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Adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Torrance, California
August 2, 1966

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 at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 2, 1966, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None. City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Manager Ferraro were also present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mrs. Mary Walker, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Father J. A. O'Gorman of St. James Catholic Church, Minister of the Month of August, opened the meeting with an invocation.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Council had not had time to study the minutes of the July 26th meeting and they will be considered at the next meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Sciarrotta 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 and the motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

HEARINGS:

8. STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 11. Formal hearing on assessment and confirmation of assessment for Street Lighting District No. 11. Outline of procedure and two resolutions attached.

Mayor Isen announced that the hour of 5:30 p.m. having arrived, this is the time and place fixed by Resolution No. 66-142 when and where any and all persons having any protest or objection to said proposed work, or to the extent of said assessment district, may appear before the City

Council of said City of Torrance and show cause why said proposed work should not be carried out in accordance with said resolution.

The City Clerk presented the following affidavits to the Council: Affidavit of publication of resolution of intention and Affidavit of posting of "notice of improvement" and on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, they were ordered filed by unanimous roll call vote.

Traffic and Lighting Engineer Horkay and the representative of L. J. Thompson, Assessment Engineer, Mr. Patrick Rossetti were duly sworn by Mayor Isen and in answer to interrogation by City Attorney Remelmeyer, gave information as to the nature of work and extent of the assessment district which comprises 3030 parcels in all in five zones which were enumerated in detail. The geographical location of the parcels was depicted on a large colored map (yellow representing the parcels comprising District No. 11); the total net assessment of the property owners in District No. 11 is \$94,224.24 and the City's contribution is \$42,744.30, thirty percent of the total cost and the total cost for three years is \$136,968.54. He explained that the City contributes in the residential areas, 30% of the cost and in the heavy commercial area, 50% of the cost of energy and maintenance. A rough estimate as to an average 50 ft. residential lot was about 15¢ per foot or \$7.50 per year. A portion of this district is composed of the incorporation of old districts. Only 500 parcels out of the 3030 are brand new installations. The consolidation of the districts is a matter of expediency, public necessity and convenience. A majority of the 500 new installations are by petition of property owners requesting street lights.

Councilman Olson asked what would be the alternative to the assessment district and Mr. Rossetti and Mayor Isen explained that originally the electricity bill was paid out of the General Fund and the burden was tremendous. The theory is that the person who receives the service should pay for it. Under the payment from the General Fund all the taxpayers were paying and only part of the people getting the benefit.

Mr. Horkay stated Districts 6 and 7 have been consolidated into District No. 11.

Mayor Isen asked the City Clerk if any written protests had been received and the answer was negative. Mayor Isen then asked if any person wished to make an oral protest and Mr. Robert Bree of 4723 Newton Street came forward. His home is between Nancy Lee Lane and Harrlee Lane and is included in this district. He presented a petition signed by 23 of the 27 homeowners involved, expressing opposition to the installation of street lights, and it was ordered filed. In the particular group of homes where Mr. Bree lives, there are five new homes and no street lights; the homeowners have their own gas lights, installed and maintained at their own expense. Mr. Bree said they do not need or wish to have electric lights installed. The builder posted a bond, but the homeowners do not want the lights, although it was a condition of the tract.

Councilman Beasley's theory is that street lights are not just for the benefit of residents, but principally for other citizens who come into the neighborhood and for aid in prevention of theft, facilitating traffic, etc. Mr. Bree contends the street is well lighted, some of the ornamental gaslights have been in and maintained for as much as eleven years and there is no reason to believe they will not continue to be replaced when necessary and kept in good repair.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said if the Council wishes to waive the condition of approval of the tract, it can do so. Councilman Olson's concern was as to the sufficiency of the gas jets as compared to mercury vapor street lights, and Mr. Horkay agreed there is reason for concern.

If this condition were waived, eventually it would still be necessary to put in regular street lights and the homeowners would have to pay not only the energy and maintenance costs, but also for the installation.

Mr. Bree said the main objection is based on aesthetics and also from the cost standpoint, the residents would be paying for something they do not want. He referred to the wording of the petition which was read into the record by City Clerk Coil:

THE UNDERSIGNED PROPERTY OWNERS, IN THE NEWTON ST., NANCY LEE LANE - HARLEE LANE DISTRICT, OPPOSE THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF STREET LIGHTS IN THIS DISTRICT. WE FEEL THAT THE INSTALLATION OF SAID LIGHTS WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE ESTHETIC VALUE OF THE AREA AND WOULD INTERFERE WITH THE VIEW. FURTHER, MANY OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE INSTALLED, AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE, GAS LIGHTS AND OTHER FORMS OF LAMPS.

This being a subdivision requirement, Director of Public Works Nollac reminded the Council that presumably the builder has included the cost in the price of the house.

Mr. Bree pointed out that the sidewalks in the five-home-group are next to the curb and there is no parkway along this 800 ft. strip on Newton so the street lights would probably be installed in the front lawns. Mr. Nollac said the lights would be directly four feet behind the curb - in effect, about three feet closer to the front door. These lights would be powered by overhead wire, a single strand from pole to pole. He said it would not be reasonable or practicable to go underground for this short distance.

Mr. Rossetti said because there is no requirement that the homeowner keep a gaslight in operation and repair, they present problems. There will be four lights along the frontage of the five homes; these are very wide frontage, shallow lots; one lot has 182 feet on the street.

Councilman Olson asked if it would be possible to take this one group of parcels out of the district for examination; City Attorney Remel-meyer said it would be better to continue the hearing for one week. Mr. Nollac said by doing so, a year would be lost because it is necessary to meet a deadline of August 10th to get these assessments on the County tax bills. The small group of homes could be dropped; but the assessment itself must be confirmed tonight. Next Council meeting time would be August 9th, and too late.

Councilman Beasley moved that the "district be retained within the assessment district" (in effect, that the protest of Mr. Bree be overruled). Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zarwell of 4827 Newton Street spoke to the same effect as had Mr. Bree. There was some talk of adjourning to a special meeting on Wednesday, and in the meantime, viewing the premises. Councilman Sciarrotta withdrew his second to Councilman Beasley's motion, but Councilman Vico went on record as seconding it, "to put in the lights regardless". Roll call vote was:

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-154

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. 66-142; 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 THREE (3) YEARS, BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 1966, 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. 11).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 66-154 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-154 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-155

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DETERMINING THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE CONTRACTOR PRACTICALLY CAPABLE OF SERVING THE STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM WITHIN TORRANCE STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 11 IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIAGRAM AND PLAN L-11-66, AND ORDERING THE IMPROVEMENT TO BE CARRIED OUT BY SUCH CONTRACTOR.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 66-155 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-155 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen instructed Mr. Rossetti, Mr. Horkay and/or Mr. Nollac to use all possible care in the placement of the standards so as to produce an attractive appearance. He asked Mr. Bree to contact Mr. Nollac or Mr. Horkay within the next week to work out the most satisfactory location possible. Mr. Nollac will also look into the possibility of using marbelite poles at these locations, it being understood there would be slight additional cost.

9. 1965 WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - CONFIRMATION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL. With attached resolutions, one to confirm the report, or in the event modification is indicated, to modify and confirm.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Posting and, there being no objection, it was ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard on this matter and there was no response.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-156

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONFIRMING THE WRITTEN REPORT OF THE CITY MANAGER SHOWING THE COST OF WEED ABATEMENT FOR THE SPRING AND FALL OF 1965.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-156 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR SPRING AND FALL OF 1966. Formal hearing on resolution of intention No. 66-147 to hear any and all property owners having objections, etc. Outline of procedure and proposed resolution attached.

City Clerk Coil presented Affidavit of Posting and of Mailing and, there being no objection, it was on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and there was no response.

Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing. His motion was seconded by Councilman Olson and there was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-157

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND INSTRUCTING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON OR IN FRONT OF PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 66-147.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-157 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM - SPRING AND FALL 1966, with proposed Resolution of Intention.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-158

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 Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-158 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. CITY SEAL AND FLAG CONTEST. Recommendation of City Clerk.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Clerk and Councilman Vico seconded.

Councilman Olson moved as a substitute to concur in the recommendation listed in subparagraph 1 of the recommendation but to table the recommendation to hire artists, the intent being to keep the promise of prizes to the school children but table subitems 2, 3, 4 and 5 dealing with future action. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

13. REQUEST FROM GOLD'S FURNITURE FOR PARKING LOT SALE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request, subject to the conditions set forth in the letter from Gold's to which they agree. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

14. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENT OF PASEO DE LA PLAYA AT TORRANCE BEACH BY INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS (B66-51). Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that contract be awarded to M.B.C. Concrete Construction Co. for Alternate A.

Alternate A is for a six foot sidewalk and B. is for a five foot walk with an integral curb. Mrs. Jones who has represented the neighborhood in this matter said she would be happy with either alternate but would like to have the curbing if possible.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to award the contract to M.B.C. Concrete Construction Co., for Alternate B, at \$3,698.20. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

The timing of the work was considered and the decision was to do it at the time planned by the contractor, except if it proves to be practicable, that the work be done on a week day after school starts to obtain the best possible results, considering the heavy traffic of children - and the wet concrete.

At 6:22 p.m., on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Mayor Isen, a recess was declared for the purpose of holding the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:25 and a further general recess was called, from which it returned at 6:45.

15. APPROPRIATION OF 186.1 GAS TAX FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF 235th STREET BETWEEN ARLINGTON AND CABRILLO AVENUES. Recommendation to appropriate \$30,000.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to so appropriate the necessary funds and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

16. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 68. Recommendation of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager, that District 68 with connection charge of \$7.38 per front foot, plus \$506.37/A be established to recover cost of sewer construction.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

17. BUILDING RESTRICTION ZONE - DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8A. Recommendation of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager, that 1. restriction zone be eliminated; 2. agreement with Sunnyglen Construction Company be cancelled, and 3. City forces be authorized to construct a temporary sump.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur as to all three recommendations and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

18. POLICY RE POSTING OF SPEED LIMITS. This item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

19. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re off-street parking for nursery schools and kindergartens.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1707

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 38.27 TO PROVIDE FOR OFF-STREET PARKING FOR NURSERY SCHOOLS AND KINDERGARTENS TO ORDINANCE NO. 1669 WHICH ADDED CHAPTER 38 TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO PROVIDE FOR NEW BUILDING PARKING RATIOS AND DEVELOPMENTAL STANDARDS, AND RENUMBERING THE PRESENT SECTIONS 38.27 THROUGH 38.40 OF SAID CHAPTER 38.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1707 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

20. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re remodeling of the old North Torrance Library with recommendation of Building and Safety Director, concurred in by City Manager.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-159

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS IN RELATION TO THE REMODELING OF THE OLD NORTH TORRANCE LIBRARY.

Councilman Miller asked regarding the waiving of bond requirements and Mr. McKinnon explained that it is in effect a replacing of other requirements, due to the small amounts of individual contracts.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-159 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. POLICE ADDITION CHANGE ORDER NO. 3. The recommendation is to approve the increase in the contract by \$2,193.36 for items which are described in the communication as being essential for the maintenance and function of the new facility.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. LIST OF CLASSIFICATION OF PROTESTED POSITIONS UNDER JACOBS SURVEY.

Listed are twenty-five positions, with the classification and rate range for each and what is required is a motion to concur in the recommendations listed. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

There are three appeals now pending and Assistant City Manager Scharfman said a hearing is tentatively scheduled for August 11, 1966 a Thursday, at 5:30 p.m. for these.

23. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR TWO COMMISSIONERS AND PERSONNEL DIRECTOR to attend International Public Personnel Conference in Washington, D.C. October 23-27, 1966, with appropriate expenses paid.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager to follow established policy and send one commissioner only and the Personnel Director. Councilman Miller seconded.

Mr. Robert Irvin of 23144 Anza Avenue protested most of the travel and the expense thereof. He cannot see any reason to send anyone to this conference.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation (a motion had already been made as above) Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

24. City Manager Ferraro asked that subitem 10 be removed from consideration and Councilman Olson asked that Item 9 be considered separately.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11, as follows:

1. \$1,366.40 to Santa Fe Bag Co. for 10,000 burlap sandbags to be used by the Street Department.

2. \$1,715.58 to UARCO, INC. for 40,000 final notice forms to be used for water and refuse billings.

3. Continuance of Cooperative Purchase Program of the City for gasoline, with the County of Los Angeles for 1966-67 fiscal year.

4. \$324.48 to Anchor Canvas Co. for 22 canvas tarpaulins and 500 feet of nylon rope to be used by the Recreation Department for the aquacade and carnival August 12, 1966.
5. \$804.01 to Del George Seating Co. for rental of wooden bleachers, 1400 seats, for Recreation Department for the aquacade August 12, 1966.
6. \$733.52 to Hersey-Sparling for two only 2-inch Hersey Model CT meter with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines - all bronze.
7. \$1,311.73 to Coast Contractors to install a 1500 gallon diesel fuel tank for the Police emergency generator system power plant.
8. \$697.84 to Superior Scaffold Co. to install aisles in the Torrance Park bleachers to facilitate entering and leaving.
11. \$887.00 to J. O. Dircks Co. for 150,000 bullet primers to be used by Police Department, "as requested".

Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was:

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

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve subitem 9:

\$2,064.40 to Friden Inc. for one only Electronic Calculator Model 130 and stand, to be used by Engineering Department.

His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta,
Vico and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Olson (he said he opposed this at the budget session, and still does)

25. AWARD OF BID, B66-55 - for chain link fencing material. Recommendation of Finance Director and Purchasing Supervisor concurred in by City Manager, to award the contract to AA Fence Company (estimated at \$3,000).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

26. PROPOSED RESOLUTION authorizing execution of agreement with Bert M. Lynn Investment Corporation, with reference to encroachment.

There is to be added in the agreement a provision that certain sign poles and two yard lights will be removed in a timely manner and at the expense of the licensee. With this addition, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 66-160

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT, DATED AUGUST 2, 1966, BETWEEN THE CITY AND BERT M. LYNN INVESTMENT CORPORATION WITH REFERENCE TO ENCROACHMENTS ON CITY RIGHT OF WAY.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-160 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. OPINION NO. 66-57 re HEALTH INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY FOR COUNCIL.

Councilman Lyman moved that the Councilmen, City Clerk and City Treasurer be included in the City health insurance programs on the same basis as regular employees, retroactive to January 1, 1964 as suggested in the Legal opinion. Mayor Isen seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: None.

28. NOTICE OF LEAGUE BOARD MEETING:

The council has noted this - the communication is ordered filed.

29. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1706:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1706

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY BETWEEN MANHATTAN PLACE AND WESTERN AVENUE, 100 FEET NORTHERLY OF 185TH STREET AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE NO. 66-5. (EARL N. AND JAMES R. HALL)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1706 at its second reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

30. An item involving an alley which Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Watts had asked about evidently had been satisfactorily resolved by the City Manager and Planning Director.

31. City Manager Ferraro reported progress on the Koletos property negotiation. Mr. Morgan has been required to update his appraisal and the City and Mr. Koletos have agreed on Howard Martin who will start an appraisal in two weeks. Mayor Isen advised Mr. Ferraro to write Mr. Koletos a letter asking confirmation of this arrangement.

32. The working reporter from the Daily Breeze, John Farley, will be leaving shortly, Mr. Ferraro said.

33. Councilman Beasley said he had been asked to thank the Council for the fair conduct of the Butcher/Wilson hearing and the courtesies extended the New Horizons Board of Governors.

34. Councilman Sciarrotta asked that he be excused from the August 9, 16, 23 and 30 meetings of the Council.

35. Councilman Sciarrotta asked that the City Engineer take a look at Del Amo Boulevard where it is being opened and determine if it could be placed along the railroad track between Crenshaw and Western so the lots could be deeper. Mr. Nollac said he would keep that in mind.

36. Mayor Isen mentioned a notice he had received from the County Tax Assessor which would increase his taxes on a lot he owns, more than three-fold. He said people all over the County are complaining and rightfully so.

37. Mr. Arnold Katz of 22802 Fern Avenue, referred to Council action which he said would affect the classroom shortage, and asked that the rezoning to R-1 of the Wilson property be tied directly to the availability of classroom space in the schools. He said he had talked before the Unified School District Board last evening representing a large number of taxpayers, and wanted to point out to the Council that there is money available in the school district to eliminate double sessions.

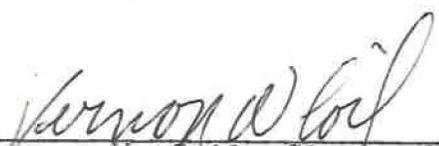
City Manager Ferraro challenged his statements as being entirely unrelated to this zone change matter. This is a long range procedure and nothing is going to happen between now and September which will affect double sessions. Also the City Government and School Administration are separate entities and each considers and handles its own problems. Councilman Beasley maintained that the School Board is using the double session threat as a club to put over the bond issue.

Mr. Katz specifically asked the Council to consider any rezoning matters in the light of the available school facilities. Mayor Isen advised Mr. Katz that any intervention in school matters by the City would only serve to disturb the present working relations between the School Board and the Council.

38. Mr. Clarence VanLingen of 4106 176th Street, referred to the recent moratorium on move-ins. He is in the towing business and has a three car garage which he is using for storage of police vehicles, and which he would like to move to his new location on Earl Street in M-1 zone. The problem on move-ins was with respect to homes, but the moratorium is as to all types of relocations.

Councilman Vico moved to grant Mr. Van Lingen's request and his motion was seconded by Councilman Olson. Mr. McKinnon of the Building Department, asked that if this request is granted, that it be processed through regular channels and there was no objection to the motion, nor the suggestion of Mr. McKinnon.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer
 Minute Secretary

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