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Adjourned to Redevelopment Agency meeting at 9:00

Torrance, California  
August 24, 1965

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held on Tuesday, August 24, 1965, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Olson, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Miller was absent on vacation and Councilman Sciarrotta on a trip to Europe. City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer were present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. John Alter led the salute to our flag.

4. INVOCATION:

The Minister of the Month, Arthur Nagel of First Methodist Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Olson moved that the minutes of the regular meeting held August 17, 1965, be approved as written. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved that all bills regularly audited be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Olson, Vico, and Mayor Isen.  
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None  
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Sciarrotta.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Beasley 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 (Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta absent).

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

HEARINGS:

8. CASE NO. 65-37, M. L. Van Tine, Variance.

A letter dated August 24, 1965, was received from M. L. Van Tine asking postponement for two weeks and Councilman Beasley moved to grant that request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and the date set for September 7, 1965, a 5:30 meeting. There was no objection. No one present wished to speak on the case at this time.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 20804, PHILIP O. POULIN, DEVELOPER. Rush Surveying Company, Engineer. Five lots between 239th Place and 231st Street on Crenshaw Boulevard.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission, City Engineer and City Manager to approve Tract Map No. 20804 in final form. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta absent).

10. CASE NO. 65-25, SOUTH BAY REALTY, CHANGE OF ZONE TO R-1. Planning Director, noted by City Manager, submitting for first reading Ordinance reclassifying that certain property described in Planning Commission Case No. 65-25.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1617

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. 65-25. (SOUTH BAY REALTY CO.)

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1617 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta absent).

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

11. CONDEMNATION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY CARL QUANDT LYING WITHIN 227th STREET WESTERLY OF OCEAN AVENUE. Recommendation of City Engineer/Street Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager that Council direct the City Attorney to proceed with condemnation of subject property and obtain an order of immediate possession.

Councilman Beasley asked if it would not be possible to condemn only the portion where Kent Street crosses, but according to the City Engineer that is not possible or practicable. There would be severance damages which would probably make up any possible difference in price. City Manager Ferraro agreed.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta absent).

12. PETITION FOR STREET IMPROVEMENTS. Communication from City Manager re petition received for street improvements on Redondo Beach Boulevard, south side, between Atkinson and Ardath Streets.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation that the City Council authorize the work set forth in the petition to begin immediately by force account, the planting to be done by the Park Department, the water meters installed by the Water Department, and the blacktop by the Street Department. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Olson, Vico and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Sciarrotta.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:13. APPROPRIATION OF GAS TAX FUNDS (186.1) TRAFFIC SIGNAL MODIFICATION AT 190th STREET AND VAN NESS AVENUE.

The recommendation is to appropriate \$1,600 for the referenced work. Councilman Beasley moved to concur and Councilman Lyman seconded. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Olson, Vico, and Mayor Isen.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Sciarrotta.

FISCAL MATTERS:

14. CLAIM of Southern California Edison Company against City of Torrance for damages to pole number 411211E on June 17, 1965, on Hawthorne Avenue near Del Amo Boulevard.

15. CLAIM of Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. against the City of Torrance for damages to a 400 pair cable, on May 12, 1965, at the southwest corner of Plaza Del Amo and Border Avenue in Torrance.

The recommendation as to both claims listed as Items 14 and 15, is to deny and refer to the City Attorney. Councilman Beasley moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico. There was no objection.

16. BIDS FOR THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM PROJECTS. Recommendation from Park Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that low bids for the three sprinkler system projects be accepted.

The recommendation is to award the contracts to the low bidders, as follows, and reject all other bids:

|         |                   |          |                          |
|---------|-------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| ID #34  | El Prado Park     | \$14,405 | Biltmore Sprinklers Inc. |
| ID #93  | Sea Aire Park     | 6,049    | Biltmore Sprinklers Inc. |
| ID #111 | Sepulveda Parkway | 6,200    | John Motshagen           |

Councilman Olson moved to concur in that recommendation and Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta absent).

EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

17. Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following four items of expenditure:

1. \$468.00 to IBM Corporation for one electric typewriter to be used by Recreation Department, as a regular budget item.

2. \$370.24 to Morris P. Kirk and Son, Inc. for one ton of caulking lead to be used by the Water Department as a regular budget item.

3. \$938.88 to Pitney-Bowes for one mailing machine Model 4250 equipped with the Model RF postage meter to be used by Central Services Department, as a regular budget item.

4. \$359.22 to Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company for miscellaneous six and eight inch pipe fittings to be used by the Water Department as a regular budget item.

Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Olson, Vico and Mayor Isen.  
 NOES: COUNCILMEN: None  
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Sciarrotta.

18. WEED ABATEMENT RESOLUTION:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-170

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

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-170 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Sciarrotta.

Councilman Vico remarked that the lots belonging to Dominguez Estates Company would be taken care of and he wanted to be sure no bill for weed abatement was sent to Dominguez.

City Clerk Coil furnished the date to be inserted on page 9, in Section 3 - 7th day of September, 1965, 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

AIRPORT MATTERS:19. RECOMMENDATION FOR NAMING AND NUMBERING AIRPORT STREETS:

Mayor Isen thought more imagination could be used, especially as to "Main Apron" designations, and similar names. Councilman Olson told of the uniform plan of procedure within the plant where he is employed - the use of alphabetical designations in one direction and numerical in the other. Mayor Isen said he believes that general plan could be employed by use of initial letters alphabetically. At any rate, he seconded the motion of Councilman Beasley to refer the matter of naming and numbering Airport Streets back to the Airport Commission for further study, taking these remarks into consideration. There was no objection.

20. VEGAS AIR, INC. LEASE: The recommendation of the Commission is to send this to the City Attorney to be resolved at his discretion.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation stated and Councilman Beasley seconded. The motion, however, was withdrawn after Mayor Isen set forth his opinion that the City Attorney should report to the City Council and that the Legal Department is now big and adequate enough to take care of the suit to determine the validity of the option to renew, the royalties due the City and the tiedown provisions. City Attorney Remelmeyer acknowledged that is now true and a substitute motion was made by Councilman Beasley to concur in Mayor Isen's remarks and refer the matter to the City Attorney for necessary action and report back to the Council prior to any litigation. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

POLICE MATTERS:

21. CRITERIA FOR ESTABLISHING SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD LOCATIONS. Communication from City Manager, with City Attorney's opinion re subject matter.

Councilman Beasley said some criteria are necessary; it is not possible to put a crossing guard at every intersection. Mayor Isen asked if the statement re "at least 20 school children per hour crossing" is not ambiguous. It was decided the meaning is during school hours of crossing; the children leave the schools at various times during the day.

Councilman Lyman noted that the schools have no responsibility in this regard and asked if there is not some manner of coordination as to boundaries for school attendance in each school so as to ease the situation of children walking to school.

Mayor Isen agreed with the theory of Mr. Lyman and suggested the matter be referred to the Torrance Safety Council for appointment of a committee to work with the schools toward that end. He moved to refer the matter, with approval in principle, to the Traffic Safety Council, realizing there will have to be some changes from time to time, to work with the School District, or a committee from the School District in accordance with the statements herein made. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta absent).

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

22. VOTER REGISTRATION AT CITY-OWNED LIBRARIES.

The recommendation is that the City of Torrance provide space in each of the branch libraries and the main library for the purpose of voter registration where such space can be made available without adverse effect on library operations, and that all equipment and personnel be supplied by the Registrar of Voters, or his duly authorized deputies.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the City Manager's recommendations set forth above. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

23. WORLD LAW DAY. City Attorney, noted by City Manager, submitting proposed resolution proclaiming September 13, 1965, as WORLD LAW DAY and proclamation re same.

In that this was a recommendation of Councilman Miller, Mayor Isen asked to hold it until next week. There was no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

24. EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS DURING FISCAL 1963-64 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 186.1 AND 186.7 OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. Proposed resolution recommended by City Engineer/Street Superintendent.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE  
CERTIFYING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS DURING THE FISCAL  
YEAR 1963-64 PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 186.1 THROUGH 186.7  
OF THE STREETS AND HIGHWAYS CODE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-171 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Olson, Vico, Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Sciarrotta.

Mr. Nollac acknowledged, in answer to a question by Councilman Beasley that a total of \$1,152,000 was spent during the fiscal year, 1963-64 on streets including matching funds, County Aid to Cities, Highways through Cities, etc. from the gas tax fund.

25. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND ON TRACT NO. 16701 COMPLETED IN 1955.

A search of old files has revealed this bond, the requirements for which have long since been satisfied. Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation to release it and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta absent).

26. RESOLUTION commending L. A. County Board of Supervisors.

At the request of Mayor Isen, this resolution was withdrawn to be brought back at a later date. There is a matter of passing petitions to get a constitutional amendment to allow home rule in matters of decency and morals to a greater degree, but not to permit lesser control. The proposed amendment is now before the Attorney General's office for approval. Mayor Isen hopes it may be possible to have Supervisor Dorn here to discuss the matter. Until such time, the resolution is off the agenda.

27. LOWER COLORADO RIVER BASIN PROJECT ACT: Proposed Resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 65-172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING AND REQUESTING ADOPTION OF SENATE BILL NO. 1019 AND HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 4671 - LOWER COLORADO RIVER BASIN PROJECT ACT.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 65-172 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Miller and Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:28. ORDINANCE NO. 1615.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1615

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY NEEDED TO MEET THE TOTAL ESTABLISHED EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1965-66 LESS THE AMOUNTS RAISED BY REVENUES COLLECTED OR TRANSFERRED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1615 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1615 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote of those present (Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta absent).

29. ORDINANCE NO. 1616:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1616

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, 1965.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Miller and Sciarrotta absent).

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1616 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Miller and Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

30. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR VEHICLE PARKING DISTRICT NO. 1 - POST AVENUE SITE I AND SARTORI AVENUE - SITE II.

The recommendation is to award the contract to Nelson & Belding Contracting Corporation, at the lowest bid, \$25,805.13. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in that recommendation; to accept the low bid and reject all others. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Olson, Vico, and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Sciarrotta.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

31. Mayor Isen announced the following five members appointed as a Zoning Appeals Board for the Uniform Building Code: *a "Housing Advisory + Appeals Board" for the Uniform Building Code" (See Item 16 Council Minutes 1/12/66)*

Wally Pollock (address to be supplied)

Kurt Fengler, 809 Hickory, General Contractor

Larry Voien, Building contractor, 1724 Hickory

Park Montague, Plumbing, 1418 Marcelina

Roy Bayer (address to be supplied)

The Council was polled with unanimously favorable results.

32. City Manager Ferraro referred to the report which the City filed with the State Board of College Trustees regarding the proposed Palos Verdes alternate site and certain large documents which accompanied it as exhibits. He said there would be a preliminary site evaluation meeting in September, announcement of results in October and a recommendation in November or December.

33. Councilman Beasley said four of the County Supervisors at its meeting today complimented Torrance on its growth and leadership, as well as the kind of community which is being created here. The fifth Supervisor was not in attendance.

34. Mayor Isen called attention to Item G of the Informational items and agreed completely in praising Albert Kovach for the manner in which he handled the Traffic Engineering Department this past year.

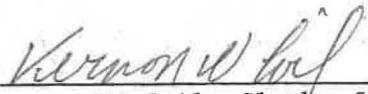
He asked that the new Traffic and Lighting Engineer, Arthur Horkay, be made aware of the fact that all the signals in town need checking and coordinating - particularly at important intersections.

35. City Manager Ferraro reported on a meeting with Mrs. Gansemer regarding sidewalks on Anza Avenue and said Traffic Engineer Horkay had suggested what he considered a good plan for a manual which would outline a uniform route for children to traverse to and from school, to be prepared by school authorities.

36. Councilman Lyman expressed pleasure about the signal at Madrona and Torrance Boulevard which has greatly facilitated traffic in this part of town.

37. Mr. John Mosley referred back to Item 18, Weed Abatement, and invited the abaters to look at weeds along 238th Street drainage ditch. Mayor Isen added the City parkways on Anza Avenue, Calle Mayor, etc.

38. Mayor Isen wanted to declare the Council meeting adjourned so as to go into the Redevelopment meeting, but it was not yet 9:00 p.m., the scheduled starting time and City Attorney Remelmeyer advised against it. However, Mayor Isen declared the Council adjourned for this purpose at 8:45. Discussion of a way to cure this defect continued during the interim and the Redevelopment meeting did not actually start until 9:00. In the future, it will be scheduled for 8:30 (instead of 9:00) on the late Tuesdays, or as soon thereafter as Council business can be disposed of.

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

APPROVED:

  
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 Mayor of the City of Torrance