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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 4, 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 Manager Ferraro was absent because of illness and Assistant City Manager Scharfman took his place. City Attorney Remelmeyer was in attendance.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Jan Williams, one of the members of Girl Scout Troop 2470 of South Torrance, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Hugh R. Percy of St. Andrew Episcopal Church of Torrance opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held September 27, 1966, 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, 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 Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure.

PRESENTATIONS:

8. AWARDS FOR CITY FLAG AND SEAL CONTEST.

Mayor Isen read the information regarding the contests and their results and presented to Randy Allen Boldt and Michael C. Stull for their entries in the Seal Contest and to Miss Marilyn Elaine Tracy for her entry in the Flag Contest, \$50 U. S. Savings Bonds.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

9. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 265.04 LINEAR FEET OF CURB AND GUTTER ON CRENSHAW BOULEVARD NORTH OF MONTEREY STREET. Recommendation of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager, that C. A. Ruggles be awarded the contract for the amount of \$1,380.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation stated and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

10. AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8-A with Koebig and Koebig, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66=209

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THAT CERTAIN AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR DRAINAGE DISTRICT 8-A DATED JANUARY 20, 1964, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND KOEBIG & KOEBIG, INC.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-209 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS, etc.

This item had been withdrawn from the agenda prior to the meeting.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

12. REQUEST OF TCEA for fringe benefits.

13. RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER RE ANNUAL SALARY SURVEY.

John Kirkpatrick, representing the Torrance City Employees Association, Inc., stated the association would like to suggest that the report by the Administrative Staff after study, be referred to the Council Committee on Finance and a date set for employees groups to meet with the Committee as was done at the time of the Jacobs survey.

Councilman Sciarrotta recommended that the special committee which worked on the protests to the Jacobs survey results, would be the logical committee to study this. It was acknowledged that time is growing short. Assistant City Manager Scharfman said there is no objection to following the suggestions of Mr. Kirkpatrick and Councilman Sciarrotta.

Mayor Isen said a motion would be in order to refer Items 12 and 13, also 12A, to administration and at their instance to the Committee used last year. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved; Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

12A deals with a request of Torrance Firefighters Association to comply with State Retirement Law provisions whereby safety employees might retire at age fifty with twenty years of service. An actuarial accounting is a prerequisite.

Richard DeArmitt, of the Firefighters Association Local 1138, said his association is willing to bear the cost of such an actuarial accounting by the State Retirement System, but the request itself must come from the City.

17. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE CONTRACT WITH COATES, HERFURTH & ENGLAND.

This item is closely related to the request of the Firefighters Association and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 66-210

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT WITH THE FIRM OF COATES, HERFURTH AND ENGLAND FOR AN ACTUARIAL SURVEY TO EVALUATE THE ADEQUACY OF BOTH THE EMPLOYEE AND THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-210 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman recommended against allowing the Firefighters Association to pay the cost of the particular phase of the accounting which they have requested, as it would put the City in a difficult position. Moreover there is no great cost involved, and it would not be well to establish a principle which might work against other groups who do not have sufficient money to pay for such a report. Mr. DeArmitt readily agreed.

The understanding is that Items 12, 13 and 12A are being considered in conjunction with Item 17, by the special committee.

14. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE SANITATION LEADMAN AND BUYER.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-211

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 66-66 TO ADD CERTAIN NEW POSITIONS, WITH THEIR SALARY RANGES TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-211 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. CLAIM of Dianne Anderson for damages to her vehicle as the result of an accident due to an uncovered manhole on August 29, 1966, at Paseo de la Playa and Via Rivera.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

16. TRAVEL REQUEST: Acting Water Superintendent Powell for permission to attend Fall Conference of American Water Works Association in Hawaii October 29 through November 3, 1966, with appropriate expenses.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve and grant the requested permission, with appropriate expenses paid by the City. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried as follows:

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

18. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR DIESEL FUEL AND VARIOUS LUBRICATING OILS (B66-69). Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor and Equipment Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in awarding the contract to various vendors as listed in the memorandum. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

19. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR POLICE MOTORCYCLES (B66-73). Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor and Equipment Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, to approve award to Rich Budelier Company for one only Model 74 and five SLH Models in the amount of \$11,972.06, including tax. It is necessary to appropriate from the General Fund Unappropriated Surplus the sum of \$1,473 which will eventually be reimbursed by the insurance company.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur as to the bid and appropriate the amount mentioned. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried as follows:

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

20. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PARK AND STREET EQUIPMENT (B66-74) Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor and Equipment Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, to award contract to Southwest Tractor Sales, McCoy's Motor Company and Essick Machinery, at prices listed in memorandum, 3 items.

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

21. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR TIRES AND TUBES (B66-68). Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor and Equipment Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, to approve an award to Desser Tire & Rubber Company, in various amounts for various sizes as listed in the memorandum.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation stated and Mayor Isen seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

22. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following four items of expenditure:

1. \$817.11 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for miscellaneous meter repair parts for servicing Hersey-Sparling meters taken out of service after many years.

2. \$936 to IBM for two electric typewriters, to be placed in the Detective Division of the Police Department as replacements for two typewriters which will be turned into the central typewriter pool.

3. \$500.20 to W. B. Equipment Co. for two 35 ft. aluminum extension ladders needed by Fire Department.

4. \$1710.28 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Company for one only eight-inch detector (L.A. design) and one only four inch CT meter, bronze case, with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines, a reimburseable service for Automation Industries and Verburg Gardens.

Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

23. CLEON MERCIADIS REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO RENT PLOT FOR SALE OF CHRISTMAS TREES, with recommendation of approval by Airport Manager, concurred in by City Manager and Airport Commission.

Councilman Olson moved to concur in the recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

24. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND ORANGE COUNTY to establish the City as a member of Southern California Intersystem Radio Network.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-212

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE COUNTY OF ORANGE TO ESTABLISH THE CITY OF TORRANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INTERSYSTEM RADIO NETWORK.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-212 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND ON TRACT 22658, SUBDIVIDER, ROGERS & L'AMOREAUX. Recommended by Director of Public Works and City Manager.

26. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND ON TRACTS 21621, 22324, 22792, 22796, 22798, 28610, 28757 - R. A. WATT CONSTRUCTION CO. Recommended by Director of Public Works and City Manager.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur as to Items 25 and 26. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. PROPOSED RESOLUTION COMMENDING FIRE CHIEF BENNER.

This resolution has already been prepared in perma plaque form and presented to Chief Benner. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 66-198

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO FIRE CHIEF J. J. (JAKE) BENNER FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO

THE CITY OF TORRANCE; AND COMMENDING HIM FOR HIS PROFESSIONAL RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-198 and his motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. NOTICE FROM BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF L. A. COUNTY DIVISION, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES re meeting on October 6, 1966.

This being informational and the Council having noted it, Mayor Isen ordered it filed.

29. PROPOSED RESOLUTION ENDORSING CREA IN ITS EFFORTS TO PRESERVE PROPERTY RIGHTS:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-213

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ENDORSING AND SUPPORTING CREA IN ITS EFFORTS TO PRESERVE PROPERTY RIGHTS.

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-213 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mrs. Cleora Jordan of 4730 McAfee Road, expressed the opinion that to pass such a resolution is hypocritical because the City is endorsing urban renewal which takes property rights from citizens.

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On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the meeting was recessed for the purpose of holding the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency, and returned to its agenda at 6:02 p.m.

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PROCLAMATIONS:

30. Mayor Isen proclaimed this to be NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY A HOME MONTH .

31. October 2 - 8, 1966 was proclaimed NATIONAL EMPLOY THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED WEEK by Mayor Isen.

32. Mayor Ise proclaimed the week beginning October 10, 1966, as ZIP CODE WEEK.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

33. ORDINANCE NO. 1727:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1727

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 BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY REDONDO BEACH BOULEVARD, ON THE SOUTH BY ARTESIA BOULEVARD, ON THE WEST BY HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD, AND ON THE EAST BY AMIE AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZC66-17, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR SAID PROPERTY. (TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION)

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1727 at its second reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

34. ORDINANCE NO. 1729:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1729

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING ARTICLE LV "AFTER-HOURS RESTAURANTS" TO CHAPTER 16 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN ORDER TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF AFTER-HOURS EATING ESTABLISHMENTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1729 at its second reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

35. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 66-214

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 Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 66-214 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

36. Assistant City Manager Scharfman announced that November 29, 1966, a 5:30 meeting has been scheduled for Junior Citizens' Day observance. Because of the early meeting time, a luncheon will be planned rather than dinner as has been done in the past, and the day will end with the adjournment of Council meeting. He asked for Council approval.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in this recommendation and Councilman Sciarrotta seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

37. Airport Manager Egan introduced the new Assistant Airport Manager William Critchfield.

38. Traffic Engineer reminded the Councilmen of the Del Amo Boulevard dedication tomorrow morning at ten o'clock.

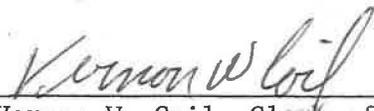
39. Councilman Olson said he attended the first meeting of the South Bay Councilmanic group. It is the plan to meet monthly and each city send two delegates, neither of which shall be the Mayor. The meetings are to be held on the second Thursday of each month and this month's topic is pipelines. Councilmen Olson and Lyman will attend.

40. Councilman Sciarrotta reminded the Civil Service Committee of the Council to meet at 9:30 a.m., Monday, October 10th.

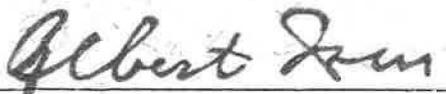
41. Mr. Ted Koletos of 24708 Via la Monte, definitely cancelled any further negotiations for his property and there was no objection from the Council.

42. Mrs. Cleora Jordan, 4730 McAfee Road, referred to the copy of her letter attached to the Redevelopment Agency agenda material, and asked that it be removed therefrom and placed on the Council agenda for next week. Mayor Isen said it would be placed on the agenda as an informational item, or at the insistence of Mrs. Jordan, as a regular agenda item.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 6:15 p.m.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance