

I N D E XCouncil Meeting held December 20, 1960, 5:30 P.M.SUBJECTPAGEBIDS:

1. Insurance, Dec. 20, 1960, 10 A.M. 1
2. H-R Sewer Assessment District No. 3, Dec. 21, 10 A.M. 1

PLANNING MATTERS:Waivers

- a. W-197 Southwest Rentals, granted 2
- b. W-199, R. A. Watt, granted 2

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Decent Literature Committee, concurred 1, 2
2. Claim of Everett E. Craig, denied and ref. City Atty 1, 2
3. Claim of John Beres, denied and ref. City Atty 1, 2
4. City of Redondo Beach, filed 1, 2
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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, December 20, 1960, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, Torrance, California.

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

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Lester King led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend David O. Beadles of the Walteria Methodist Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of December 13, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure and announced the following information regarding

BIDS:

1. Insurance. Fire, extended coverage, malicious mischief and vandalism. Sealed bids will be publicly opened in the City Council chamber at 10 A.M., Tuesday, December 20, 1960. Affidavit of publication will be presented by the City Clerk.

2. Hollywood Riviera Sewer Assessment District No. 3. Bids for the construction of sanitary sewers in said District will be opened in the City Council Chambers at 10 A.M., Wednesday, December 21, 1960. Affidavit of publication and of posting will be presented by the City Clerk.

PLANNING MATTERS:

The following applications for waviars were presented:

- a. W-197. Southwest Rentals, 16901 South Western Avenue. request for waiver of rear yard setback requirement of 1 foot to permit the garages to be placed on the rear property line on Lots 1-5, Tract 24985, located at 4704 4712, 4718, 4804 and 4812 Del Amo Boulevard.
- b. W-199. R. A. Watt, requesting waiver of rear and side property line to set garage on northwest quarter of Lot 33, McDonald Tract, 2818 - 182nd Street.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the granting of the above waivers. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried, there being no objection.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Resubmittal of request for permission to mail a letter to all magazine retailers in the City by Committee for Decent Literature and Publications, represented by Don Cortum, Acting Chairman.

Three members of the Committee were present. Mayor Isen said

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his impression was that the resolution would be informally approved as it stands, although he did not feel it necessary that every action of the committee be brought before the Council for approval. Councilman Bradford moved to permit the resolution to remain as is. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

Councilman Drale moved that the Council concur in approval of the letter, a draft of which was exhibited, which is planned to be sent to the magazine dealers in the City and in such action as the Committee may feel is suitable.

Councilman Beasley wished it definitely understood he is not in favor of any type of censorship, directly or indirectly. He feels there is nothing objectionable in the resolution establishing the committee or in the letter, but censorship is something an individual should apply to his own reading only.

There was no objection to Councilman Drale's motion, which carried.

2. Claim of Everett E. Craig, 1923 Gates Avenue, Redondo Beach, requesting reimbursement for damage to his airplane at Torrance Municipal Airport on November 20, 1960.

Councilman Drale moved to deny the claim and refer the subject matter to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

3. Claim of John Beres for alleged damages to commercial garage located at 2604 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, in accident which occurred October 13, 1960, wherein a Torrance bus was involved. Claim submitted by Ralph J. McGookin, Attorney, Suite 1122, 639 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.

Councilman Drale moved to deny the claim and refer the subject matter to the Legal Department. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

4. City of Redondo Beach letter from Fred M. Arnold, City Clerk, dated December 14, 1960, informing the City Council of the completion of the improvement of that portion of 190th Street included under the terms of agreement between the cities of Redondo Beach and Torrance, dated December 8, 1958, and requesting information as to the date of improvement of 182nd Street as outlined in the agreement.

This letter, Mayor Isen said, was informational principally and he asked City Manager Stevens to write an appropriate reply.

5. Harriett V. Leech, City Treasurer, submittal of recommendation that the South Torrance Water District No. 3 bonds (1911 Act) be handled by Municipal Data Processing Company.

Councilman Blount said this seems to be a case where the City Manager should have appended his recommendation. City Manager Stevens corrected the oversight by recommending approval. Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager that the South Torrance Water District No. 3 bonds be handled by Municipal Data Processing Company. Motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley carried, by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Blount moved that each item which appears on the agenda and which is not a matter of absolute policy, have the approval, disapproval or comment of the City Manager. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITY MANAGER:

1. To Victor Adding machine Company for one calculator for the Airport office, the sum of \$407.16, the lowest bid, a budget item.

Councilman Blount moved to approve the expenditure listed as No. 1. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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2. Award of contract for the improvement of Arlington Avenue between 166th Street and the Dominguez Channel to the Contractors Asphalt Sales Company, low bidder, in the amount of \$14,828.70, and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur in the recommendation to award the contract to Contractors Asphalt Sales Company. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Drale asked, and was given, assurance that there would be a City inspector on the job at all times.

3. The next item considered was fire, extended coverage, malicious mischief and vandalism insurance. This coverage had been out to bid and five proposals received. The rates are necessarily tentative in that a new average rate has not been received from the Pacific Fire Rating Bureau. However, the recommendation from the City Manager's office was to award the bid for furnishing \$443,036 fire insurance coverage to Torrance General Insurance Agency (General Insurance Company) effective December 31, 1960 for a five-year period at a total premium of approximately \$3,181.

Councilman Drale moved to concur in the recommendation. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

4. Decision as to whether there are further duties for Civic Center Promotion Committee and if a new chairman should be appointed. Councilman Drale said he does not like to see the committee abolished and Mayor Isen was in favor of "inactivating" the committee until needed. Councilman Beasley favored appointing a new chairman first so that someone would be in charge and would keep in touch with the Council. Councilman Bradford thought the committee should be put to work on formulation of plans for a Youth Center. Mayor Isen enumerated the duties of the committee which seem to have been completed as far as possible at this time.

Councilman Bradford moved that the program for the Youth Center be referred to the Park & Recreation Commission for immediate action. The motion was seconded by Councilman Benstead and there being no objection, carried.

Councilman Drale moved to temporarily inactivate the Committee for Civic Center Promotion and Councilman Beasley moved to amend the motion so that the Committee would first select its chairman and be held in abeyance until they are called into action by the Council. There was disagreement as to the need for such amendment and Councilman Beasley withdrew it. Councilman Drale's motion was thus left as originally made, was seconded by Mayor Isen and there being no objection, carried. City Manager Stevens will contact the members of the Committee at such time as is necessary and will write to them in appreciation of the work they have done.

5. Mayor Isen said he would like to not hold the meeting which had been set for Wednesday, December 21st on the subject of refuse collection and disposal. Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with the meeting and the Council entered into a discussion of the subject. Mayor Isen expressed himself informally as favoring combined residential R-1 and R-2 garbage and rubbish collection and that industrial and commercial collection by the City be eliminated for a year's trial. Councilman Bradford said this went on trial two years ago and to his way of thinking is still losing money for the City. Councilman Beasley said from his understanding of the figures, it seems the householder is subsidizing commercial and industrial because there is no way of properly apportioning the cost; he saw no reason for holding the meeting December 21st.

Councilman Blount agreed with Mayor Isen in principle but moved that the City within 45 days pick up combined combustibles and garbage, excluding metals only, in line with the Los Angeles report which was just completed. He wanted included in his motion 45 days notice that the commercial licensees would be picking up all except R-1 and R-2 zone. This plan would enable the City to keep employees and equipment which otherwise it could not, but that might be needed in an emergency. He felt a good cost accounting should be made but thought \$1.00 to \$1.10 would cover the cost on R-1 and R-2.

Mayor Isen suggested the notice be to those who have service over and above duplex facilities and that it say that commercial service will be discontinued as of March 1st, so that they may have time to adjust to the new program. Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Blount's motion.

Mr. John Barton of 4160 Via Lado talked about the Los Angeles report which he said cost \$85,000 and took two years to prepare. He said there should be a public hearing on the question.

Mayor Isen asked for a vote on the motion, which is to be considered a general policy expression. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Councilman Bradford told his reasons for voting "No"; he thought the matter should come back to the Committee which was appointed for the express purpose of determining this question.

City Manager Stevens said as he understands it, this motion requires a program planned by Administration to include adequate notice to commercial users of the new system, and Councilman Beasley asked that it be a detailed plan with the City Manager's recommendations.

6. Expenditures:

1. That Arrow Engineering Company be authorized to perform surveying services on the Walteria Lake Sump in an amount not to exceed \$1,000, the funds to be obtained from a unit charge on each yard of material excavated.

2. To Butler and Son for purchase of parts needed for 1955 Butler Loader, the sum of \$588.64.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the two expenditures listed above. Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved that after the Clerk has given a number and read the 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. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, by unanimous roll call vote.

7. Palos Verdes Land Fill No. 1:

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Manager Stevens briefed the Council on the purpose of this resolution and its advantages for the City of Torrance, and Deputy City Clerk assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 4103

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REQUESTING THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO AMEND THE PERMITS AND CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THE PALOS VERDES LANDFILL NO. 1 IS OPERATED, TO PERMIT THE DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE, WRAPPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SANITARY PRACTICES, AND MIXED WITH OTHER REFUSE.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4103. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by ~~unanimous roll call vote~~.

Mayor Isen asked that a certified copy of the resolution be sent to Engineer Thompson as soon as possible.

Councilman Bradford asked that the minutes of the meeting held December 20, 1960, be amended to show that he abstained from voting on Resolution No. 4103. The paragraph immediately following the resolution title on page 5 should read as follows:

"Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4103. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Benstead, Blount, Drale, Isen.

ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEN: Bradford."

With the correction noted, Councilman Benstead moved to approve the minutes of the December 20, 1960 meeting. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

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Councilman Blount moved to concur in the recommendation of Douglas Horlander to purchase this equipment. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

1. Tract No. 24938, release of subdivision bond.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to release the subdivision bond with the exception of \$300 as set out in the communication, it appearing that the improvements are completed and subdivision requirements fulfilled. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

2. Councilman Beasley moved to accept the following listed easement deeds, for the purposes set forth:

1. Easement deed dated November 28, 1960 for widening Amie Avenue, portion of Lot 21, Tract No. 3458, by Garnet Arms.
2. Easement deed dated November 28, 1960 for widening Amie Avenue, portion of Lot 20, Tract No. 3458, by Paul F. Foley.
3. Easement deed dated December 6, 1960 for widening Del Amo Boulevard, portion of Lot 31, Tract No. 4956 by Jesus C. and Rosario Perez.
4. Easement deed dated December 1, 1960 for widening 182nd Street, portion of Lot 18, Hine Improvement Tract and adjacent vacated street, given by Maude M. Parkman and B. and A. Investment Co., Inc.
5. Easement deed dated November 28, 1960 for storm drain purposes, over a portion of Lot 1, Tract No. 9765, (south side of 2475h Street) by Hi Shear Corporation.
6. Easement deed dated November 28, 1960 for storm drain purposes over portions of Lots 26 and 29, Tract No. 10185, given by General Aluminum Corporation.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

3. A master drainage plan was presented by City Engineer Nollac in which he requests recommendation by the City Council that he be instructed to proceed with a study of the presently undeveloped areas of the City to ascertain the feasibility of initiating assessment programs to provide necessary drainage facilities for proper development of the area.

Councilman Benstead moved to refer this report to the City Manager for study. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection. The City Manager was instructed to put it back on the agenda at such time as he has some recommendations to make.

4. A report on the Walteria Lake Basin is to be given special consideration by the City Manager, working with City Engineer Nollac, but in general is to be treated the same as Item 3 on Master Drainage Plan, immediately preceding.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4104

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

The easement provides a portion of the right of way for the widening of 182nd Street westerly of Ermanita Avenue in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4104. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4105

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
ACCEPTING, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT
DEED FROM SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY.

This easement provides a portion of the right of way for the widening of Crenshaw Boulevard northerly of 177th Street in the City of Torrance.

Councilman Drale moved to adopt Resolution No. 4105. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

1. Jefferson, Incorporated, request for permission to build Newberry Building and Medical Building concurrently in their plan for development of Rolling Hills Plaza.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the request set forth in the communication dated December 15, 1960. Motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

AIRPORT COMMISSION:

Recommendation of Thomas B. Abrams, President of Airport Commission that Union Oil Company be given permission to install a sign atop the Acme Aircraft hangar.

In answer to a question from Councilman Benstead as to why this did not come through the Building Division, City Manager Stevens said it would have to be approved by the Council as to whether the sign would be permitted on City property. Councilman Blount moved to add to the recommendation "subject to approval by the Building Division and otherwise to concur in the recommendation of the Airport Commission. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried, there being no objection.

RESOLUTIONS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CERTAIN INSTRUMENTS
FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM HIROYE
OHTA AND SAKIKO OHTA.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4106. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 4107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING RICHARD FITZGERALD FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICES AS MANAGER OF THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Resolution No. 4107. Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCES:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1212

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 33.5 OF CHAPTER 33 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "APPOINTMENT OF CHEMICAL BOARD" AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFOR NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT.

Councilman Benstead moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1212 at its second and final reading. Motion, seconded by Councilman Drale, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

1. City Manager Stevens asked if the Council cared to consider continuing the weed abatement program for weeds only. Councilman Drale and Mayor Isen answered that it should await decision after the new year.
2. City Manager Stevens asked City Attorney Remelmeyer if he had written an opinion on the legality of the matter concerning Eugene Moreno. It will be on the next agenda.
3. City Engineer Nollac said a note had been received from the Division of Highways that the San Diego Freeway contract had been let through Torrance.
4. City Engineer Nollac also said Director of Public Works Peebles has concurred in the Master Drainage Plan and the plan which Koebig and Koebig have prepared. Mr. Nollac considers the latter an engineering masterpiece and asked that it be returned to him. When he and City Manager Stevens have studied it, it will be resubmitted to the Council for perusal.
5. Each of the Councilmen extended Holiday greetings to those present.
6. Mayor Isen polled the Council on the appointment of Mr. Eric Borner of 26218 Delos Avenue, as a member of the Park & Recreation Commission. The poll was unanimously favorable.
7. Mayor Isen said an alarming letter had been received from the LeFleur Company in which Mr. LeFleur claims that as a result of damage and pilfering of his plane, he has been forced to move to the Santa Monica airport and then there to Los Angeles International. Mayor Isen wondered if sufficient safeguard facilities are in use at the Airport. Councilman Blount took the letter and will see that it is considered at the Airport Commission meeting.

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

At 6:30 P.M., Councilman Drale moved to adjourn the meeting to January 3, 1961, at 5:30 P.M. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried, there being no objection.

A. H. Bartlett

City Clerk of the City of Torrance
California

APPROVED:

Albert J. ...

Mayor of the City of Torrance

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