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Adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Ava Cripe
Minute Secretary

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MINUTES OF A REGULARLY ADJOURNED MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. CALL TO ORDER.

A regularly adjourned meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 29, 1967, in the Council Chambers of Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: Councilman Olson (out of town). Also present were City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Treasurer Rupert, and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Acting Fire Chief Lucas led in the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Minister of the Month, Reverend R.W. Kornegay of the First Nazarene Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes were not yet available, and their approval was held.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

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. The motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

HEARINGS8. PROPOSED BUDGET HEARING - FISCAL YEAR 1967-68

Mayor Isen announced that this is the time and place for the second public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 1967-68.

Affidavit of Publication was presented by City Clerk Coil. Councilman Beasley moved that the Affidavit be filed; his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent).

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to speak.

Mrs. Velma Shelbourn, 18308 Fairview Lane, read a letter authored by her opposing two items in the proposed budget: (1) the increased rubbish pickup fees which might result in private trash collection, and (2) the funds allocated to the Chamber of Commerce, it being Mrs. Shelbourn's feeling that with the increased development in Torrance, the Chamber should be on their own or at least requesting less money from the taxpayers.

There being no one else who wished to be heard, Councilman Sciarrotta moved the hearing be closed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

Discussion ensued regarding the increased rubbish pickup fees - it having been determined that the last increase had occurred in 1964 from \$1.00 per month to \$1.50 monthly - and that the proposed increase would result in an increased revenue of approximately \$40,000. Councilman Miller was of the opinion that this proposed increase should have appeared in the original budget, rather than as an afterthought as has happened in this case. Councilman Sciarrotta commented on the need for improvement of parks, etc. which is rendered impossible by the close operation of the City, and the increased revenue can be put to good advantage. Councilman Beasley, primarily addressing his remarks to Mrs. Shelbourn, stated that the Sanitation Department operation is without criticism and the level of service with their manpower shortage is commendable; however, the actual cost for this service is approximately \$1.70 per month. Councilman Beasley further stated that he would be vigorously opposed to private rubbish pickup, but he is a firm believer that the people who receive the services of the City should pay for them. Mrs. Shelbourn returned to comment that she would prefer a tax increase to the danger of inviting private rubbish pickup in view of the unsatisfactory reputation of these companies; the unlikelihood of this Council ever approving private rubbish pickup was pointed out to Mrs. Shelbourn.

8A. Approval of the Resolution adopting the budget was the next order of business, and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-158

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 1967-68.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 67-158, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried with roll call vote as follows:

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

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It was the comment of Mayor Isen, in connection with his "yes" vote, it was for the reason that the budget must be adopted at this time (before July 1st start of fiscal year), but in his opinion it is completely unbalanced with raising the refuse collection fee 15¢, an action he vehemently opposes.

Councilman Miller stated that he supports the position expressed above by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Lyman clarified his absence of evil intent in originally endorsing the increased rubbish collection fees - it seems to him that a trivial battle has been blown up into a monumental affair - and he would change his position and recommend dispensing with the increase, and so moved to eliminate the increased refuse collection fee in the amount of 15¢. The motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

It was clarified that the above action would accordingly amend Resolution No. 67-158.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

9. AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE #1751.
Civil Service Commission submitting recommendation.

John Kirkpatrick, Torrance City Employees' Association, referred to an earlier need by the Council to adopt a provision of the proposed Civil Service ordinance in the case of the promotional examination for Fire Chief. As it happens Ordinance 1751 affects all examinations, not just those for department heads, and will not now provide for "open and promotional" examinations. The request of the Civil Service Commission to so amend the wording was recommended for approval by Mr. Kirkpatrick.

Mayor Isen stated that the intent of the Council had been that all department head examinations would come to the Council for approval after recommendation by the Civil Service Board, and in all other cases the Civil Service Board would decide the open and/or promotional basis. City Attorney Remelmeyer stated that research had not revealed such intent. City Manager Ferraro pointed out that the original Council committee had reservations about holding three types of examinations -- open, promotional, open and promotional.

Councilman Sciarrotta thereupon moved that Ordinance No. 1751 does not apply to anyone below department head level, and that an "open and promotional" examination be given. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

Prior to roll call vote City Attorney Remelmeyer acknowledged that this was a matter of policy, but pointed out that this involves considerable policy determination based on an analysis of the entire examination system which had been done by the Civil Service Committee of the Council and which had resulted in this recommendation after lengthy study. Mayor Isen reaffirmed that it had not been the intent of the Council to exclude "open and promotional" examinations.

Councilman Sciarrotta's motion carried, with roll call vote as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: BEASLEY, LYMAN, MILLER, SCIARROTTA,
VICO, AND MAYOR ISEN
NOES: COUNCILMEN: NONE.
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: OLSON.

10. RECOGNITION FOR VALOR AND MERITORIOUS SERVICE.
City Manager submitting recommendation.

There were certain reservations regarding such a program - particular reference being made to the statement "at the request of a City employee."

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the matter be filed, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried with roll call vote as follows:

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

FISCAL MATTERS:

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT - GASOLINE REQUIREMENTS - FISCAL YEAR 1967-68
Finance Director submitting recommendation for (a) Bulk delivery and (b) requirements for Police vehicles.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendations of the Finance Director, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

12. AWARD OF CONTRACT - CUSTODIAL SERVICES - AIRPORT AND LIBRARIES.
Finance Director submitting for Council approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Finance Director in approving the award to the low bidder, Systems Building Services, Inc., in the amount of \$10,680. total for the year. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

13. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES OVER \$300

Councilman Vico moved to approve the following listed expenditures:

1. \$456.14 to Johnson Stationery for ten (10) only 4-drawer file cabinets to be used by the City Clerk's office for central records keeping.
2. \$734.71 to Sears, Roebuck and Company for five (5) storage cabinets and six (6) redwood round tables with umbrellas and benches to be used by the Recreation Department.
3. \$363.17 to Joslin Lumber for lumber to complete storage balcony located at Building Maintenance Department.

4. \$944.20 to Pacific Scientific Company for miscellaneous soil testing and soil evaluating equipment to be used by the Engineering Department.

5. \$439.92 to International Business Machines for one (1) only 13-inch electric typewriter to be used by the City Manager's office as a replacement typewriter.

Councilman Miller seconded, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

14. EDWIN SAVILLE'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL LAND.
Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting recommendation.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager and Airport Commission, and authorize an amendment to the lease and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to execute on behalf of the City. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

15. APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000 FOR NORTH TAXIWAY AND TAXIWAY ACCESS FOR INDUSTRIAL SITES NORTH OF THE AIRPORT.
Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting recommendation.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager and Airport Commission, that being:

(1) That the Airport Manager be authorized and directed to proceed with the design and partial construction of taxiway "K", (at no construction cost to the City), and the planning of airport access for off-airport industrial sites;

(2) That the Finance Director be authorized and instructed to appropriate \$5,000 from Airport Revenue Bond Construction Fund and establish a fund for the design of taxiway "K" and planning of airport access for off-airport industrial sites.

(3) That upon completion of the plans for partial construction of the taxiway and formulation of airport access for both on and off-airport industrial sites including recommended agreements for the off-airport users, the Airport Manager submit said plans and agreements to the City Council for approval.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was:

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

Mayor Isen recommended a high priority be given to the improvement of Skypark Drive, in view of the tremendous development at this location and the first class tenants; Director of Public Works Nollac advised that improvements will start within the week.

16. PHASE III, AIRPORT SEWER SYSTEM.
Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting recommendation.

Mayor Isen moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager and Airport Commission that the Airport Manager be authorized and directed to complete Phase III of the Airport Sewer System, and that the Finance Director be authorized and instructed to appropriate \$10,500 from the Airport Revenue Bond Construction Fund for the completion of Phase III of the Airport Sewer System. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and carried, with roll call vote as follows:

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

17. JOSEPH ARRUDA & EDWARD BLUM'S REQUEST FOR AIR TAXI AND AIR FREIGHT SERVICE & SUB-SUB-TENANCY ON THE AERO-CARE LEASEHOLD.
Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting recommendation.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager and Airport Commission that the subject request be forwarded to the City Council Airport Committee immediately for study and recommendation. The motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

PARK AND RECREATION:

18. TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM PROJECT #6120 TO PROJECT #67004.
Request of Park Superintendent for transfer of funds from Project #6120 (removal of trees from Del Amo Nurseries) to Project #67004 (Turf Farm and tree holding area at Torrance Airport).

Councilman Beasley moved to concur with the request; his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and there were no objections.

BUS SYSTEM:

19. ORDINANCE amending Section 33.8.1 and 33.8.2 and adding Section 33.8.3 regulating advertising on benches on public property and establishing license taxes and inspection fees therefor.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1781

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 33.8.1 AND 33.8.2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING SECTION 33.8.3 REGULATING ADVERTISING ON BENCHES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND ESTABLISHING LICENSE TAXES AND INSPECTION FEES THEREFOR.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1781 at its first reading. Mayor Isen seconded, and roll call vote was:

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

Councilman Beasley further moved to approve the Terms and Conditions of the Bus Bench Ordinance. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections.

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

20. RESOLUTION amending the contract for legal services between the City and the Redevelopment Agency.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-159

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PARAGRAPH 3(c) OF CONTRACT 65-RA-8 PROVIDING FOR CONSULTING LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE MEADOW PARK REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT (CALIF. R-93)

Councilman Beasley moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 67-159, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

21. CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Expiration of terms of certain members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on June 30, 1967.

Councilman Sciarrotta appointed Mr. Max Kelly, 18407 Haas Avenue, to replace Mrs. Marjorie Cunerty whose term has expired, commenting on the recent surgery of Mrs. Cunerty and her need to recuperate.

The decision of Councilman Olson regarding his appointee will await his return.

The remaining members were reappointed for another four year term: William E. Broza, Lloyd M. Lindel, Mrs. Virginia Jones, George L. Lewison, and Neil Campbell.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the above appointments, with the exception of Councilman Olson's choice. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilman Olson absent).

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

22. REQUEST OF LANCO ENGINEERING FOR A 12-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME IN WHICH TO RECORD TRACT NO. 25014; Developer, Prairie Subdividers. Recommendation of Public Works Director for approval subject to the following conditions: that underground utilities be installed within the tract.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Public Works, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, was unanimously approved.

23. APPEAL OF BOND REQUIREMENT.

Memo to City Council from City Manager re: appeal of bond requirement from Anchor Liquor Corporation.

Mr. Tom Papadakis, president of Anchor Liquor Corporation, was present to request relief from the subject bond requirement because of earlier hardships experienced with contractors and the fact that he considers trees on 238th and 239th, presently undeveloped, a waste.

The cash deposit in the amount of \$150.00, recommended by the Director of Public Works, was discussed, and it was the consensus of opinion that it was a reasonable requirement. Mayor Isen moved that the appeal be DENIED, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried as follows:

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

24. INTER-CITY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE:

Memo to City Council from City Manager re: Inter-City Highway Committee, with letter from Chamber of Commerce.

Councilman Beasley related the history of the appointment of Mr. Michael Dehn as a lay member to the Inter-City Highway Committee several years ago, and his faithful attendance at the meetings, and recommended that he continue to serve in this capacity; there was no objection. The Council will seek a second lay member for appointment, and an Alternate Councilman could be called on to serve in the event Councilman Beasley was unable to attend.

It was further announced by Councilman Beasley that the next Inter-City Highway meeting will be "Torrance Night" and will be held at the Alondra Park Club House on July 12th at 7:30 P.M.

25. INSURANCE POLICIES EXPIRING JUNE 30, 1967.

Recommendation of City Clerk for Renewal of Comprehensive Public Liability Insurance and Comprehensive Physical Damage Insurance for the Automotive Fleet.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Clerk: (1) Present policy for combined comprehensive bodily injury and property damage liability insurance which expires June 30, 1967, be extended for one month until July 31, 1967, at a premium of \$5,665.17 for the month, pending further negotiation of the premium; and (2) That coverage be renewed for combined comprehensive fire and theft insurance for the automotive fleet with the present carrier, United States Fire Insurance Company, Lund Company, Agent, for three years, at the negotiated premium of \$1,978. for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1967 and ending June 30, 1968. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was:

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

26. RESOLUTION authorizing the Civil Service System of Los Angeles County to perform testing services for the City.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-160

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND REQUESTING THE CIVIL
SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
TO PERFORM PERSONNEL SERVICES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 67-160, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

27. PUEBLO PLAYGROUND.

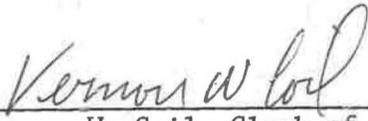
Request of Director of Recreation to construct additional fencing at Pueblo Playground.

Councilman Miller moved to concur with the recommendation of the Director of Recreation, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilman Olson absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Director of Public Works Nollac announced that the rubbish collection would be made as usual on July 4th.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:10 P.M.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance