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Adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Torrance, California
August 8, 1967

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 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, August 8, 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. Also in attendance were City Manager Ferraro, City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil and City Treasurer Rupert was absent on vacation.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Richard L. DeArmitt led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Clifford L. Tierney of South Bay Church of God, Minister of the Month of August, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 3rd meeting had not been received in time for study and their approval will be considered at the next Council meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

- AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, 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. The motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure.

8. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE TO CITY by Lew Jenkins of Southern California Edison Company - ad appearing in Wall Street Journal.

Mr. Lew Jenkins, local Manager of Southern California Edison Company, presented to the City a perma plaque version of a full page advertisement recently appearing in the National Edition of the Wall Street Journal. It featured the City of Torrance and the new Del Amo Financial Center and was

sponsored by Southern California Edison Company.

Councilman Lyman moved to accept and arrange for the proper display of the perma plaque. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

Mr. Jenkins announced that his company had recently acquired a piece of property from Don Wilson, westerly of Crenshaw between 235th and Lomita Boulevard and eventually there will be a major substation on the site. The Company has no immediate use for the land and propose at this time to license the property to the City for the purpose of putting in a Little League, Pony League, or Babe Ruth League ballpark. There will be no charge to the City and the only requirement would be that the City furnish indemnification and adequate insurance to protect the company from injury. He hopes the City will accept this as a contribution toward the baseball education of the youth of the City. Under present plans it would appear the substation will not be erected for almost seven years, but this is subject to change. The licensing would therefore be on a year to year basis, and there would be no cancellation nor licensing to anyone else but the city for whatever time it is available.

Councilman Beasley moved to accept the offer and that the City Manager coordinate the plan with the Recreation Department and Youth Baseball people. Councilman Vico seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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9. Mayor Isen announced that as a result of the pre-council hearing on the new Civil Service Ordinance, there is a 120 day postponement. The minutes of that pre-council session are attached.

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Councilman Miller made a statement with respect to the appointment of the councilman to take the place of H. Ted Olson, and the early morning personnel session at 6 a.m., Monday, August 7th. He felt this should be a matter of public record with nominations made at this time in open meeting and he nominated David Halstead, stating no second to his nomination was necessary.

Councilman Lyman nominated Edward Talbert.

Mrs. Mary Lou Cushman, 4806 Carmelyn Avenue, spoke on behalf of Mr. O. P. Johnson, as having been the "runner-up" at the last councilmanic election. Councilman Beasley informed her that the only requirement is that the replacement shall have been a Torrance resident for more than one year.

Mayor Isen asked Senior Deputy City Attorney the binding effect of the secret ballots cast at the early morning meeting and Mr. Knickerbocker said they are not binding on the Council; in effect, they would be a recommendation of a nominating committee. This public action taken here and now would be the final and binding action.

Mayor Isen asked if there were any other nominations and there was no response. Councilman Lyman moved the previous question; Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Mayor Isen (O. P. Johnson had approached the microphone and Mayor Isen said he should have been given an opportunity to speak).

The vote on the nomination of David Halstead was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Mayor Isen.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Sciarrotta, Vico.

The vote on the nomination of Ed Talbert was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Sciarrotta, Vico.

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Miller and Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley moved that Ed Talbert be sworn in at this time; Councilman Lyman seconded and Mr. Talbert was duly sworn in as Councilman for the City of Torrance, by City Clerk Coil.

Mayor Isen commented that the last previous appointment to this Council was in January of 1951.

At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil escorted Councilman Talbert to the seat formerly occupied by H. Ted Olson and the roll was again called, showing the following councilmen in attendance: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico and Mayor Isen.

A recess was called to permit the assembly to greet their new councilman and the Council reconvened at about 8:45 p.m.

Councilman Talbert appropriately acknowledged his appointment and he was offered every cooperation of the Chair, by Mayor Isen.

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Mayor Isen, a recess was declared for the purpose of holding the regular meeting of the Redevelopment Agency and the Council returned to its agenda at 8:55 p.m.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

10. ZC67-7, TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION: Change of zone from A-1, R-2 and C-2 to C-3 on property located on the south side of Artesia Boulevard between Crenshaw Boulevard and Atkinson Avenue. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard, this being a public hearing; there was no response.

Councilman Miller moved to close the hearing; Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

11. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF IMPROVEMENT OF TELO AVENUE FROM LOMITA BOULEVARD TO 755 FEET NORTH OF LOMITA BOULEVARD (B67-11) JOB NO. 64027. Recommendations of Director of Public Works: 1. That Council approve and authorize the additional work as described; 2. that Council accept the work on the subject improvement and 3. that final payment be made to the contractor in the amount of \$19,193.01.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the three phases of the recommendation stated; Councilman Beasley seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

12. ESTABLISHMENT OF SEWER REIMBURSEMENT DISTRICT NO. 77: Recommendation of Public Works Director that District No. 77 with a connection charge of \$342.70 for the single lot within the district be established to recover the cost of sewer construction, including the engineering.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Public Works Director as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. EXPENDITURE FROM SEWER REVOLVING FUND: Recommendation of Public Works Director that \$22,000 be appropriated from the Sewer Revolving Fund for the construction of sewers in Via Valmonte west of Hawthorne Boulevard.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

14. TEMPORARY BILLBOARD: Recommendation of Building and Safety Director that the request of B & L Outdoor Advertising for an extension of time for temporary billboard to remain at 23133 Hawthorne Boulevard be approved.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur; Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection.

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re contract with State Employees' Retirement System for actuarial survey.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR AN ACTUARIAL SURVEY.

Mayor Isen pointed out that the Torrance Police Officers' Association and the Torrance Fire Fighters' Association will bear the actual cost. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-185 and Councilman Lyman seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

16. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re contract with Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Isen commented that either the Chamber of Commerce is doing the advertising job expected, or it is not, and there should be no call for how much City time they will need. At his request, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-186

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, RELATIVE TO ADVERTISING AND PROMOTING THE CITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1967-68.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-186. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta.

Larry Bowman, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, proposed that the \$500 earmarked for Rancho Days be retained and made available for other purposes in case it is not used for Rancho Days.

Roll call on the adoption of Resolution No. 67-186 was unanimously favorable.

With respect to the agreement itself, Councilman Beasley moved to approve it as presented, with the exception of Paragraphs (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F). Councilman Miller seconded. The statement was made that these restrictions should be deleted as an unnecessary burden. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to approval with these deletions.

17. CLAIM OF FRANKLIN O. MYERS against the City for extra work done from 2/18/67 to 3/17/67 in connection with the traffic study of intersections of Torrance Boulevard, Cabrillo Avenue and certain other streets in the amount of \$1,166.96. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Manager's office. Mr. Ferraro said he is negotiating with the claimant. There was no objection.

18. CLAIM OF MEL STEINBERG AGAINST THE CITY for paint sprayed on his 1958 Ford May 9, 1967 by Edward A. Wopschall, Inc., contractors for the City. Recommendation of City Clerk to deny and refer to the City Attorney.

Councilman Beasley moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

19. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following listed expenditures, 1 through 14:

1. \$627.06 to Johnson Stationery of Torrance for three desks, three chairs and one only file cabinet to be used by the Recreation Department for replacement and for new requirements.
2. \$1,470 to General Welding Supply Co. for one only portable skid mounted DCwelder 40-450 amps requested by the Water Department.
3. \$626.58 to Econolite Corporation for miscellaneous traffic signal control parts to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department for signal repair work.
4. \$1,055.25 to Prismo California Co. (Bauer Paint) for 400 gallons of street marking paint to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

5. \$4,797.98 to Motorola Communication and Electronics Co., for ten radios to be used for inter-departmental communications by City departments, four for License Division; three for Fire Department and three for Airport.

6. \$494.04 to Gamble Photo Shop for one only camera (Nikon model TN-f 1.4) with camery case, telescopic lens and tripod, to be used by the Police Department for demonstration and undercover work.

7. \$619.22 to Johnson Stationery of Torrance for eleven chairs and two desks required by Police Department as part of 67-68 budget.

8. \$1,286.25 to Calico Rock Milling Co. of Barstow for 100 tons of California gold rock to be used by Park Department for landscaping.

9. \$491.40 to IBM for one electric typewriter required by the City Librarian as part of the new City Library program.

10. \$955.82 to Edgar's Auto Body for repair of a 1966 police vehicle unit #98 involved in an accident.

11. \$976.85 to Van Lingen Body Shop for repair of a 1967 police vehicle unit #69 involved in an accident.

12. \$1,326.78 to Michelin Office Supply of Torrance for six manual typewriters requested by the Police Department as replacement units.

REIMBURSABLE ITEMS:

13. \$432.60 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for one only 6" flow detector to Los Angeles City design, required by the Water Department for Beven & Herron Service, for which payment has been received.

14. \$403.73 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for one only 2" CT meter, bronze case, with check valves on main and intermediate flow lines.

Councilman Miller seconded the motion which carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

20. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM FOR 1967: Proposed resolution of intention.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-187

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. 67-187 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SECOND READINGS:

21. ORDINANCE NO. 1790:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1790

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 93.4.24 AND 93.5.12 OF DIVISION 9 OF "THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE" AND SUBSTITUTING NEW SECTIONS THEREFOR PROVIDING TWO ADDITIONAL GROUNDS FOR DEVIATION FROM PARKING LOT DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1790 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

22. ORDINANCE NO. 1791:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1791

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 93.4.17 OF CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 9 OF THE "TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE" AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SECTION 93.4.17 AND DELETING CERTAIN REFERENCE PROVISIONS FROM SAID SECTION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1791 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

23. Councilman Sciarrotta asked that the Traffic Engineer take a look at a dangerous situation at Greenwood and 230th Street where shrubbery interferes with clear vision.

24. Councilman Lyman asked who is responsible for sweeping the street on Crenshaw near the freeway overpass. Mr. Ferraro said the City is responsible and he will see that it is taken care of.

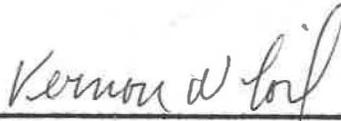
25. Mayor Isen mentioned what he hopes will be another windfall of money to the City through legislation about to be signed by the Governor. About \$111,000 is anticipated and Mayor Isen suggested that there be some judiciously applied additional police protection and that the Capital Improvement program be accelerated. The City will also benefit from a new formula on the cigarette tax. Some local legislation is going to be necessary on this before October 1st.

26. Mayor Isen said about thirteen and one-half years ago at his first Council meeting there was a change of zone for Torrance Boulevard in the vicinity of Madrid Avenue toward the Alter Building; also on Crenshaw where it was changed from R-3 to commercial. No restrictions were imposed

and as a result neither of these streets has developed as it should. He suggested a study by the Planning Commission of these two streets to see if there isn't a better plan so that the City will have better control over improvements made there. The boundaries were mentioned as Torrance Boulevard south to Carson, between Crenshaw and Madrid, as well as a block north of Torrance Boulevard.

Mayor Isen moved in accordance with his remarks and Councilman Beasley seconded. There was no objection.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:20 p.m.


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

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance