

I N D E XADJOURNED REGULAR MEETINGCITY COUNCIL - MAY 22, 1969 - 7:00 P.M.SUBJECT:PAGEOPENING CEREMONIES:

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HEARING:

4. Hearing for Walter M. Nollac

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Adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

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MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

OPENING CEREMONIES:

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular meeting on Thursday, May 22, 1969, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss were Councilmen Beasley, Johnson, Miller, Sciarrotta, Uerkwitz, Wilson, and Mayor Isen. Absent: None.

Also present: City Attorney Remelmeyer.

A Court Reporter was present to furnish a verbatim transcript of this hearing.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. George Kurtz led in the salute to the flag.

4. NOLLAC HEARING:

A. Report from the Civil Service Commission and Findings of Fact.

B. Request of Walter M. Nollac for a hearing before the City Council dated April 21, 1969.

C. Copy of Walter M. Nollac's appeal to the City Council dated April 22, 1969.

Councilman Uerkwitz MOVED that the above items a, b, and c be filed. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

The presence of the appellant, Mr. Walter M. Nollac; his attorney, Mr. Walter H. Young; attorney Walter N. Anderson and City Manager Ferraro were noted by Mayor Isen.

The ground rules were outlined by Mayor Isen -- each counsel was requested to confine his arguments to only the charges of which the Civil Service Commission found Mr. Nollac guilty, it being understood that the Council would have no jurisdiction to enter into any of the other charges.

Further, Mayor Isen continued, the burden of the first arguments should be undertaken by the counsel for the City Manager, followed by the defendant's counsel. Rebuttal by Mr. Anderson would then be permitted, with possible surrebuttal by Mr. Young.

A time limit of approximately one hour for each presentation met with the approval of both attorneys.

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Mr. Anderson thereupon opened the hearing. Specifically discussed by Mr. Anderson, in the following order, were:

- Charge 14 - Exhibits 45-L, 33-D, 34-A, and 34-B.
- Charge 15 - Exhibits 45-J, 45-K, 44-B, 44-E, 44, 44-C, 41-F, 38-D and 38-A.
- Charge 17 - Exhibits 47 through 47-G.

Mr. Anderson completed his presentation at 7:47 P.M., and a 10-minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen at that time.

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The meeting resumed at 8:00 P.M. There was roll call by Deputy City Clerk Moss and all were present.

Mr. Young embarked upon his presentation - a brief and general statement had been prepared by him, and furnished each of the Councilmen - with specific reference in the following order:

- Pages 42, 46, and 47 of brief;
- Exhibits 35-K and 35-B;
- Pages 49 and 50 of brief;
- Re: Charge 14-C, set forth on pages 20, 21, and 24 of brief;
- Page 32 re: invoices;
- Charges 15-B, 15-C, and 17 - page 66 of brief; and
- Pages 62, 63, 93, 98, 57, 61, 64, and 51, in that order, of brief.

On the conclusion of Mr. Young's remarks, Mayor Isen stated that in the event no new material is introduced in Mr. Anderson's rebuttal, a surrebuttal would not be in order. Mr. Young concurred, noting that he will listen very closely.

A ten minute recess was ordered by Mayor Isen, the hour being 9:00 P.M.

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The Council reconvened at 9:10 P.M. and roll call vote by Deputy City Clerk Moss indicated that all the Councilmen were present.

A petition requesting reinstatement of Walter N. Nollac was offered by Mr. Young. It was ruled by Mayor Isen, concurred in by the Council, that such a petition was irrelevant and immaterial at this time, particularly in view of the pending status of this case, with a decision yet to be rendered; the petition was accordingly denied.

Rebuttal by Mr. Anderson followed, with further reference to Charge 14, Exhibits 34-B, 34-I; Charge 15; Charge 17; and Page 72 of Mr. Young's memorandum.

An additional three minutes to respond to Mr. Anderson's remarks was requested by Mr. Young; it was granted.

Both attorneys thereupon rested their cases.

Mayor Isen ascertained from City Attorney Remelmeyer that the Council may deliberate this case privately; it being agreed to start deliberations this evening following this meeting.

It was further agreed to take the arguments under submission to study the notes provided by the attorneys, with as many private sessions as prove necessary, with a decision to be rendered on Tuesday, May 27th, in open Council meeting, following a private session at 6:00 P.M. on that date for final deliberations. Mayor Isen so MOVED. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and there were no objections.

The meeting was regularly adjourned at 9:30 P.M., with the Council retiring to the Conference Room to begin its deliberations.

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Albert Isen

Mayor of the City of Torrance

Vernon W. Coil

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