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Adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Torrance, California
October 3, 1967

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., on Tuesday, October 3, 1967, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico and Mayor Isen. Councilman Beasley was reported to be ill and Councilman Lyman was also absent. Assistant City Manager Scharfman represented Management because of the illness of City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer, City Clerk Coil and City Treasurer Rupert were present.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Pete LaComb led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Hugh R. Percy, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 26, 1967, as written and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to pay all regularly audited bills. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:
AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: Councilmen Beasley and Lyman.

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 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 Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

8. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 23099, GERTRUDE SCHREIBER. Six lot subdivision located between 233rd and 234th Streets, approximately 300 feet westerly of Cabrillo Avenue. Recommended for approval with conditions by the Planning Commission, Planning Department and Director of Public Works.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard with respect to this item and Assistant City Manager Scharfman pointed out that this is a flooded area when it rains and although the Council has given waivers in the past it has found they do not hold up under certain conditions. He called attention to the recommendation of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District that recordation of this subdivision be contingent upon the elimination of the inundation.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there is still a lawsuit pending because of the Council granting the petition of the Schreiber family and Tony Cottone to build. The Schreibers signed the waiver but lost the property to a Savings and Loan Company which sold to a third party. The lender had not and would not sign the waiver so the purchaser from the lender was not bound thereby. Mr. Remelmeyer suggested the Schreibers when they apply for a building permit, be required to furnish a waiver from the owners and the lenders. If that is to be required, Mayor Isen said it should be made a condition of the tentative tract map.

Approval of a subdivision, Mr. Remelmeyer said, is not necessarily release of a building restriction and Councilman Miller said if there is to be a problem in this respect the Council should face it now.

Mr. Al Hess of South Bay Engineering said there had been a drain put in which alleviated some of the inundation and there is a condition that the tract would have to be graded to meet the approval of the Flood Control District. No lender would sign without a waiver.

Mr. Scharfman said if the property is graded, the water will only go somewhere else - on the property of some other owner. Councilman Miller suggested holding this matter over for decision so no untoward precedent would be set for future matters of a similar nature.

Mr. Hess said his client would stipulate to postpone this tentative tract matter until October 24, 1967, an eight o'clock meeting. He is authorized to represent the subdivider.

9. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re building moratorium and declaring an emergency.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1817

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1788 TO EXCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM THE BUILDING MORATORIUM ON PROPERTY IN THE AREA BETWEEN LOMITA BOULEVARD, 235TH STREET, MADISON AVENUE, AND A LINE MIDWAY BETWEEN EARLY AVENUE AND TELO AVENUE; EXTENDING THE BUILDING MORATORIUM ON THE REMAINING PROPERTY IN SAID AREA FOR ANOTHER NINETY DAYS; AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1817 as an emergency measure at its first and only reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Mayor Isen.

NOES: Councilmen: Vico

ABSENT: Councilmen: Lyman and Beasley.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

10. Report from City Manager re proposed revision of Master Plan No. 2, alignment of 232nd Street between Pennsylvania and Arlington Avenues.

Mayor Isen said the Councilmen got this lengthy report just prior to the meeting this evening and have not had an opportunity to study it. Acting on his suggestion, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to continue the matter to October 24th, an eight o'clock meeting. Councilman Talbert seconded.

Anyone who wishes to obtain a copy of the report may do so by contacting Mr. Arnold Johnson of the Mayor's neighborhood committee.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

11. RECOMMENDATION OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION RE TAKE-OVER OF LIBRARY PERSONNEL.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation of the Personnel Director, Civil Service Commission and City Manager as stated in the communication. Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent).

12. REPORT OF CITY MANAGER RE REQUEST FOR MOVE-UP PAY BY CAPT MAESTRI:

Councilman Miller said the Committee found nothing which would not entitle Captain Maestri to move-up pay; he had met all conditions. However, they did find certain problems inherent in the policy, among others, the provision that it would not apply to supervisors unless their superior is absent. Mayor Isen said if there were two alternatives, he believed Captain Maestri would be entitled to the one which would pay the most.

The two recommendations of the Fire and Police Committee of the Council are contained in the communication dated September 28, 1967 signed by the committee members.

Sgt. Oates of Torrance Police Officers Association, said the association concurs that Captain Maestri should receive Chief's pay during the move-up period. This particular problem has been worked on many times each time seemingly resulting in a solution, now it appears it must be done again. He asked that the Association be notified when it is considered so they can be represented at the Committee meeting.

Councilman Sciarrotta said the Committee would like to emphasize the 5%, rather than the move-up to Chief's pay. The rule would be that he receive 5% more than the officer under him and he was not actually Chief; he should be paid for that period 5% more than the other captains.

Mayor Isen moved that the Council concur as to recommendations numbered 1 and 2 of the Committee; Councilman Miller seconded.

Officer Philip Joseph, not in any official capacity, asked if when a policy is set as to recommendation numbered 2, it would be for the Police Department only, or the entire City employment. Mr. Sciarrotta said it would be for all people in supervisory capacity, but at this time is only a suggestion for consideration.

Roll call vote was unanimously favorable to concurrence (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent).

Mayor Isen congratulated Sgt. Oates on his election to the vice-presidency of P.O.R.A.C.

13. COMMUNICATION FROM TCEA RE POLITICAL ACTIVITY BY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES:

Ray Saukkola, President of the Association, said the communication is self-explanatory and requested concurrence in instruction to the City Attorney to prepare an opinion delineating the rights granted to Torrance Municipal employees under current laws.

Councilman Sciarrotta expressed belief in the decision cited in Mr. Saukkola's letter and Councilman Talbert moved to grant the request. Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection. Mr. Remelmeyer said the opinion will probably be back to the Council four meetings from now.

FISCAL MATTERS:

14. RECOMMENDATION of Finance Director and Purchasing Supervisor re painting pedestrian overpass at Crenshaw and 187th Street, B67-6.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the recommendation to award the job to Re-Hue Company in the amount of \$2,500 total and appropriate the necessary funds from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve. Councilman Talbert seconded and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent).

15. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Vico moved to approve the following seven budgeted and reimbursable expenditures:

1. \$336 to J. Jones Co. for 100 only 1 inch lead to copper water pipe adapters requested by the Water Department for stock to be used "as needed".
2. \$452.21 to Martin Johnson Supply Co. for 12 only service saddles - all bronze, requested by the Water Department for stock, to be used "as needed".
3. \$954.45 to Southland Machinery Corp. for one only Thor back-fill tamper for compaction of back fill materials and one only Ingersoll Rand bore motor used to drive water pipe through dirt for work under driveways, etc. Both items requested by Water Department for field use.
4. \$573.07 to Torrance Camera for a six-month supply of photographic supplies required by the Police Department on an "as needed basis. Film, Flash bulbs and chemicals at a volume price.
5. \$1,002.96 to Econolite Corp. for four neon type pedestrian WALK-DONT WALK signals requested by Traffic and Lighting Dept. for the parochial school children crossing on Crenshaw and Carson.
6. \$931.63 to International Business Machines for 41,000 business license renewal notices requested by the License Division, which will be part of the City's data processing renewal program for 1968 business licenses.

Reimbursable:

7. \$420.00 to Card Key Systems for one only vehicle traffic control signal sensing device requested by the Traffic and Lighting Department for the signal system at 190th and Crenshaw, a gas tax refund project.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

16. HALVERSON REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO PENDING LEASE: Airport Manager and Airport Commission submitting their recommendation for approval.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the lease as changed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent).

17. WHITTLESEY MOTORS REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY USE OF ADDITIONAL LAND ADJACENT TO HIS LEASEHOLD FOR EMPLOYEE PARKING - INTERIM APPLICATION. Recommendation of Airport Commission for approval, submitted by Airport Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent).

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

18. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE PURCHASE OF SOUTH TORRANCE PARK:

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

RESOLUTION 67-222

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY DESCRIBED AS LOT 43 AND THE NORTHERLY 132 FEET OF LOT 42 OF TRACT 437 IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-222 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent).

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

19. PORTABLE STORAGE BUILDING: Request of Director of Recreation for permission to purchase a portable storage building to be located in the Recreation Center Building patio, and appropriate necessary funds, in the amount of \$1,400 from the General Fund.

Councilman Vico moved to grant the request and make the necessary appropriation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Lyman.

20. FENCE AT LA ROMERIA PARK: Request of Director of Recreation for an appropriation of \$950 to install aluminum strips in a portion of the chain link fence at La Romeria Park.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the request and appropriate the necessary \$950 from the General Fund. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Lyman.

21. REQUEST OF TORDONDO LITTLE LEAGUE FOR RENEWAL OF LEASE at Entradero Park, with recommendation of City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request and renew for a five year period on the present terms and instruct the City Attorney to prepare the lease for signature at such time as the fence has been repaired; this is a condition of the existing lease. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent).

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

22. RECOMMENDATION RE JUNIOR CITIZENS' DAY: Mr. Scharfman said plans are progressing and the suggested date is November 28th, an eight o'clock meeting, although this is yet to be confirmed with School authorities.

WORKABLE PROGRAM FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT:

23. URBAN RENEWAL PETITIONS: City Clerk's Statement of Sufficiency of petitions filed September 21, 1967, requesting the adoption of an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1546 and submitting proposed ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 1567 and any amendments thereto.

Mr. Coil said the only purpose of presenting this is to confirm the tabulations. The only action required of the Council is to order it filed. The citizens' group of which Mrs. Altermatt has been the spokesman has ten days within which to supplement the petition with the required number of signatures.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

24. BOND REDUCTION ON TRACT NO. 26076, Subdivider, Leahy & Harris. Recommendation of Acting City Engineer that Council approve reduction to \$9,000.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in that recommendation and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent).

25. CLAIM OF SONNY K. JOHANSON against the City for bodily injury and property damage allegedly sustained as the result of being hit by another vehicle due to his slowing down at barricades at Pacific Coast Highway and Viano, August 23, 1967.

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

26. RECOMMENDATION RE RENEWAL OF BUS LEASE TIRE AGREEMENT WITH GOODRICH: Recommendation of Finance Director and Purchasing Supervisor that Council approve the renewing of the existing lease tire contract for an additional year at the mileage rate of \$.00833 per bus mile (six tires). There would be a right of assignment of the contract in event the City turns over the control of the bus system to RTD.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent).

27. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PICNIC SHELTER AT PUEBLO PLAYGROUND, B67-28. Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor that award be made to Wesley W. Rasmussen in the amount of \$1,790, the low bidder and that other bids be rejected.

Mayor Isen moved to concur and his motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent.)

28. BUSINESS LICENSE TAX FOR WASHING MACHINES - Comments of City Manager with respect to communication from California Coin-Op Association.

Mr. Scharfman asked that this be held for one week at the request of the man who wrote the letter, due to a personal emergency. Mayor Isen asked that before this returns to Council it go to staff; it is an administrative matter. Mr. Scharfman said a meeting would be scheduled with Mr. Fuller after which a recommendation can be made to the Council.

29. PROPOSED AMENDMENT amending Section 97.2.5 of the Code on license tax for oil wells.

30. PROPOSED ORDINANCE adding Chapter 24 entitled Barrel Tax to the Code to provide a tax on oil production.

This information came to the Council at a very late time before this meeting and there has been no chance to study it. The gist of the letter is that the Western Oil and Gas Association would prefer to clean up and improve the appearance of their wells rather than pay more taxes. He thought it should go back to Committee; there will be no action on this tonight. Mr. McCutcheon the tax representative of the Land and Tax Department of the Association was present and will be notified of the time of the Committee's meeting.

SECOND READING ORDINANCES:

31. ORDINANCE NO. 1814:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1814

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF PRAIRIE AVENUE BETWEEN 188th STREET AND 190th STREET, AND DESCRIBED AS ZC67-9 (RALPH GARLAND).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1814 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent).

32. ORDINANCE NO. 1815:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1815

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF TORRANCE BOULEVARD BETWEEN AMIE AVENUE AND MADRONA AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 67-8. (TORRANCE PLANNING COMMISSION)

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1815 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote (Councilmen Beasley and Lyman absent).

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

33. Assistant City Manager Scharfman asked the pleasure of the Council as to holding no meeting on October 17th because of the League of California Cities conference in San Francisco at that time. Councilman Talbert moved that there be no Council meeting at that time; Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection. The press will be notified.

34. City Treasurer Rupert said immediately following the League meeting the Finance Director is going to Sacramento to perform a tax audit and he, Mr. Rupert, would like authorization to accompany him and assist in the audit, with appropriate expenses allowed.

Councilman Miller moved to grant the request; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley and Lyman.

35. Councilman Sciarrotta had prepared a written statement setting forth his views on the subject of Council "junkets". Because of the absence of Councilman Lyman who had made what Mayor Isen called a vague and indefinite motion on the subject of a report of expenses of councilmen, at the last Council meeting, the subject was not further pursued.

On motion of Mayor Isen, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta the Council recess in order to hold the Redevelopment Agency meeting; returned to Council session at 6:30 p.m., and adjourned.



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance