hickory Park are great; as to their location, his group would oppose spending any money for relocation inasmuch as his group is looking forward to a park in their area.

Mr. James R. Sack, 2602 West 230th Street, expressed his concern for the taking away of the flat green areas for the children -- the one adult area, the picnic area, is not used enough to warrant its being there. Mr. Sack further advised that he had no knowledge, until approximately two weeks ago, of the tennis courts; he does not concur in this matter, and would prefer that they be located in the center of the park and is willing to pay out of his pocket to this end.

Mr. Ralph Grippo, 23039 Cerise, expressed his concurrence with the Staff recommendations as to the present site, and in the best interest of the sake of all concerned, including the taxpayers, this site should be selected. Mr. Grippo added that the picnic area is put to good use, disagreeing with the above speaker.

Mrs. Earl Peay, 23024 Greenwood, reported on the extensive vandalism at Hickory Park -- one of the reasons for wanting the tennis courts -- and the problems that would be presented by extensive landscaping as well as the intense lighting required.

(A 5-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen at this time - 7:45 P.M.)

Mr. Nakata, 23011 Greenwood Avenue, stated that he feels the site selected for the tennis court is a valuable playground area and should be saved for the use of children and the enjoyment derived from playing there. He added that the cost of relocating the court may well be offset by the cost of vandalism due to inadequate playground area.

Discussion by the Council followed on the many considerations and problems now apparent in this matter -- the unanswered questions, the diverse neighborhood feeling, and possible alternate arrangements.

Mayor Isen recommended that there be an on-site inspection Wednesday morning by members of the Council Park Committee and Staff members Van Bellehem, McKinnon, and Clemmer, along with any interested homeowners, in order to obtain first hand knowledge on this situation. This met with approval, and it was agreed to meet at City Hall at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesday; further, that this item be returned to the May 27th agenda, a 7:00 P.M. meeting.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

33. ORDINANCE NO. 1978:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1978

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF AMIE AVENUE APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET SOUTHERLY OF 182ND STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 69-3.

(Thomas A. and Soon D. Baumgartner)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1979 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

34. ORDINANCE NO. 1979:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss presented for its second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1979

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF NEWTON STREET AND WARD STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 69-~~18~~.6.

(Thomas K. Fitzpatrick)

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 1979 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz,
Wilson, and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson (to be consistent with
previous voting).

PROCLAMATIONS:

35. SENIOR CITIZENS MONTH - the month of May, 1969.
36. PARK AND RECREATION MONTH - the month of June, 1969.

So proclaimed by Mayor Isen.

37. RESOLUTION commending Honorable John A. Marbut, First Mayor of the City of Carson.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE HONORABLE JOHN A. MARBUT FOR HIS LEADERSHIP AND DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE AS THE FIRST MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA.

Councilman Uerkwitz moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-113, same to be permaplaqued. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 37A. EXPERT WITNESSES IN OBSCENITY CASES.

The request of the City Attorney for \$1200 to cover expert witness fees for pending cases pertaining to the receipt of allegedly obscene material in the mail was reviewed by the Council.

Mayor Isen deplored the state of affairs in the field of morals, and court rulings which necessitate requests such as this -- all of which is time consuming and costly to the taxpayers. Inasmuch as there is little choice but approval, Mayor Isen MOVED to grant the subject request. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, with the comment that this is no time to back off, and that he is in complete agreement with the comments of the Mayor.

It was the feeling of Councilman Beasley that this is throwing money away, it represents the prosecution of someone's case, and a case that will not be won anyway.

The motion to appropriate the \$1200, as requested by the City Attorney, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley (he feels it a misuse of money).

38. RESOLUTION re: City-State participation agreement, intersection of Pacific Coast Highway and Anza Avenue.

Withdrawn from the agenda.

39. PROPOSED VACATION OF JEFFERSON STREET WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD.

RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

That the City Council approve and adopt the subject Resolution declaring its intention to vacate Jefferson Street west of Crenshaw Boulevard, with conditions.

In attendance on this matter was Mr. Nick Drale, 3431 West 171st Street, who outlined the problems surrounding the location of the railroad crossing. Additional concerns were reviewed by City Manager Ferraro. It was agreed that this should be referred to the Public Works Committee, following review by Staff.

Attention was then directed to the Resolution, which serves only to set the hearing date, and may be considered apart from the above Committee study.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-114

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE JEFFERSON STREET WEST OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-114. His motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

40. A progress report on the Central Library was given by City Librarian West, bids having been opened on May 19th, with a low bid of \$1,500,000; the original estimate was \$1,352,000, and this is being analyzed as to possible solutions with, hopefully, some definite information for the May 27th Council meeting.

In response to Councilman Uerkwitz' question, Mr. West advised that the appraisal is still going on in regard to the Southeast Branch, and that a report will be made in approximately three weeks.

41. Acting City Engineer Weaver reported that in the street construction on Crenshaw Boulevard and Maricopa, unsuitable material has been encountered, and approval is requested that the contractor be authorized to proceed on a time and materials basis, the cost estimated at \$1600. Approval was confirmed by City Manager Ferraro, and the City Attorney approved it as to legality, it being his determination that the City must pay for this.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the above request of the Acting City Engineer be granted; his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

42. Councilman Beasley, as a member of the Freeways and Highway Committee of the League of California Cities, requested approval to attend a meeting of this group in Sacramento on June 6th, with appropriate expenses paid.

Mayor Isen moved that Councilman Beasley's request be granted; his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

43. A meeting of the Independent Cities of Los Angeles County on May 28th at 6:30 P.M. at the Beverly Hilton Hotel was announced by Councilman Johnson.

44. A Resolution opposing A.B. 374 re: the California Highway Patrol Plan was recommended by Councilman Johnson, in line with the City's stand on home rule. It was the consensus of the Council that no action be taken in this regard.

45. It was noted by Councilman Sciarrotta that Councilman Miller's term as Mayor Pro-Tem has expired as of May 15th, and he MOVED that Councilman Wilson serve in this capacity from May 15, 1969 to November 15, 1969. The motion was seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, and there were no objections.

46. Mayor Isen inquired as to the status of the Anza dedication escrow (CUP 68-40). City Attorney Remelmeyer advised that the City has fully performed all that was to be done; he is awaiting word from the proponent's attorney.

47. A date for the consideration of the proposed sign ordinance was recommended by Mayor Isen. June 10th, a 7 P.M. meeting, was selected for this matter.

48. On behalf of the Torrance Firefighters, the PTA, and the Torrance Safety Council, Mr. Richard DeArmitt invited the Council and Staff to attend the Citywide Bicycle Rodeo on Saturday, May 24th, at 9:00 A.M. at Bullock's parking lot.

49. Mr. Joe Lopez, 2708 Martha Street, stated that he has a complaint against the Water Department, in reference to an overcharge in his water bill. Mayor Isen advised him of the proper procedure in that such complaints must be submitted in writing to the City Manager.

At 8:55 P.M. Councilman Uerkwitz moved to adjourn to Thursday, May 22, 1969, at 7:00 P.M. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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