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Torrance, California  
August 3, 1954

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL HEARING  
HELD BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance met in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, August 3, 1954, at 8:00 p.m., Mayor Drale presiding, for the purpose of another Hearing on CASE NO. 312, petition of J. L Walker for a Variance and Conditional Permit to establish and operate an eighty (80) unit Trailer Park situated at 236th Street, between Arlington and Pennsylvania Avenue in an A-1 (Light Agricultural) Zone.

Those present were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Isen, Schwab and Drale. Also present were City Attorney Hall and City Clerk Bartlett.

Mayor Drale: I believe City Attorney Hall has some information regarding this Case.

City Attorney Hall: I talked with Mr. Walker late this afternoon and he advised he was going to withdraw his application for a Variance. If this is withdrawn it will end the whole controversy. He told me he would be here tonight.

James L. Walker; 5203 Village Green, Los Angeles: In view of the fact that a petition has been sent in from the area with seventy (70) signatures on it, I feel it is only fair for those people in the area, and myself, that I withdraw the petition for Variance; however, there are a few points I would like to clarify. I have here the minutes of the meeting of July 20th. There are two very important points I would like to clear up. On page five (5) of the minutes Mr. Jack Stearns, who was spokesman for the people in the area, made some statements that I would like to clarify; if I may, I will quote from the minutes:

\*\*\*\*\*we feel that the City Council, in approving the recommendation of the Planning Commission, acted partly on the ground that they were misinformed in connection with the allegation that the Supt. of Schools, Dr. J. H. Hull, had withdrawn his protest, and in addition, they feel the City Council was influenced by the fact that

at least nine of the property owners signing the petition had withdrawn their written protests. He stated both of these withdrawals never took place.\*\*\*\*\*"

I can't quite go along with that, in the first place I never at any time made a statement to the Council, or the Planning Commission, that Dr. Hull had withdrawn his protest, and if you will check on the minutes of the previous meetings you will find that to be true. Also, the petition of seventeen (17) property owners in the area that was sent in to the Council, I contacted nine (9), there were actually only 12 legal signatures on the petition, the nine (9) I contacted signed other petitions to rescind the petition that was against the trailer park, and if you will check, that petition is in the files. I just wanted to clear that up and say that I did not misinform the Council, or the Planning Commission, nor did I make any statements that were not true.

City Attorney Hall: May I suggest to the Council that they accept the offer to withdraw.

Mayor Drale: We cannot take any action tonight.

City Attorney Hall: Didn't you sign the waiver? I told the City Clerk to get them out. If this has not been done I suggest, you accept the withdrawal tonight and confirm it at your next meeting.

Mayor Drale: The waiver is here, but the majority of the Council present felt it would be best if we just held the Hearing and take official action next Tuesday.

City Attorney Hall: Then accept the withdrawal and confirm it at your next meeting if you please.

Councilman Isen: I move that the withdrawal for the Variance on behalf of Mr. Walker be accepted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At 8:10 p.m., Councilman Isen moved to adjourn. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously.



City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:

  
Mayor of the City of Torrance