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Torrance, California
August 16, 1966

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, August 16, 1966, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent Councilman Sciarrotta (on vacation). City Manager Ferraro and Deputy City Attorney Knickerbocker were present. ^{Senior}

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen announced that as of today, Philip Howard Wilson of the Police Department has been promoted to Captain. He introduced Captain Wilson, who was present with his wife, and at the request of Mayor Isen, he led the salute to the flag.

Newly promoted Sergeant Mel Hone, Mrs. Hone and their four young sons were also introduced.

4. INVOCATION:

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

Mayor Isen introduced Frank Paour, Jr., member of the Torrance Safety Council, who is today celebrating his fiftieth year of residence in Torrance and Mr. Paour recalled early incidents and described Torrance circa 1916.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Beasley moved that the minutes of the August 9th meeting be approved as written. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

7. MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING:

Councilman Lyman 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 Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

HEARINGS:

8. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM 1966: Formal hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 66-158 to hear any and all property owners having objections to proposed removal of weeds covered in said resolution.

Affidavits of Posting and Mailing were presented by Deputy City Clerk Moss and on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Lyman, ordered filed by unanimous roll call vote (Sciarrotta absent).

It was determined there are no exceptions other than those listed in the resolution of intention and Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard, this being a public hearing; there was no response.

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

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-167

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. 66-158.

Councilman Lyman moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-167 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

9. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM 1966: Proposed resolution of Intention.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-168

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 Lyman moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-168 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

10. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING PROPERTY IN ZC 66-3, Brentwood Savings and Loan Association.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1710

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 ON THE NORTH SIDE OF 230th STREET BETWEEN SAMUEL STREET AND HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 66-3. (Brentwood Savings and Loan Association)

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1710 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

11. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING PROPERTY IN ZC66-1, South Bay Realty Company.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1711

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 ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF LOMITA BOULEVARD NORTHEASTERLY OF KENT AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 66-1. (South Bay Realty)

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1711 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

12. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING ZONE CHANGE 66-8, Steinkamp.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1712

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 AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF 182nd STREET AND WESTERN AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 66-8. (George Steinkamp)

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1712 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

13. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING ZONE CHANGE 66-7, Steinkamp.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1713

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 LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF 182nd STREET BETWEEN WESTERN AVENUE AND ST. ANDREWS PLACE. (George Steinkamp)

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1713 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimously favorable roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

14. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE LANDSCAPING OF SERVICE STATIONS:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Deputy City Clerk Moss assigned a number and presented for first reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 1714

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING PARAGRAPH 14(f) SUBSECTION H OF SECTION 20 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW PARAGRAPH 14(f) THEREFOR TO AMEND SAID SUBSECTION TO PROVIDE FOR LANDSCAPING OF SERVICE STATIONS.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1714 and his motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

15. RESOLUTION amending Section II of the Master Plan of Streets and Highways.

This proposed resolution relates to a realignment of Bluff Street, for formal adoption, but not necessarily in any particular pattern. It is, Public Works Director Nollac said, merely to effect the previous action of Council, adding the street name and general location to the Master Plan.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-169

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION II OF THE MASTER PLAN OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS OF SAID CITY.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-169. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

16. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE PRECISE PLAN FOR R. A. LOWE in Planning Commission Case No. PP66-2.

City Manager Ferraro said when this came before the Council, the Council instructed the City Manager and Traffic Engineer to study the area and he would like to have the proposed resolution held for two additional weeks.

Mr. Harry Prod, Manager of Parasol Restaurant, said he is anxious to have this parking space as soon as possible and requested permission to do the preliminary work toward razing the house. Mayor Isen moved that Mr. Prod be granted that permission as long as it does not interfere with traffic. Councilman Lyman seconded. Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Olson, Vico, Mayor Isen.
~~ABSEAIN:~~ COUNCILMEN: Miller
 ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

The Traffic Study will be on the council agenda in two weeks. Mr. Prod was advised to consult with Mr. Nollac and Mr. Shartle if he had any problems.

17. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE PROHIBITION OF R-1 AND R-2 USES IN R-3 ZONE.

City Manager Ferraro said there are some problems which need to be clarified. Mayor Isen said enough is involved to warrant its going back to the Planning Commission for study in depth and so moved. The Planning Commission is instructed to make a recommendation. Councilman Miller seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Lyman moved that the Planning Commission also study the problem regarding C-3 uses in M zones. Mayor Isen seconded and there was no objection.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

18. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE CURB AND GUTTER CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1715

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING PARAGRAPH "I" TO SECTION 25.30, CHAPTER 25, OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO DEFINE "SELECT SYSTEM STREET"; REPEALING PARAGRAPH "J" OF SECTION 25.31 OF SAID CHAPTER AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW PARAGRAPH "J" THEREFOR TO PROVIDE FOR EXCLUSION FROM CURB AND GUTTER CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS ALL PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN DEDICATED TO THE CITY FOR OPENING OR WIDENING OF A SELECT SYSTEM STREET IN CERTAIN INSTANCES.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1715 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

19. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 130 LINEAL FEET OF CURBS AND GUTTERS on 8" URB on 182nd Street, north side, at St. Andrews Place.

The recommendation is to award the contract to Bay Area Construction for the amount of \$450 inasmuch as this is within \$3.00 of the engineer's estimate and is the only bid received. Councilman Beasley moved to concur and Councilman Miller seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

20. STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE PROJECTS NOS. 619 and 3501. Resolution attached.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-170

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE 1958 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE SUPPLEMENTAL PROJECT NO. 619 (GARDENA) AND THE 1964 STORM DRAIN BOND ISSUE PROJECT NO. 3501 (GARDENA) AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN SAID STORM DRAINS WITHIN THE PUBLIC STREETS IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-170 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. TRAVEL REQUEST - ANNUAL CONGRESS FOR RECREATION AND PARKS. Request of Recreation Director, concurred in by City Manager, for permission to attend conference October 8 to 13, 1966 in Washington, D. C., with expenses paid.

22. TRAVEL REQUEST - TRAINING CONFERENCE. Request of Police Chief, with concurrence of City Manager, that two officers be permitted to attend said conference in Denver, Colorado, October 10 - 12, with expenses paid.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Manager as to both Items 21 and 22 (including air coach travel on Item 22 instead of use of the City car). His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

23. PROPOSED ORDINANCE GRANTING PIPELINE FRANCHISE TO TIDEWATER OIL COMPANY.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1716

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE GRANTING TO TIDEWATER OIL COMPANY, A DELAWARE CORPORATION, A FRANCHISE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PIPELINES FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Mayor Isen moved to approve Ordinance No. 1716 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

24. CLAIM OF MISS FLORENCE M. MEFFAN, 2530 Ardmore Avenue, Hermosa Beach, for injuries allegedly sustained on July 11, 1966, as result of fall on sidewalk.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the City Clerk to deny the claim and refer it to the Legal Department. Councilman Miller seconded and there was no objection.

25. AWARD OF CONTRACT to supply olive trees for Lago Seco and Hickory Parks, to Big Seven Nursery, Lawndale, 25 specimen trees at \$125 each, total \$3,250 (including tax).

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of the Finance Director, Purchasing Supervisor and City Manager as stated above. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

Councilman Lyman asked who makes the decision on species of trees to place at specific locations and Park Superintendent Clemmer explained these particular trees were recommended by the landscape architect who is under contract to the City with respect to the two parks.

26. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following ten listed expenditures:

1. \$774.80 to Prismo California Co. for 300 gallons of street marking paint to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department.
2. \$272.50 to Western Highway Products for five HIGH LEVEL WARNING SIGNS to be used by Street Department for roadway maintenance work.
3. \$655.72 to Olympic Wholesale Sporting Goods for 4000 rounds .38 special 200 grain; 4,000 rounds .38 special 148 grain and two 15 lb. kegs of black pistol powder to be used by Police Department.
4. \$312 to Keeline-Wilcox Nurseries for one 42-inch box Carob tree damaged by a private citizen in an accident. The citizen is responsible for the replacement charge for the tree.
5. \$369.72 to Victor Comptometer Corp. for one only calculator (add, subtract and multiply) to be used by Airport Department.
6. \$414.34 to Pages Playground Equipment for 12 only gymnastic tumbling mats 4 x 5 ft. to be used by Recreation Department as part of City Gym program.
7. \$954.20 to SCM Corp. for one only calculator Model #316 to be used by Advanced Planning Group.
8. \$423.80 to C. A. Estey, Inc. for 50 only 3/4" and 150 only 1" special I.P. size flare nuts - a single source item.
9. \$1,311.73 to Coast Contractors Inc. to install a 1500 gallon diesel fuel tank behind Police Department to operate the Police emergency generator system for a period of at least five days.
10. \$421.72 to IBM for one only electric typewriter to be used by the Engineering Department.

Councilman Vico seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

AIRPORT MATTERS:

27. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE ISSUANCE OF NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT of \$100,000 to provide for final payment of Vegas leasehold interest, and repealing Resolution No. 66-133.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-171

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A NEGOTIABLE NOTE IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000) TO PROVIDE FOR THE FINAL PAYMENT OF THE VEGAS LEASEHOLD INTEREST, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 66-133 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-171 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

28. TENTATIVE PARK SITE: Letter to Mayor Isen from Robert L. Reis, President of Rotary Club, Riviera Village, with memo to City Manager from Park Superintendent re tentative park site at southwest corner of Catalina and Palos Verdes Boulevard.

Councilman Lyman seconded the motion of Mayor Isen to concur in the recommendation of the Park Superintendent and City Manager to improve a now unsightly area and cooperate with the Rotary Club in developing the site. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

29. VICTORIA KNOLLS PARK. Communication from Council Committee on Parks Chairman re interview with appraisers to perform work connected with the borrow pit and with Victoria Knolls Park.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Committee: that a geological test, including at least two borings, be authorized at a cost not to exceed \$2,500, with the testing laboratory selected by appropriate purchasing procedures; that two appraisers be engaged at a fee of \$150 per day each, not to exceed \$1,500 for each of the two areas - the architects recommended being George D. Field, 1413 North Broadway, Santa Ana and Charles P. Morgan & Associates, 3633 Long Beach Boulevard, Long Beach. Each appraiser is to be furnished a copy of the geologic report, but to make his appraisal independently of the other appraiser.

Mayor Isen suggested, in that John Robertson, General Manager of Chandler Sand & Gravel had offered to pay one-half of these fees, that an estimate should be made and a check received, with an adjustment later when the exact amount is determined.

Councilman Miller asked particularly why Management asks for two appraisers. City Manager Ferraro explained this project had been "inherited" from a time back in 1962 and originally was an acre for acre exchange, but has developed into a much more extensive negotiation. The two appraisals will be a protection to the Council. Mayor Isen repeated the share of Chandler Sand & Gravel should be received in advance of all negotiations.

Mayor Isen seconded Councilman Beasley's motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

30. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE DRINKING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY:

City Manager Ferraro recommended orally that this proposed ordinance be tabled. There was no objection.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

31. PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF GRATITUDE TO USS KEARSARGE.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-172

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, EXPRESSING THANKS TO THE UNITED STATES NAVY AND THE PERSONNEL OF THE USS KEARSARGE FOR COMING TO THE RESCUE OF SOUTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-172 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Olson, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

32. PROPOSED RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF NEWLY ORGANIZED 20-30 CLUB.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-166

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE CONGRATULATING THE "ACTIVE 20-30 INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF TORRANCE" UPON THE PRESENTATION OF ITS CHARTER AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-166 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

33. PROPOSED PARADE ORDINANCE IN REGULAR FORM:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1717

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 39 ENTITLED "PARADES" TO "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954"; DEFINING PARADE TO INCLUDE ANY PARADE, MARCH, PROCESSIONAL, ASSEMBLY OR DEMONSTRATION; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR PARADES UPON APPLICATION FOR SUCH PERMIT, THE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH SUCH PERMIT SHALL BE GRANTED AND REVOKED; AND MAKING IT UNLAWFUL TO PARADE IN THE PUBLIC STREETS WITHOUT A PERMIT.

Councilman Miller moved to approve Ordinance No. 1717 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

34. PROPOSED RESOLUTION COMMENDING SHELL OIL COMPANY.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-173

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING SHELL OIL COMPANY FOR INTRODUCING A NEW CONCEPT OF SERVICE STATION CONSTRUCTION WHICH OUTSTANDINGLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE BEAUTIFICATION OF OUR COMMUNITY.

Councilman Olson moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-173 in permanent form and Councilman Miller seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

35. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT ON CLAIM OF MRS. ROBERT D. WAGNER,
4920 Sepulveda Boulevard, Torrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Wagner were present and Mr. Wagner stated the basis of the claim. His principal contention was that citizens should be notified in advance of proposed flushing of water lines. Director of Public Works Nollac said it is an established custom, done at intervals and would be completely impractical to make this notification.

Councilman Lyman thought it would be more simple for the Wagners to prosecute their claim through the Small Claims Court, but after considerable discussion, Mayor Isen moved, in the interests of time, that the City pay the claim of \$21.66. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Sciarrotta.

36. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND FOR TRACT NO. 29480, George Steinkamp.
Bond No. 3245870, \$41,000.

37. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND FOR TRACT NO. 22847, ~~George Steinkamp~~
Bond No. C-7048892, \$25,350. *Moreau Construction Co. (Sept 6 Minutes)*

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, concurred in by the City Manager, as to both Items 36 and 37. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Sciarrotta absent).

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:

38. ORDINANCE NO. 1708:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1708

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTIONS 16.483.1 AND 16.483.2, REPEALING SECTION 16.485 AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION THEREFOR TO CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954", LIMITING THE HOURS OF ACTIVITY FOR CANVASSERS AND SOLICITORS, FORBIDDING THEM TO CANVASS OR SOLICIT WHERE SIGNS HAVE BEEN POSTED STATING "NO CANVASSERS OR SOLICITORS" AND PROVIDING FOR A PROCESSING AND INVESTIGATION FEE TO BE PAID BY EACH APPLICANT FOR A CANVASSERS OR SOLICITORS LICENSE.

Councilman Olson moved adoption of Resolution No. 1708 at its second and final reading. Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Councilman Sciarrotta absent)

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Mayor Isen suggested, and Councilman Lyman moved for a recess for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting at 6:32 p.m. and the Council returned to its agenda at 6:35 p.m.

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ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

39. City Manager Ferraro suggested September 28th, a Wednesday for dedication of Sam Levy Park ceremony and presentation of the plaque. There was no objection.

40. Councilman Beasley raised the question of replacement of parkway trees, about one-fifth of which he estimates have been destroyed or died for some reason. City Manager Ferraro said a study would be made. Mr. Clemmer, Park Superintendent, stated the present policy is that a homeowner is responsible for the cost of a tree which must be replaced, at wholesale cost, and the City plants it.

Mr. Clemmer also reported an attempt is being made toward establishing a reservoir of trees, as a backlog, for these purposes. Also, work is being done toward a survey of parkway trees to determine how many are missing or need replacement.

Mr. Ferraro called attention to an oversight or defect in planning by some of the subdivisions, such as at Crenshaw near Sepulveda, where trees are not being watered or maintained by the residents because they are on the street side of a wall. Another defective area is on West 190th Street, west of Hawthorne Boulevard.

41. Councilman Beasley introduced the new full time Executive Secretary of the Torrance Education Association, Mr. Noel Marvel, and welcomed his able representation of the City's teachers.

42. Councilman Olson recalled the recent attempt to streamline the agenda procedure, which he said somehow resulted in City Treasurer Rupert's name being taken from the list of those who receive the complete agenda material. The Committee had not intended to eliminate Mr. Rupert and Mayor Isen asked that the City Treasurer receive from the City Clerk's office the regular agenda material.

43. Councilman Olson said he would be absent from the next two Council meetings, on a trip to Hawaii representing the Kiwanis Club, to its convention in the islands.

44. Mayor Isen asked for some information about a rumor that inspectors would be going to homes and asking to be allowed to come in and look over plumbing, electrical wiring, etc. and disapproved of such a project.

The discussion developed that this is in accordance with the Housing Code which is separate from the City Building Code and is a requisite of the urban renewal project. Three different areas of the City are being considered and City Manager Ferraro explained it is a people-to-people undertaking wherein the citizens are to be made aware of the reasons and the manner of this inspection. In general, it is an attempt to save areas considered worth saving by determining beforehand if they are degenerating. Mayor Isen asked for a report containing all this information and repeated his disapproval.

Councilman Lyman moved that no inspector be allowed go to into a home and make an inspection under the Housing Code and Councilman Miller seconded. However, both the motion and the second were withdrawn.

45. Mrs. Hannah Saville of 19325 Sturges Drive, a member of the Library Commission, invited the council to visit the Anaheim Library at 10 a.m., with three members of the Library Commission, on this Saturday.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 7 p.m.


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APPROVED:

Albert J. ...
Mayor of the City of Torrance