

I N D E XCity Council - July 1, 1969 - 5:30 P.M.

<u>SUBJECT:</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
<u>OPENING CEREMONIES:</u>	
1. Call to Order	1
2. Roll Call	1
3. Flag Salute	1
4. Invocation	1
<u>STANDARD MOTIONS:</u>	
5. Approval of Minutes	1
6. Approval of Demands	1
7. Motion to Waive Further Reading	1
8. Council Committee Meetings	2
<u>NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:</u>	
9. Expenditures in Excess of \$300	2,3
<u>PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:</u>	
10. Appeal of W 69-16, Southern California Associated Newspapers	3,4
11. Appeal of S 69-11, Ben Franklin Investment Company	4
<u>PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:</u>	
12. Ordinance No. 1992 re: ZC 67-2, Torrance Planning Commission	4
13. Ordinance No. 1993 re: ZC 69-12, Torrance Planning Commission	5
<u>SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:</u>	
14. Notice of Completion - Construction of Catch Basin and Connector Pipe in 234th Street	5
<u>TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:</u>	
15. Resolution No. 69-157 re: Agreement between City and Garrett Corporation	5,6
16. Underground Utilities District #1	6
<u>PERSONNEL MATTERS:</u>	
17. Resolution No. 69-158 re: Personnel Testing Contract	6
18. Ordinance No. 1994 re: Hearing Officer	6,7
19. Ordinance No. 1995 (Emergency) re: vacation	7
Ordinance No. 1996 re: increased vacation benefits	7
Ordinance No. 1997 re: move-up pay for vacant positions	7,8
20. Employment of Terry W. Kolhoff	8
<u>ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:</u>	
21. Resolution No. 69-159 re: Weed Abatement Program for 1969	8
22. Water Bill Complaint - Mr. J.J. Lopez	8,9
23. Time Extension for Building Permit (Sciarrotta, Clark, and Emerald Investment Co.)	9
24. Time Extension for Building Permit (Christopher and Anastassiou)	9
<u>ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:</u>	
25.. City Manager Ferraro re: resignation of Bus Superin- tendent Marshall Chamberlain	9
26. Councilman Beasley re: Inter-Cities Highway Installation	9
27. Councilman Wilson re: progress of Arts Committee	9
28. Mayor Isen re: visit with Supervisor Hahn	9
29. Mayor Isen re: Commission vacancies	10

Adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Ava Cripe
Minute SecretaryCouncil Minutes
July 1, 1969

July 1, 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, July 1, 1969, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil 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 City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Miss Carol Miller from West High School led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Gary Kuenzli, Executive Director, Torrance YMCA, gave the invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of June 24th 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 Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

1. Council Minutes
July 1, 1969

8. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Noted.

* * * *

Those in attendance at a Council meeting for the first time were welcomed by Mayor Isen and furnished a brief explanation of Council procedure.

* * * *

NONCONTROVERSIAL ITEMS:9. EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300:

Councilman Beasley questioned item #5, coloring books for the Torrance Police Department; City Manager Ferraro clarified that this pertains to a narcotics education program, and is a one issue deal.

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$589.36 to Koppl Company for one only 12" x 8" reducing pipe ell requested by the Water Department for the Del Amo and Crenshaw Boulevard street improvement project.
2. \$1691.55 to Henry Pratt Company for one only 16-inch and five only 10-inch water valves requested by the Water Department for use at the AiResearch Services.
3. \$420.00 to Associated Truck Company for one only International rear-end assembly unit requested by the City Garage for "downed" City truck (Unit #698).
4. \$753.62 to Bancroft Whitney Company for one set of 15 vols. of Trials with 1969 supplement and one set of 22 vols. of Facts with 1969 supplement requested by the City Attorney for use in their legal research.
5. \$974.40 to Caligraphics Printing and Publishing Company for printing of 10,500 copies of Torrance Police Department coloring books on safety to be distributed to youngsters.
6. \$1893.47 to Zellerbach Paper Company for our annual supply of construction, posterboard, tagboard and butcher papers requested by the Recreation Department for use in their various Arts and Crafts programs.
7. \$315.00 to Alex Thompson for 10,000 rounds of reloaded 45 cal. ammunition requested by the Police Department.

B. REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

8. \$990.44 to Reliable Foundry for miscellaneous pipe adapters, reducers, and fittings for 10-inch and 16-inch water lines, requested by the Water Department for use at the AiResearch Service. Payment for these parts has already been received.

9. \$4544.93 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one only 4" C.T. meter - bronze case and 1 only 10-inch F.M. water meter with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines. These meters are requested by the Water Department for use at the AiResearch Service and payment has already been received.
 10. \$659.15 to Golden State Paints of Torrance for the replacement of 11 miscellaneous items which were stolen from a trailer in the City yard. A check has been received from our insurance company to cover the replacement. These items stolen were all originally purchased from the Golden State Paint Company.
- C. SPECIAL EXPENDITURES - Requested by the City Librarian.
11. \$750.00 to Music West, c/o David G. Pearce, for RCA records as selected.
 12. \$750.00 to Columbia Record Company, c/o Dick Carter, for records as selected.

MOTION: Councilman Uerkwitz moved to concur with items #1 through #12, on agenda item #9. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

10. APPEAL OF WAIVER 69-16, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATED NEWS-PAPERS (South Bay Daily Breeze, Hubert L, Kaltenbach). Appeal of a condition of approval on a request for a waiver of the masonry wall, landscaping, sprinkler system, and park tree requirements on property located at 5215 Torrance Boulevard.

The publisher of the South Bay Daily Breeze, Mr. Robert L. Curry, was present to appeal the Planning Commission requirement of a six-foot masonry wall on the north side of the parking lot. It was the comment of Mr. Curry that his newspaper has a great stake in this community and they would be the last to do anything to thwart the normal good planning for this City, as evidenced by their beautiful building and their compliance with City requirements.

Continuing, Mr. Curry pointed out that there have been no protests from the neighborhood -- they have worked in close cooperation with the neighbors, including the lighting arrangement requested -- the present chain link fence is adequate, which is backed by the neighbor's grape stake fencing, and they are agreeable to installing redwood slats, if requested.

Pictures of the subject fencing were viewed and discussed by the Council. Mayor Isen stated that, to him, this does not represent new commercial development, but, rather, an addition, and, in his opinion

exacts a tremendous burden when nothing is necessary, including the redwood slats.

Councilman Uerkwitz was not in agreement -- he felt the redwood slats would benefit the people on the east side who might be affected by car lights; further, the redwood slats will match the other fencing and serve the same purpose as a masonry block wall. Concurrence was expressed by Councilman Johnson.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

MOTION: Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the appeal of W 69-16 be granted, with the understanding that redwood slats will be placed in the fence on the north side of the property, with all other Planning Commission conditions to be complied with. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

At Councilman Uerkwitz' question regarding the lighting, Mr. Curry advised that this matter will be negotiated with the neighbors, it now being their request that the light be turned on.

11. APPEAL OF S 69-11, BEN FRANKLIN INVESTMENT COMPANY.

(Heath & Company, Howard J. Friedman). Request for permission to erect an oversize ground sign on property located at 4675 Torrance Boulevard. DENIED BY PLANNING COMMISSION.

Representatives from Heath & Company were in attendance to outline the signing problems at this location, and the complications presented by the existing Safeway sign, and the need for identification for the "Torrance Plaza Shopping Center".

Following review of the circumstances surrounding this request, and the possible value of placing a pole sign on Anza Avenue, it was agreed to postpone this matter to the Council meeting of July 22nd, a 7:00 P.M. meeting. This was satisfactory with the proponents, and it was so ordered.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

12. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in Zone Change Case 67-2, Torrance Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1992

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 YUKON AVENUE BETWEEN 182ND STREET AND SAN DIEGO FREEWAY, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 67-2.

(Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1992 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

13. ORDINANCE reclassifying property described in Zone Change Case 69-12, Torrance Planning Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1993

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 BETWEEN CARSON STREET AND WASHINGTON STREET SOUTHWEST OF PLAZA DEL AMO BOULEVARD, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 69-12.
(Torrance Planning Commission).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1993 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

14. NOTICE OF COMPLETION - CONSTRUCTION OF CATCH BASIN AND CONNECTOR PIPE IN 234TH STREET, ETC. (Informal Contract)
Job #69023.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACTING CITY ENGINEER:

1. That Council accept the work; and
2. That final payment be made to the contractor.
(This project was financed on April 8, 1969 by an appropriation of \$1500.00 from the Drainage Improvement Fund.)

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

TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING:

15. RESOLUTION authorizing execution of an Agreement between the City and Garrett Corporation permitting the use of temporary substitute parking facilities.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-157

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 BETWEEN THE CITY OF

TORRANCE AND THE GARRETT CORPORATION PER-
MITTING THE USE OF TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE
PARKING FACILITIES.

Councilman Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-157. His motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

16. UNDERGROUND UTILITIES DISTRICT #1.

RECOMMENDATION OF CITY TRAFFIC ENGINEER:

That the City Council instruct the City Traffic Engineer to proceed with a 1911 Act for the installation of an underground serviced, City-owned street lighting system in Underground Utilities District No. 1.

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

17. RESOLUTION authorizing and requesting the County of Los Angeles to perform personnel services - PERSONNEL TESTING CONTRACT FOR 1969-70, submitted by City Attorney.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-158

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TO PERFORM PERSONNEL
SERVICES (JULY 1969 - JUNE 1970).

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-158. His motion was seconded by Councilman Wilson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

18. ORDINANCE to provide for Hearing Officer with recommendations of Civil Service and Personnel Committee of City Council and Civil Service Commission.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1994

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 14.1.22 OF THE
TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROVIDE THAT THE
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MAY DELEGATE HEARINGS
REGARDING DISMISSALS, SUSPENSIONS, DEMOTIONS,
AND REDUCTIONS IN PAY TO A HEARING OFFICER.

Councilman Johnson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1994 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

- 19. ORDINANCE B-1 relating to vacation and declaring the presence of an emergency.
- ORDINANCE B relating to increased vacation benefits.
- ORDINANCE D relating to move-up pay for vacant positions.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to Ordinance B-1:

ORDINANCE NO. 1995

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 3 OF RULE XIII OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS; REPEALING SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE 5 AND SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1, OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD ARTICLE 35 RELATING TO VACATION AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Wilson moved for the adoption of Emergency Ordinance No. 1995 at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Johnson, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1996

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 3 OF RULE XIII OF THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS; REPEALING SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE 5 AND SECTION 7 OF ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD ARTICLE 35 RELATING TO VACATION AND REPEAL EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1995.

Councilman Miller moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1996 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1997

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 10 OF ARTICLE 31 OF CHAPTER 4, DIVISION 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO MOVE-UP PAY FOR VACANT POSITIONS.

Councilman Wilson moved for the approval of Ordinance No. 1997 at its first reading. His motion, seconded by Councilman Uerkwitz, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

20. Employment of Terry W. Kolhoff.

REQUEST OF CITY ATTORNEY:

That the temporary parttime employment of Terry W. Kolhoff as Deputy City Attorney be continued through December 31, 1969.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the request of the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

21. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1969.

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION to abate weeds on certain properties in the City of Torrance and setting time and place of HEARING thereon as July 15, 1969 at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 69-159

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY ARE A SEASONAL AND RECURRENT NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 69-159. His motion, seconded by Councilman Wilson, was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

22. WATER BILL COMPLAINT - Mr. J.J. Lopez.

Mr. Lopez was present to orally present his complaint regarding what he feels is an erroneous billing for his water service. Finance Director Dundore described the extensive meter check made relative to this complaint, and the determination that an adjustment was not in order.

Discussion followed on possible plumbing faults which could affect a water bill, as well as the precedent-setting aspect of waiving such charges.

It was the comment of Councilman Johnson that inasmuch as this is the only bill of this nature that has been before the Council, it would be his recommendation that an adjustment be made by finding Mr. Lopez' average for the past six months and billing him on that basis -- Councilman Johnson so MOVED.

A SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Councilman Uerkwitz, prefaced with the comment that he is very much concerned about the increase in Mr. Lopez' bill, but he is also concerned about setting a precedent.

in overruling a department head who has made all tests possible; he then MOVED that the subject communication be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Johnson.

23. TIME EXTENSION FOR BUILDING PERMIT.
(Information Item A)

Request of Coldwell, Banker & Company, on behalf of Frank Sciarrotta, Richard Clark, and Emerald Investment Company for an extension of time for Building Permit No. 54732-B until July 15, 1969.

Councilman Johnson moved that the request be granted; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta abstaining).

24. TIME EXTENSION FOR BUILDING PERMIT.

Mr. John Christopher, 6100 Pacific Coast Highway, referred to his building permit, along with Mr. Gus Anastassiou, for 18 units for which a mortgage commitment has finally been obtained -- this permit was extended to July 1st, and an additional thirty days is now required.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the additional thirty days be granted. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

25. City Manager Ferraro announced that a letter of resignation has been submitted by Bus Superintendent Marshall Chamberlain, the date as yet undetermined.

26. The Installation Meeting of the Inter-Cities Highway on July 10th was announced by Councilman Beasley, with an invitation to the Councilmen to attend, if possible.

27. A progress report on the Arts Committee was made by Councilman Wilson -- two meetings of individuals from the Park & Recreation Commission, Library Commission, Torrance Beautiful, and representatives from El Camino College have been held, with much enthusiasm in evidence. The next meeting is scheduled for August 4th at 8:00 P.M. for further consideration of the pursuit of arts in the City of Torrance.

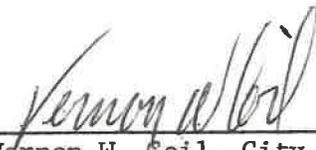
28. Mayor Isen recalled his discussions with Supervisor Hahn, along with Councilman Miller, in reference to Columbia Park and available funds, and suggested that, with Council permission, he and Mr. Miller call on Mr. Hahn as soon as possible. Councilman Sciarrotta so MOVED; the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

29. The numerous vacancies on Commissions were noted by Mayor Isen, specifically noting the resignation of Planning Commissioner George Post effective July 1st with a MOTION that an appropriate permaplaque be prepared. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and approval was unanimous.

It was further agreed to interview applicants for the Planning Commission, Park and Recreation, and Civil Service Commission on Monday, July 28, 1969, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers. Councilman Johnson so MOVED; his motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:30 P.M. Specifically noted was the formal action taken at the Council meeting of June 24, 1969 whereby the Council meeting of July 8, 1969 will start at 6:00 P.M. rather than the usual hour of 7:00 P.M.

* * * *



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance