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Torrance, California
July 27, 1965

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 27, 1965, in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Lyman, Miller, Olson, and Mayor Isen. Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico were absent from the City on City business. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were also in attendance.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Bert Shelbourn led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Kornegay of the First Church of the Nazarene opened the meeting with an invocation, following which Mayor Isen presented him with the first certificate as Minister of the Month. Reverend Kornegay responded appropriately.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Olson moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held July 20, 1965, be approved as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried, there being no objection.

The following correction was noted to the minutes of the regular meeting held June 22, 1965:

Delete Item 11, on page 3 and replace it with:

"ITEM 11. CASE NO. 64-53, PLANNING COMMISSION, CHANGE OF ZONE. Formal hearing on change of zone from A-1 and R-1 to C-5 and M-1 and removal of moratorium on portion of Lot 29 Meadow Park Tract, south of Lomita Boulevard, east of Hawthorne. Recommended for approval.

"Affidavit of Publication was presented and, there being no objection, ordered filed.

"Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this case and Mr. N. O. Drale asked about certain streets in the area being vacated, as parties might wish to develop the various properties as one parcel. The Council considered Mr. Drale's remarks but the consensus was that only the change of zone is being considered at this time.

"No one else appearing to speak, on motion of Councilman Olson, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, the hearing was ordered closed, there being no objection.

"Councilman Miller moved to concur with the Planning Commission and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Beasley absent)."

On motion of Mayor Isen, seconded by Councilman Olson, the correction was approved and will be made to the minutes of the June 22, 1965 meeting in the records of the City. There was no objection.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience and explained the presence of moving picture photographers in the room. A film is being made for showing in grammar schools in connection with study of City Government and Mr. Waterman, the producer, chose Torrance's Council meeting to include in that educational film. When finished, it will be first shown at a Torrance Council meeting.

Councilmen Beasley and Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen explained, are attending the National Municipal League meeting in Detroit. Because of the picture being made, the seats of councilmen absent were occupied by selected citizens who took no part in the proceedings.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Olson moved to pay all bills regularly audited and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Sciarrotta, Vico.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Miller 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 was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

HEARINGS:

8. STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 10. Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 65-139, with proposed resolution confirming the report of Traffic and Lighting Engineer.

Affidavit of Publication and Proof of Posting of notices were presented by the City Clerk and, there being no objection, ordered filed, on motion of Councilman Lyman, seconded by Councilman Miller.

The item being a public hearing, Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to speak and at the suggestion of City Attorney Remelmeyer, Mr. Rosetti, the Assessment Engineer, explained the extent and purpose of the district as being in four sections: residential, multiple zoned, installation of poles, and lighting. The job runs near \$84,000 over a four-year period. These are formal procedures to set up the district in the same basic pattern as other street lighting districts.

Councilman Miller moved to close the hearing and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present, (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico being absent).

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CALIFORNIA, CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC AND LIGHTING ENGINEER; CONFIRMING THE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, ESTIMATE, DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT CONTAINED IN SAID REPORT; OVERRULING PROTESTS AND OBJECTIONS IN THE PROCEEDINGS UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 65-139; ORDERING THE WORK AND LEVYING THE ASSESSMENT FOR SERVICE NECESSARY TO INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND ILLUMINATE BY ELECTRIC ENERGY THE STREET LIGHTS AS SHOWN ON SAID DIAGRAM FOR A PERIOD OF FOUR (4) YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1965, AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1969; ORDERING THE CITY CLERK OF SAID CITY TO TRANSMIT DIAGRAM AND ASSESSMENT TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR; AND EMPOWERING TAX COLLECTOR TO MAKE COLLECTIONS. (STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 10).

Councilman Miller moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 65-155 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-155 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Roll call vote was:
 AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson, Mayor Isen.
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Sciarrotta, Vico.

PLANNING AND ZONING:

9. CASE NO. 64-53 PLANNING COMMISSION (Portion of Change of Zone to C-5 and M-1, approved by Council June 22, 1965.

This change having been previously approved by the Council, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1612

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 791), RECLASSIFYING THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. 64-53. (Torrance Planning Commission)

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1612 at its first reading and his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

10. CURB, GUTTER AND SIDEWALK INSTALLATION - 236th PLACE AT CABRILLO AVENUE. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that (1) \$650 be appropriated for curb, gutter and sidewalk from the 1965-66 Street Improvement Allocation, and (2) that informal bids be invited to perform the work shown on sketch.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN HAWTHORNE AVENUE SOUTHERLY OF NEWTON STREET (Bid No. 65-45) Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that contract be awarded to R. M. Vukanovich Construction Co.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Engineer and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

12. TRAVEL REQUEST - INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC PERSONNEL CONFERENCE. Communication from Civil Service Commission, with City Manager's note attached, requesting authorization for two Civil Service Commissioners and the Personnel Director to attend International Public Personnel Conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 10 through 14, 1965.

Councilman Lyman moved to grant the request in concurrence with the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Mayor Isen, however, said he believes one representative is sufficient; two causes too much expense. He said he would like to see the policy regarding commissions reconsidered in this respect in that commissioners do not generally attend the League of California Cities conferences which are held in San Francisco and Los Angeles although there would be much to be gained by attendance.

Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Miller, Olson.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Sciarrotta, Vico.

This item will be on next week's agenda as it is necessary to have a five-sevenths vote on matters involving expenditure of money. Thus, the motion did not carry.

13. BID FOR PALMYRA BROOM FIBER AND GUTTER WIRE - Award of Contract Bid No. 65-42. Recommendation of Sanitation Superintendent and City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that contract be awarded to Don Wren Company, in the amount of \$3,885.34.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation to so award the bid and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

14. BID FOR FURNISHING CHAIN LINK FENCING AND RELATED HARDWARE.

City Manager Ferraro asked that this item be held for two weeks for legal clarification.

15. BID FOR WEED ABATEMENT. Recommendation of City Clerk, with concurrence of City Manager, that bid of P. I. Haddan, Jr. be accepted, in the amount of \$26,200.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Clerk to award the contract to P. I. Haddan, Jr., the low bidder, and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

16. LEASE FOR TRANSIT ADVERTISING. Recommendation from Bus Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that current lease for Transit Advertising with Transit Ads, Incorporated, be extended for three years.

Councilman Olson seconded the motion of Mayor Isen to concur in the recommendation set forth and his motion was carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

17. REQUEST OF TORRANCE MOUNTED POLICE AND JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE for permission to offer a free swim at the Benstead Plunge to children participating in the bands in the Torrance Ranchero Days parade.

Councilman Olson moved to grant the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

18. Proposed resolution honoring Tappa Kegga Baseball team on their outstanding record.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-156

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE TAPPA KEGGAS ON THEIR OUTSTANDING RECORD SINCE THEIR TEAM'S FORMATION IN 1958.

Mr. Chuck Ryan, 16815 Casimir Avenue, Torrance, Manager of the Team, thanked the City of Torrance and the councilmen for what they have done for the organization and particularly, he thanked the Torrance Recreation Department, Recreation Director Van Bellehem and Elmer (Red) Moon.

Mayor Isen suggested the council members present here tonight vote on this resolution, but also that it be re-read and reconsidered next week for a vote of the full Council. He moved adoption of the resolution to which the title was just read. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

Councilman Miller commented on the activities of the Tappa Keggas, as did Red Moon and Councilman Olson mentioned the phenomenal record they have established.

This resolution and one to be signed by the entire seven councilmen, both bearing the same number, will be presented.

19. MONTHLY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT. This report is an innovation which will be on the agenda at the last meeting of each calendar month.

J. Walker Owens, Chamber of Commerce Manager, presented a brief recapitulation of the many and varied activities of the Chamber for the month of July, encompassing twenty-five different activities or programs of wide variety many of which are on a continuing basis and presented a copy of the list for City records.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

20. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND - TRACT NO. 26576. Bond No. B106438, \$14,000. Subdivider, Ocean View Development Corp., Inc. Recommendation from City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that subject bond be released.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the release of this subdivision bond. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE:

21. ORDINANCE NO. 1611.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil presented for second reading, and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1611

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 22.2 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" WHICH SETS FORTH THE QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Olson moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1611 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

21.A. RESOLUTION RE LOCATION OF SOUTH BAY STATE COLLEGE.

Mayor Isen suggested the submitted resolution be redrafted and asked that the City Clerk assign a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 65-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE ENTIRE SOUTH BAY CITIZENS' COMMITTEE TO ENDORSE THE LOCATION OF A PROPOSED STATE COLLEGE IN THE SOUTH BAY AREA AND CONCURRED IN BY THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL.

Mayor Isen moved for adoption of Resolution No. 65-157 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

ADDENDA ITEMS:

22. EARLY ACQUISITION - URBAN RENEWAL AREA: Communication from Chairman of Citizens' Advisory Committee, letter and recommendation from the City Manager re early acquisition in urban renewal area. The recommendation is that the Pusich property not be purchased at this time.

Mr. Dennis J. Harkavy, 6151 West Century Boulevard, an attorney representing Mr. Pusich, said his client was one of the first persons who made application to the Redevelopment Agency for early acquisition on the ground of hardship. His application was reviewed and decision made in favor of early acquisition; the property was appraised and an offer made which, although less than market value, was accepted by Mr. Pusich. Escrow instructions were drafted and signed by Mr. Pusich and if the escrow had been pursued, it would have closed July 28th (tomorrow). Mr. Harkavy said he and his client learned for the first time today that the City, or the Redevelopment Agency does not intend to go ahead with the purchase and there has been no opportunity to discuss this with anyone. He pointed out the various financial aspects of the situation which could cause bankruptcy for Mr. Pusich.

Mayor Isen reminded Mr. Harkavy that the escrow instructions were not signed by the City.

Mr. Harkavy said Mr. Pusich purchased a tractor sales agency in Riverside on the strength of his expectation to sell this commercial land which has now, in effect, been placed under inverse condemnation; the property cannot be sold in the general market and if the public agency does not accept the property Mr. Pusich will be placed in a very difficult situation.

In answer to a question by Mayor Isen, City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is no reason why the property cannot be sold on the market; he does not believe there is any inverse condemnation. Mr. Remelmeyer said also the reason Mr. Pusich was allowed to sign the escrow instructions was because of the distance to Riverside and the saving of that trip; however, he was informed that the purchase would have to have Council approval. There was no obligation to notify Mr. Pusich that the City had not signed the escrow.

Mr. Harkavy said he had no intention to criticize the handling of this matter; only to present to the Council his client's hardship.

Councilman Olson said he and Councilmen Sciarrotta and Beasley (comprising the Council Finance Committee) had met and felt concern about the purchase of this property because of the unavailability of money. The other two members of the Committee being absent led Councilman Olson to move that the matter be held over until such time as there is a full council - next week, a 5:30 meeting. Mayor Isen said if there was no objection, this would be done; there was no objection.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

23. City Manager Ferraro stated a telephone call from Lynne Frantz has requested cooperation from the City to provide buses to transport fifty-five or sixty persons on a tour of the four possible sites in the South Bay area. Mr. Frantz is Chairman of the South Bay Citizens' group for the State College. The time and place will be announced a little later.

Mayor Isen said this is a necessary step to be taken; two of the sites are in Torrance; and moved that sufficient buses be furnished at City of Torrance expense to take care of this proposed bus tour. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Beasley, Sciarrotta and Vico absent).

24. City Manager Ferraro announced that he and the City Attorney plan to attend a meeting of the State Board of College Trustees on Buildings and Grounds in Los Angeles tomorrow, July 28th. It is planned to there discuss procedures for site re-selection of the South Bay State College. Lynne Frantz is heading the delegation from this area. Mr. Ferraro and Mr. Remelmeyer will attend as observers. He stated a letter has been filed with Mr. Luckman setting forth the position of the City regarding the alternate site.

25. Councilman Miller commented on an article in this evening's South Bay Daily Breeze which said Supervisor Chace has assured people of the South Bay that there will be a Pacific Bowl in this area.

26. Councilman Olson called attention to the improvement being made on Torrance Boulevard and said he has received phone calls which indicate some confusion as to why the multiple operations and the Sunday work. He said the Sunday work is by a contractor, not the City and asked City Engineer Nollac for an explanation of the slurry seal process. Mr. Nollac explained that the slurry seal is only about one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness and will be worn away by traffic, especially on

the high spots. Hence the initial sandblasting is important. After the slurry seal has cured, the street will be restriped with proper openings and left-turn pockets from Crenshaw to Madrona.

27. Mayor Isen recalled eleven years ago when he was first elected his first oral communication involved the beautification of the underpass at the east entrance to Torrance. When Councilman Miller was elected almost four years ago, he too spoke of the east approach to the City. That entrance is still a disgrace. Also it is time to establish a proper traffic pattern near Tommy's Cafe, where the streets converge is a most confusing labyrinth. Everything that has come up with respect to this area passes unanimously, but nothing gets accomplished. Torrance Beautiful Commission has considered the problem also. There was money in the budget at one time to paint the underpass but it was not done pending completion of some storm drain project. This entrance and Sartori Avenue have been problems for a long time and something must be done to solve them. People entering Torrance from the east must receive a very poor impression.

Councilman Miller also mentioned the problem of beautifying the railroad right of way.

City Manager Ferraro said the viaduct is privately owned property and should be maintained by its owner, not the City. Also, that is not the same railroad company as that which owns the tracks on Madrid Avenue. There are many problems in the area involving private property and in each case, the owner takes care of them. Santa Fe at least, has met with citizens' groups; Pacific Electric will not.

Mayor Isen suggested turning the problem over to the Kiwanis Club.

Regardless of all this, Councilman Miller felt the City should spend a little money to correct this badly blighted area. He thought there should be an end to "referring" the problem. Mayor Isen asked that Councilman Miller and Olson serve as a committee to talk with Kenny Anderson and try to get some of the company officials out to talk this over.

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Nine o'clock having arrived, Mayor Isen asked for a motion to recess for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting. Councilman Lyman so moved and his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. There was no objection.

The Council reconvened as such at 9:07 and Mayor Isen asked for any oral communications from the audience.

28. Dr. Charles Hopkins of 639 Camino de Encanto, reminded the Council that nine weeks ago they adopted a recommendation to take action to alleviate a very serious traffic problem in the vicinity of Paseo de la Playa and Camino de Encanto. The action was to post a NO LEFT TURN sign prohibiting left turns from Palos Verdes Boulevard onto Paseo de la Playa between 7 and 9 a.m. So far this action has never been taken.

City Manager Ferraro said the omission is inadvertent - the sign will be placed immediately.

The formal Council meeting was adjourned a few minutes after 9:00 p.m. and at the request of Mayor Isen, everyone remained for a little longer in order to permit Mr. Waterman to complete his education film by picturing the audience and their reactions.

Edith Shaffer
Minute Secretary

8.

Council Minutes
July 27, 1965

APPROVED:

Robert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

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