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Torrance, California  
April 2, 1968

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 on Tuesday, April 2, 1968, at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico and Mayor Isen. Also present were City Manager Ferraro, City Treasurer Rupert, City Attorney Remelmeyer and City Clerk Coil.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mayor Isen recognized three Torrance High School students in the audience and at his request, one of them, Ken Roberts, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Arthur Nagel, First Methodist Church, Minister of the Month of April, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Beasley, there being no objection, the minutes of the regular meeting held March 19th were approved as written. The minutes of the regular meeting held March 26th were only received by the councilmen today and will be approved at the next Council meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Sciarrotta,  
Talbert, 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 Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

On behalf of the Torrance Fire Fighters, Richard L. DeArmitt and Don Lamb presented appropriate plaques to Councilmen Miller, Sciarrotta and Vico in appreciation of their time and effort on the Police and Fire

Committee of the Council; also to Mayor Isen for fourteen years of service to the municipality.

HEARINGS:

8. WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM 1968. Public hearing on Resolution No. 68-60.

Mayor Isen announced this is the time and place for the hearing on the Resolution of Intention declaring parcels described in Resolution No. 68-60 to be a public nuisance and providing for the abatement thereof. He determined from the City Manager that there are no exceptions.

City Clerk Coil presented the Affidavit of Posting and Affidavit of Mailing and on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, they were ordered filed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard and there was no response. Councilman Beasley moved to close the hearing; Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-67

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. 68-60.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-67 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. PROPOSED ORDINANCE re ZC67-14, Peninsula Enterprises.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1859

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 THE SAN DIEGO FREEWAY WESTERLY OF WESTERN AVENUE AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE CASE 67-14, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT FOR A PORTION OF SAID PROPERTY. (PENINSULA ENTERPRISES, KENNETH BATTRAM)

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1859 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. PROPOSED ORDINANCE RE ZONE CHANGE ZC67-16, Peninsula Enterprises.

At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number

and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1860

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 SOUTH SIDE OF 178TH STREET WESTERLY OF WESTERN AVENUE, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 67-16. (PENINSULA ENTERPRISES, KENNETH BATTRAM).

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1860 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

11. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re allocation of funds from Crossing Protection Fund, etc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-68

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DIRECTING THAT A REQUEST FOR ALLOCATION OF FUNDS BE SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REIMBURSE THE CITY FROM THE CROSSING PROTECTION FUND FOR ONE-HALF OF ITS ACTUAL COST OF UPGRADING CROSSING PROTECTION AT THE CRENSHAW BLVD. CROSSING OF THE SANTA FE TRACK DESIGNATED AS CROSSING NO. 2H-20.9.

Councilman Talbert moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-68 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

12. PROPOSED RESOLUTION extending the assessment amounts in Street Lighting District No. 8.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-69

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE REPORT OF THE TRAFFIC & LIGHTING ENGINEER, DATED JULY 14, 1964, PREPARED PURSUANT TO THE PROCEEDINGS INSTITUTED UNDER RESOLUTION OF INTENTION NO. 64-142(3) DATED JULY 14, 1964, AND LEVYING THE PROPORTION OR PERCENTAGE OF THE ASSESSMENT THEREIN REFERRED TO FOR THE INSTALLATION OF, AND FOR THE FURNISHING OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY AND MAINTENANCE OF, CERTAIN STREET LIGHTING STANDARDS, FIXTURES AND APPLIANCES, ALONG CERTAIN STREETS AND PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, AS SHOWN ON DIAGRAM AND PLAN NO. L-8-64 (ALSO KNOWN AS MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING DISTRICT NO. 8), FOR THE FIFTH YEAR OF THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAID PROCEEDINGS (STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 8).

Councilman Beasley moved adoption of Resolution No. 68-69 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

13. PROPOSED ORDINANCE adopting a revised three-step pay plan for City employees and repealing Section 2 of Ordinance No. 1838. (Emergency and Regular ordinances).

City Manager Ferraro's recommendation is:

1. That the attached salary ordinance be adopted (as requested by the Association).

He asked that the second recommendation set forth in his communication be held for the time being. It is: That Administration be directed to give consideration to the preparation of future salary ordinances using a bi-weekly salary grid in place of the present monthly salary grid (this will allow for the rounding to the nearest penny instead of the nearest whole dollar in granting percentage increases).

Mayor Isen said if there is no objection, the second recommendation would be withdrawn; there was no objection. It will be brought up again after the conferences regarding a new salary ordinance are finished.

Ray Saukkola, President of Torrance City Employees Association, said the Association is completely satisfied with the recommendation as stated by the City Manager.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1861

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A REVISED THREE-STEP PAY PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1838 AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1861. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1861 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote. This is an emergency measure and is adopted at its first and only reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1862

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADOPTING A REVISED THREE-STEP PAY PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING SECTION 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1838, AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1861 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1862. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1862 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

14. This item was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. CLAIM OF RONALD FISHER against the City for damages to his vehicle which hit a hole in the street March 22, 1968, at Artesia Boulevard just east of Hawthorne Boulevard.

The recommendation of the City Clerk is to deny and refer the claim to the Legal Department. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried, there being no objection.

16. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following nine listed expenditures:

A. BUDGETED:

1. \$897.75 to David's Glove Company for the City's annual requirement of leather type gloves required by the rubbish crews in picking up trash containers throughout the City. Sixty dozen pair is the anticipated requirement for a 12 month period.

2. \$1,218 to Triner Scale and Mfg. Co. for one set of two "axle load" portable scales requested by the Police Department in order to conduct "on site" weight inspections of vehicles for overload violations on City streets.

3. \$395 to C. R. Anderson & Co. to construct a concrete slab 20 x 40 ft. at Torrance Park in front of the new restroom.

4. \$661.50 to Automatic Printing Company for 14,000 each adult and student library cards; 15,000 each adult and student registration cards requested by the City Librarian for the City Library system.

5. \$380.73 to Brooks Products Inc. for meter box replacement parts to utilize existing Brooks meter boxes which have missing parts now in stock at the Water Yard.

6. \$367.87 to Howard Supply Co. for 1021 ft. of 1/2", 3/4", 1" and 2" galvanized pipe and couplings requested by the Building and Maintenance Dept to replace water lines in the older section of the Police Department.

B. REIMBURSABLE:

7. \$2,466.45 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for one only Hersey FM-CT meter 8" x 4" with left hand set, requested by the Water Department for the AiResearch water service. Payment has been received.

C. SPECIAL - LIBRARY BOOKS:

8. \$16,531.79 to Carl J. Leibel, Inc. c/o A. C. McClurg and Co. for 4135 juvenile title books.

9. \$929.78 to H. W. Wilson Company for 93 reference title books.

Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

AIRPORT MATTERS:

17. RECOMMENDATION OF AIRPORT MANAGER AND AIRPORT COMMISSION for denial of Amacoil's request for approval of subtenancy on the Nallick leasehold.

No one was present from Amacoil and Councilman Vico moved to concur in the recommendation of denial. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

WATER SYSTEM:

18. REQUEST FROM WATER SYSTEM MANAGER for permission to attend California Section Spring Conference of AWWA for Assistant Water Superintendent Powell and for himself to attend AWWA Annual Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, with appropriate expenses, \$125 and \$500 respectively paid.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve and grant both requests as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

19. RECOMMENDATION OF THE LIBRARY COMMISSION RE FINES AND FEES POLICY FOR TORRANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as set forth and City Librarian West pointed out the only difference is the length of time books will be permitted to circulate. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion which carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

20. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 23394, SUBDIVIDER: BRADFORD INVESTMENT CO. Recommendation of Public Works and Planning Director, with concurrence of the Planning Commission President and City Manager that subject tract map be approved.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as above stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

21. RECOMMENDATION OF CITY MANAGER AS TO APPRAISER OF BUTCHER GOLF COURSE PROPERTY:

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the

City Manager and the Golf Course Steering Committee to engage Robert Flavell, 6308 Woodman Avenue, Van Nuys, to determine the fair market value of Mr. Butcher's property at a fee of \$750, to be appropriated from the General Fund Unappropriated Reserve. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

22. Mayor Isen proclaimed April 14 - 20, 1968, as NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK and commented on the timely activities of opening the Torrance Library system which is also taking place at this same time. The opening of the Isabel Henderson Library under City administration will be April 15th with the dedication on the 22nd.

23. Mayor Isen proclaimed the week of April 22 - 28, 1968, as "D FOR DECENCY WEEK".

SECOND READINGS:

24. ORDINANCE NO. 1857:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1857

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING CHANGES OF ZONE AND VARIANCES.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1857 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. ORDINANCE NO. 1858:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1858

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING ARTICLE 2 OF CHAPTER 6, DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING PRECISE PLANS.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1858 at its second reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

26. RE LEASE FOR LIBRARY STORAGE SPACE:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 68-70

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY AND HENRY BINDER AND GEORGE BINDER FOR LEASE OF CERTAIN PREMISES FOR LIBRARY STORAGE SPACE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 68-70 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

27. City Manager Ferraro called attention to an informational item which announces that Senior Deputy City Attorney Knickerbocker has accepted a position with the City of Santa Monica and will be leaving Torrance's employ sometime this month. Both City Manager Ferraro and City Attorney Remelmeyer expressed regret at losing this able attorney.

28. City Clerk Coil mentioned the telephone message from Supervisor Chace's office regarding the bus measure on the November ballot and the necessity of early arrangements.

29. Councilman Beasley gave an encouraging report on the state of his health. He will return to UCLA Medical Center for additional tests later this week.

30. Councilman Sciarrotta said he had received complaints that there are weeds growing in the parking lot at Huffs Restaurant in downtown Torrance. Mr. Ferraro promised a field investigation.

31. Mayor Isen said he had noted a press item, the headlines of which were "TOPLESS MEASURE SCUTTLED" and he read the newspaper article aloud. The Senate Committee on Governmental Efficiency has scuttled a bill AB114, which would have given local government the jurisdiction to adopt its own regulations on topless waitresses, gambling, ticket scalping and drunk on private property in public view and Mayor Isen said home rule is not being given a chance. City Attorney Remelmeyer said a similar bill had been originated in Los Angeles County with the City Attorneys group and proposed with a "do pass" recommendation.

He recalled the experience of the City of Redondo Beach with its charter amendment which a lower court held to be unconstitutional. Mayor Isen is very disappointed with the turn of events and believes the City Attorney section of the League of California cities should draft a legally acceptable bill. He moved that City Attorney Remelmeyer be instructed to look into this situation while the legislature is still in session and try to present a bill which can be offered to the Assembly for a definite decision. Councilman Miller seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Talbert suggested obtaining a copy of the bill and the basis on which it was scuttled. Mayor Isen delivered the newspaper clipping to Mr. Remelmeyer. Councilman Beasley said it is his understanding that there is difficulty in finding the dividing line between what should be controlled by the State and what by the individual cities. Mayor Isen does not agree.

32. Mr. Bill Roberts, 3937 West 188th Street, asked if Proposition A on the April 9th ballot is repealed, what specifically numbered State Code would then be effective. Mr. Remelmeyer explained the State Housing

Law would come into effect - in fact, it is presently in effect, but permits cities to adopt regulations equal to or greater than the State regulations. Building and Safety Director McKinnon said it would be a section starting somewhere around 17000. While he has one copy in his office, they are exceedingly hard to find. He invited Mr. Roberts to talk with him or with Mr. Remelmeyer about it.

33. Mr. Leo Salisbury, 25804 Matfield Drive, appeared on behalf of Bishop Montgomery High School for permission to hold a fireworks display April 26th in connection with a fiesta. The Fire Department has indicated a school grounds is not a suitable place, but if the Council would approve it would be possible to use the sump, title to one-half of which is in the City with the balance in the Estate of Kaufman. The City owns a drainage easement over the Kaufman Estate portion.

Mayor Isen moved permission be granted for this pyrotechnic display subject to approval of the launch site by the City Manager and the Fire Chief, especially noting that approval is not mandatory. Councilman Beasley seconded the motion and there was no objection.

34. Mr. LeVane Forsythe, 4255 Newton Street, spoke of ethics in regard to legislative bodies and expressed keen disapproval of disparaging remarks which he said are being made and circulated by Mayor Isen with reference to candidates for the Council. He commented also, for the record, on what he considers to be improper conduct of the Mayor in sponsoring three candidates who would become his "rubber stamp".

Mayor Isen stated for the record that Mr. Forsythe does not like him. However, Mr. Forsythe is a very fine public minded citizen and has a right to express himself.

35. Mr. Orin Johnson, 23810 Stanhurst Avenue, said each year the West Torrance Lions Club conducts a football game as a benefit. This year it will be in August. He requested a resolution from the Council in regard to the benefit, the details of which will be furnished later. He was instructed to give the material to City Attorney Remelmeyer.

36. On motion of Councilman Vico, seconded by Councilman Beasley, the meeting was regularly adjourned to April 16, 1968, at 5:30 p.m., by unanimous roll call vote.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

Edith Shaffer  
Minute Secretary