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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, August 30, 1960, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Carleson were: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Drale, Vico, and Isen. ABSENT: None. Assistant City Manager Bone and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Fire Chief Benner led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend William J. Roleder, First Lutheran Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held August 23, 1960, as written. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objections.

Mayor Isen called on Mr. Beg, our visitor from Pakistan, for his impressions of our nation and our City. Mr. Beg spoke in very complimentary words of Torrance and said he was overwhelmed with the progress of Torrance industrially. He briefly described his country and the relationship it bears to the United States through the Baghdad Pact and the Southeast Asia Treaty organization in mutual help against Communism, in contract to the strict neutrality policy of India. Mr. Beg summed up his impressions by saying that the proudest possession of this country and the most precious right of man is to think freely and to act freely. Despite the short existence of his country since emancipation from British rule in 1947, the basic spark and love of democracy is present and a democratic system is being evolved which is suited to Pakistan's genius, needs and conditions. He expressed the hope that the United States and Pakistan will continue to march arm in arm toward peace and prosperity.

Mayor Isen responded graciously to Mr. Beg's remarks and presented him with the key to the City of Torrance.

Mayor Isen moved that the Council pass a resolution, in perma-plaque form, expressing our feeling of friendship and esteem for Mr. Beg and the country he represents, to be delivered to him when completed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote. 1000

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

BIDS:

Mayor Isen announced the following information regarding bids:

1. Improvement of Anza Avenue at 231st Street. Bids will be opened at 10 A.M., September 1, 1960, in the City Council Chamber.
2. Combination Rake and Vacuum Sweeper (Schedule PW 60-60-6). Bids will be publicly opened in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, August 31, 1960.

HEARINGS:

1. Case No. 658. Public hearing on petition of King Construction Co., Inc. (John W. King), 24228 Hawthorne Avenue, for a variance and conditional permit to construct two apartment buildings at 3418-20 Redondo Beach Boulevard, between Yukon and Crenshaw in C-2 and A-1 Zones, with transmittal form from Planning Commission recommending approval per Exhibit A, location sketch, excerpt from Planning Minutes of August 3, 1960, and exhibit.

1031 Mayor Isen asked if anyone in the audience wished to be heard; there was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the variance and conditional permit, subject to conditions mentioned. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING MATTERS:

1. Final Tract No. 25869 (Meine Construction Co.) Letter dated August 25, 1960 from George C. Powell, Planning Director, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting recommendation of the Planning Commission for approval of final Tract No. 25869, located north and south of 234th Street, approximately 300 feet east of Pennsylvania, containing 12 lots in A-1 Zone, with location sketch and excerpt from August 17, 1960 Planning Commission minutes.

1121 Councilman Beasley moved to approve the Final Tract No. 25869 of Meine Construction Co. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Tentative Tract Map No. 23157 (C. N. Cake, Subdivider). Transmittal form from Superintendent of Building Schlens, City Engineer Nollac, and Planning Director Powell, approved by Director of Public Works Peebles, submitting for approval with stipulations, Tract No. 23157 consisting of 22 lots located on the north side of Torrance Boulevard, 330 feet west of Anza Avenue, together with location sketch, excerpt from Planning Commission minutes of August 17, 1960, and copy of letter from C. N. Cake, President, Jewell Land Co.

1121 Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. Letter from George C. Powell, Planning Director, approved by Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works, submitting Planning Commission recommendation regarding public improvements, as follows: 1. County Probation Office; 2. Elementary School Site, and 3. Park Site.

Director of Planning Powell asked that Items 2, Elementary School Site, and 3. Park Site, be withdrawn at this time for the reason that the Staff is considering them further.

1317 Item 1, County Probation Office, is considered to be informational only and Mayor Isen said if there was no objection it would be filed after an appropriate letter over the City Manager's signature is written in answer. There was no objection, and it was so ordered.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

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1. Walteria Civic Organization, by Bessie D. Slonecker, Secretary, dated August 18, 1960, requesting hiring of additional firemen. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, the letter would be ordered filed. There was no objection.

2. Ronald Daley, McDonald's Drive-in, 17305 Crenshaw Boulevard, dated August 25, 1960, regarding problem caused by the painting of double lines at Crenshaw and 174th.

Councilman Drale moved that this item of business be referred to the Traffic Engineer. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, no objection, so ordered. City Traffic Engineer Whitmer stated he would have a recommendation on the agenda next week.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

Appropriations:

As recommended by the City Attorney for data and research to the John B. Knight Company, the sum of \$1,000 from Unappropriated Reserve. 1043

Miscellaneous:

2. Recommendation of Bus Superintendent Chamberlain regarding the new line, Southwood-Southwest, to start September 6, 1960, and to permit free rides on this line Tuesday through Friday, September 6-9, both directions, as a get-acquainted program. 1016

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the item under Appropriations and Item 2 under Miscellaneous. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Miscellaneous:

1. Recommendation that a committee be appointed to make a final decision as to choice of architect firm to prepare plans and specifications for the new Library and Fire Station, from the following list:

1. Adams, Morgan, Latham, Kripp & Wright, Long Beach
2. Marion I. Varner, Pasadena
3. Anthony & Langford, Lynwood
4. Earl R. Mason, Redondo Beach
5. Bates, Cushman & Long, Torrance
6. Thonis, Harrison & Wolfe, Inglewood.

Councilman Drale moved that City Manager Stevens, Director of Public Works Peebles, and City Engineer Nollac be appointed the committee to make the decision. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection. 1170

Report of City Manager Stevens regarding restoration of holidays enumerated in the Government Code and which are not among the seven holidays specified in our Civil Service Rules. 1004
Holidays
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Mayor Isen remarked that past policy has been to provide equal fringe benefits for all employees and moved this item of business be brought back on the agenda after the return of City Manager Stevens from vacation. There was no objection, and it was so ordered.

Proposed Library Site.

Mayor Isen said that the parcel of land of which Parcel A is a part is about 125.5 feet x 660 feet and contains a little more than one acre and he thought it would be an excellent opportunity to get the land at a reasonable cost. He recommended that the entire strip be purchased or condemned and that there would be no severance damages. He said the library could be so located as to make it possible to install common plumbing for restrooms. Councilman Beasley agreed and Councilman Drale said he thought it should be possible to acquire land without condemnation proceedings. Mayor Isen replied that the proceeding is only for the purpose of freezing the price before negotiation. 1170

Councilman Drale moved that Mr. Ohta be approached to learn the possibility of purchasing his entire strip of land. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen instructed Assistant City Manager Bone to proceed immediately toward this negotiation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM LICENSE DEPARTMENT:

1. Application of Stanley J. Watts for license to operate a limousine or auto for hire, in addition to his present taxicab

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license, with recommendation of G. Whitacre that the request be granted, subject to license fee and filing of insurance to cover A-1 Limousine Service in the amount prescribed by Ordinance No. 1120.

1232 Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of Mr. Whitacre. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY ATTORNEY:

1039 1. City Attorney Remelmeyer submitting request for permission to allow Assistant Attorney Dower to attend the National Law Officers' Conference to be held in Denver, Colorado, September 25 through 29.

Councilman Bradford moved that the request be granted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1053 2. City Attorney Remelmeyer's recommendation for wording of minutes of cancelled meeting. Mayor Isen moved this item be filed as it is now an unnecessary procedure due to the change to be made in the ordinance governing Council meeting times. There was no objection and it was ordered filed.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Memo from Director of Public Works regarding verbal request of Mr. C. T. Rippey for City to pave a portion of 229th Place, with sketch of area attached.

The memorandum contained four possible solutions which could be adopted as future policy for this and similar cases, number 4 of which is as follows:

"4. Allow the developers of lot splits to put in their improvements and have the Street Division improve all dedicated rights of way."

Councilman Drale moved that since a matter of policy is to be decided here, that No. 4 be adopted. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1262 The Councilmen discussed the portion of 229th Place, referring to the sketch attached to Mr. Peebles' memorandum.

Director of Planning Powell said the adoption of the policy set out in No. 4 would undoubtedly bring in other lots. A number of owners have expressed themselves as being willing to do so if they could be sure of access from Arlington to Pennsylvania.

Councilman Beasley moved to refer the specific problem of 229th Place back to Planning and Public Works. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

1010 DRAINAGE 2. Memo from Director of Public Works Peebles regarding Hi-Shear Rivet Tool Company drainage problem. In effect this is recommendation that the City spend \$910 for labor and equipment to construct catch basin, flap gate, grate and some resurfacing, Hi-Shear to pay for all materials needed, to clear up the storm drain problem in the vicinity of 247th Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Public Works that City forces be used for this installation at a cost estimated to be \$910. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

1081 3. Memo from Director of Public Works Peebles dated August 25, 1960, regarding upgrading of the traffic signal system at the intersection of 190th and Western, at a cost of approximately \$800 out of Gas Tax Funds allocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Public Works. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Transmittal of easement deeds by City Engineer Nollac by memo dated August 25, 1960, as follows:

- a. Street easement from Chas. T. Rippy and Ruth A. Rippy for portions of Lot 7 in Tract No. 847 needed for the widening of 237th Street and future 236th Place. 1177
- b. Storm drain easement from Manzell Land Co., Inc. for a portion of Lot 34 in Tract No. 3218. 1179

Councilman Benstead moved to accept the deeds listed. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM TRAFFIC COMMISSION:

1. James O. Whitmer, Traffic & Lighting Engineer, submitting Traffic Commission recommendation for the installation of "NO PARKING ANYTIME" signs on one side of streets less than thirty feet wide, together with cost estimate of \$1170 for the project, letter from J. J. Benner, Fire Chief stating the necessity therefor and list of substandard streets. 1047

Councilman Blount asked on which side of the streets the No Parking Anytime signs would be placed and Traffic Engineer Whitmer said the parking seemed to be practically equal so no decision has been made but he would recommend that it remain on the same side of the street for its entire length. Mayor Isen was in favor of holding a public hearing on the question. Councilman Blount thought a decision should be made by the Traffic Commission based on good reasons. Councilman Drale suggested an Assessment District for the widening of the streets. Councilmen Beasley and Benstead favored moving the curb back the necessary distance. Councilman Blount suggested a house-to-house poll of Amapola Street asking if the residents would object if the no parking sign were placed on his side of the street. Considerable discussion resulted in a motion by Councilman Bradford that a survey be made on Amapola from Carson to Dominguez, asking at each door: 1. if the resident would object to having No Parking Anytime signs in front of his house, 2. whether he would prefer one way travel on the street, or 3. whether he would prefer that the street be widened to the required 30 foot width. The motion was seconded by Councilman Drale and there being no objection, it was so ordered.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4034

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PARKING LOT LEASE AGREEMENT WITH JACK H. PINE AND SUSIE PINE AND THE CITY OF TORRANCE. 1195
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This parking lot is located immediately north of the Medical Center at Engracia and Sartori.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4034. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead said while the Council is on the subject, he would like to call the Police Department's attention to an old Buick which has been sitting down there two months or more which should be picked up and hauled away.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 4034. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4035

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NECESSITY REQUIRE THE ACQUISITION BY THE CITY OF TORRANCE OF THE FEE SIMPLE TITLE IN AND TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN SAID CITY FOR ANY PUBLIC USES AND PURPOSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW AND FOR USE FOR AND IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF A STORM DRAIN RETENTION BASIN TO DRAIN WALTERIA LAKE, WHICH IS PROJECT #584-1958 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE, UPON THOSE CERTAIN PARCELS 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.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Resolution No. 4035. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Bradford moved to adopt Resolution No. 4035. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

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1. This is the Drainage Improvement Ordinance resubmittal. The first of two corrections suggested by the Public Works Department has been made, but the second City Attorney Remelmeyer said could not be made legally. A method of taking care of this will be worked out subsequently.

Mayor Isen said that Mr. Voges, who was in the audience, wanted to put up a canopy with four rods to hold it up and asked how much the fee would be. Mr. Voges explained the purpose of the canopy and the size, 12 x 18. It is to be of metal and cantilever construction. The canopy which has been required by the Health Department to cover incoming milk at the dairy, is to be a permanent structure. The fee first quoted was \$100 minimum, but after learning that the area under the canopy is paved and was an addition to non-residential use, it was decided it would come under the same provision as did the improvement at Pittsburgh Paint plant and the minimum would not apply.

Deputy City Clerk Carleson presented for its first reading and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1189

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 25.250 and 25.253 OF ARTICLE IX, CHAPTER 25 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", RELATING TO THE DEFINITION OF TERMS AND THE COMPUTATION OF PAYMENTS TO THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND AND SUBSTITUTING NEW SECTIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER, AND PROVIDING THAT WHENEVER ANY LOT OR ANY PORTION THEREOF IS IMPROVED, SUBDIVIDED OR DIVIDED, THE OWNER THEREOF SHALL PAY CERTAIN SUMS TO THE CITY FOR THE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Councilman Beasley moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1189. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale moved to approve Ordinance No. 1189 at its first reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount, Drale, Vico, Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford.

A recess was declared at 6:30 and the Council reconvened at 6:40 P.M.

Director of Public Works Peebles asked permission to process the plans and permits that are now in the office under the terms of the Ordinance, No. 1189 which was approved on first reading at this session of the Council. 1161

Councilman Drale moved to grant the permission requested. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried, there being no objection.

2. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Carleson presented for its second and final reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1193

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1960-61; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR ITEMS SPECIFIED THEREIN AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR, AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED TO MEET THE TOTAL ESTABLISHED EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1960-61 LESS THE AMOUNTS RAISED BY REVENUES COLLECTED OR TRANSFERRED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES. 1278

Councilman Blount moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1193. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1193 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

3. At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Carleson presented for its second and final reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1194

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE RATES OF TAXES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1960. 1079

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1194. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1194 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. City Attorney Remelmeyer by letter dated August 23, 1960, had submitted for consideration an ordinance on idle oil wells, defining owner and operator and adding Article VII to Chapter 19 of the Code of the City of Torrance, 1954, providing for the removal and abandonment of idle oil wells and the establishment of the Oil Board. 1038

Councilman Drale doubted the necessity of establishing an Oil Board and thought the Council should so act. City Attorney Remelmeyer said that would be all right, or the Planning Commission could act with the right of appeal to the Council.

The Councilmen held a lengthy discussion of the provisions of the proposed ordinance, particularly the definition of "idle well" and "abandonment". Mayor Isen moved that the ordinance be returned to the City Attorney's office for rewriting. There was no objection and it was so ordered.

1. Assistant City Manager Bone said this is the time to consider the basic policy questions which were asked for at the meeting held August 29, 1960, and he presented to each Councilman the list of six questions submitted by Wade E. Peebles, Director of Public Works.

Councilman Drale moved that the City contract with one particular contractor in an exclusive operation as written in the specification for all residential houses and units up to three apartment house units and that over and above that, they have private contractors. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Blount said it is a matter of policy. There are about 24,000 units or stops, to be made and there would be a large number of contractors interested in a much lesser number if the territory were divided into three districts of about 8,000 each. The City of Downey with a population of about 86,000 uses this system. He described what has happened in Alhambra where the bonding company has hired two contractors on an interim basis at great expense and will have to start all over and go to bid. If the City had three contractors there would also be three bonding companies and in the event of failure of one of the contractors, the City could at least assign his territory to the other two. We know about what the bid will be; we can accept the lowest bidder and then negotiate with two more. If the Council decides the best way for all people of Torrance is under one contract for the whole area, Councilman Blount said he would make no further objection, but he believes it would be better for all the people to have a little insurance that they are going to receive service.

Councilman Drale believes that Alhambra is an isolated case but that the majority of cities who have one exclusive contractor have been successful in the operation.

Councilman Beasley thinks it is not true thinking to believe that because there is a bond, there will be no problem in case of default. A bonding company can always find an angle to evade responsibility.

Councilman Benstead said if that is true, maybe the thing to do is keep what we have - that way, we don't need a performance bond.

Mayor Isen emphasized the fact that whether we deal with one or three, the important thing is to choose a responsible bidder. His information about the Alhambra situation is the opposite of what Councilman Blount has learned. Mayor Isen believes cutting the contract into three districts would be stifling free competition. Due to the fact that different geographical areas of the City vary so greatly, it might be difficult to get interested bidders for some areas. There are pitfalls and perils in any of the plans and disadvantages as well as advantages to any system. What if we lose our system we now have, and our equipment, and then find that the experiment fails? The specs as now set up call for an office in the City Hall for the residents to pay their bills. Under this other plan, there would have to be three or more offices. He believes it is easier to pin responsibility onto one contractor than three and feels that most cities that go for private collection do it by one contractor. He repeated that one contractor should be selected and the responsibility pinned on him by every legal means possible. If there is more than one collector he feels it will be hard to police the operation and keep track of who is supposed to be doing the job.

Councilman Beasley is very concerned about getting into a spot with one individual contractor where he may say that he cannot continue at the bid price. He is skeptical of the whole thing; would like to have some way of judging the performance of one man against that of another and feels that even bids will not give it.

Mayor Isen feels the crux of the whole situation is to pick a responsible bidder.

Councilman Blount called for the question on the motion.

Roll call vote on Mr. Drale's motion which was seconded by Councilman Benstead, showed:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Drale, Vico, Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Blount.

The motion carried.

Mayor Isen said the decision eliminated questions numbered 2 and 3. As to question numbered 4, Councilman Blount moved that the collection be combined, placing of combustible, noncombustible and garbage in the same container. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

As to question numbered 5a, Mayor Isen moved the inclusion shall be all residences up to and including two-unit apartments. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

It was agreed that question numbered 6 on price is covered in the specifications and does not need decision as a matter of policy.

Councilman Drale remarked that the bidding procedure should be completed so that the award of the contract may be made by January 1, 1961.

A workshop session was called for September 19, Monday, at 5:30 P.M. for the completion of this item for going to bid.

Mayor Isen asked for a poll of the Council on the appointment of Mrs. Ethel Mosley to the Library Commission and the Council members were unanimously in favor of her appointment. 1024

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Councilman Benstead spoke as follows:

"Most Honorable Council, I have prepared a statement to read because of the great importance of the subject I am about to discuss. For several weeks now the Del Amo Estates Company has been working with me, rather closely, in working out all of the final arrangements for an exceptionally wonderful civic donation to the City of Torrance. They have expressed their desire to donate to the City of Torrance approximately \$80,000 (wholesale price) worth of trees and shrubs, immediately, and with the hope that the City will take advantage of this offer in that the City removes the trees and transports same to this City. Over a period of the next two years they have generously offered to supply us with many hundreds of thousands of dollars worth based on the wholesale cost at no charge to the City. I shall read in full their letter confirming this donation. It is addressed to me. 1021

"Dear Councilman Benstead:

'It is with great pleasure that the Del Amo Estate Company has authorized me to offer the City of Torrance, through you, certain plant material available at our nursery.

'The plant material consists of a number of specimen trees and shrubs of the highest quality which have been field grown over a period of many years.

'These trees and shrubs are to be used and located at the sole discretion of the city, in the hope that the Del Amo Estate Company may contribute to the beautification and enhancement of the city in general.

'We, therefore, invite you to send your authorized personnel to our nursery where they will be directed to the stock which we can make available at this time. During the next

two year period, we will place at your disposal additional landscape material.

'We sincerely look forward to your acceptance of this invitation in the hope that this will further and perpetuate the friendly spirit that has for so long existed between the City of Torrance and the Del Amo Estate Company.

Very truly yours,

DEL AMO ESTATE COMPANY

/s/ Peter De Francisci
Planning Director
Construction Division'

"I take great pride and pleasure in stating that the representatives of the Del Amo Estates Company, Mr. Pete De Francisci, and Mr. O'Melveny, have had the foresight to see the future of the City of Torrance and their extreme civic pride in such a manner that they can visualize all of our existing and future parks as well as a good portion of the civic center completely landscaped through the generosity of the Del Amo Estates Company. The only stipulation to this very generous offer is that we on the Council will have to see that monies are allocated to the Public Works Department for the removal of these trees and transporting same to the City of Torrance.

"I would like to request at this time that the Public Works Director provide a report on an approximate cost for this tree and shrub removal at the next meeting of the Council, and I would so move."

The motion was seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

"I would further like to ask the Council to approve the use of our own crews, on an overtime basis, as well as using City equipment to accomplish this removal and transporting to the City.

"I have personally reviewed the trees and driven over the area where these are to be taken from and I am very enthusiastic with respect to the City obtaining such a tremendous value for only the cost of removal, transporting and replanting to the City.

"I should like to further recommend that the entrance to the City of Torrance, at Torrance Boulevard and Western Avenue, be completely landscaped using this material so that in the future it will always be remembered that the Del Amo Estates Company so generously offered all of these many trees and shrubs to the City of Torrance. I don't know whether everyone is aware of what has happened in the past in the City of Torrance but the Del Amo Estates people, many years ago, donated thousands of trees to be planted in the various parkways and once again are revitalizing this project in the best interest of civic pride and development.

"I would like to have this statement read into the minutes as a motion to be approved by the Council."

Councilman Benstead added that some of the trees must be moved within thirty days, but some will be moved over a period of the next two years. Some may be balled and stockpiled for as much as two years before replanting. Mayor Isen said it was a most generous gift and after a report of the cost has been received, a proper resolution should be prepared in appreciation. The Director of Public Works will try to have a report on the cost available at the next Council meeting.

2. Councilman Bradford made the appointment of Mrs. C. A. Fulton 1288 to the Committee for Decent Literature.

3. Councilman Bradford said as to the Santa Fe property on Maple Avenue, there are to be some meetings set up to discuss paving with the Santa Fe people and the City officials. He said at least one member of the Council should be present. Mr. Drale will attend with Mr. Bradford. 1128

4. Councilman Drale said he is worried about some petitions being circulated in the area covered by the proposed Alondra Park Annexation and would like to have some information get out to the people about what the tax rates are and the schools, police and fire protection in order to scotch some of the false rumors regarding annexation. Mr. Remelmeyer said he and Mr. Bone have already started on a project to get the facts to the people. Mr. Sterling, Mr. Knight and several ladies are going to help. 1265

5. Mr. John M. Simmons, President of Local No. 1117 spoke from the audience on the rubbish matter. He is in favor of continuing with the present arrangement and asked the reason for the City planning to give out the work to private contractors. Councilman Vico said it was in order to save the City about \$200,000 a year. Mr. Simmons did not agree with this and was told that the meeting which will present all the facts on this is to be held September 19, 1960, at 5:30 P.M. in the Council Chamber of the City Hall. Mr. Simmons said at the rate of 15 packers picking up the rubbish, 400 pickups at \$1.00 a month, or about 25¢ a day, each packer is picking up about \$100 a day. This, multiplied by the 15 packers is \$1500 a day. Councilman Drale answered Mr. Simmons that the decision has not yet been made to go to private bid. We are going to set up specifications and get bids. If the bids warrant that it go to private contractor, then it is the duty of the Council to do that. Mr. Simmons asked what is being done to let the citizens know what is planned, and in closing said he would have plenty of citizens here at the meeting on September 19th. 1018

6. Councilman Benstead moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance
California

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

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