

San Clemente, California
July 10, 1968

A Special called meeting of the City Council of the City of San Clemente was held in the Conference Room, Civic Center Building, 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California, on Wednesday, July 10, 1968, at 7:30 P.M., Mayor Wade Lower presiding.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Councilmen - EVANS, NORTHRUP, O'KEEFE, AND LOWER
ABSENT: Councilmen - CHILTON (arrived a few minutes later)

Also Present: Kenneth E. Carr, City Manager; and Max L. Berg, City Clerk.

The Clerk announced that notice of the Special meeting had been prepared and transmitted to the Council members, and newspapers which have previously requested such notice, in the time and manner as provided by law, all in accordance with the provisions of the Government Code.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

77 - Lights for Bonito Canyon Ball Field

The Mayor referred to the complaints received at the meeting of 7-3-68 concerning the installation of lights at the Bonito Canyon Ball Field which resulted in a motion to withhold installation of the remaining four poles and referral of the matter to the Engineering Staff for an estimate as to the cost of lowering or shielding the lights and if such is economically feasible. Mayor Lower advised of subsequent request from the adult Softball League of the urgent need for an early resolution of the matter, and, accordingly, this meeting has been called for that purpose.

There ensued a one hour discussion which is briefly summarized as follows: Upon question, Keith Hutchens, San Diego Gas and Electric Company, reported on his Company's assistance and participation in certain phases of the joint project with the City and members of the adult Softball League. Mr. Hutchens also reviewed and explained recommended sports lighting specifications, as published by the Illuminating Engineering Society, for proper pole layout, height, and lighting for ball fields, which specifications were matched with the field area and available poles (obtained from the School District) to come up with the best overall lighting.

The City Manager reviewed the Council's action in authorizing a \$4300 expenditure for materials for the project, and subsequent Staff determination of a 60 foot pole height which follows recommended standards of the Parks and Recreation Association. Mr. Carr also reported that the total estimated cost to lower and shorten the poles was \$846.64, and as to the question of possible shielding such was not recommended.

Gerald Clausen, one of the property owners protesting the lights as obstructing his view of the ocean, inquired if lowering the poles and tilting the lights had been considered. Mr. Hutchens replied in the affirmative but advised that such lowering would require tilting the lights upward, thereby creating a glare which could be detrimental to the players in fielding fly balls.

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Henry voiced strong objections to the height and location of the poles as creating objectionable glare in the living and bedroom areas of their adjacent residence, and an overall devaluation of their property. Mr. John Sary also spoke in support of their complaint.

Richard Stephan, also an adjacent property owner, spoke of the proximity of the lights to his residence but stated he had no objection to the installation.

Ken Summer, Ken Frobish, John Springman, Larry Vasquez, and other members of the adult Softball League spoke of the extensive efforts, donated labor, welding costs, and City funds that have gone into the project and urged the Council to lift the "stop work" order adopted at the previous meeting and authorize installation of the additional four poles.

During general Council discussion, Councilman O'Keefe inquired as to the feasibility of relocating the two poles which are in front of homes, to

w which the City Manager replied that he did not feel relocation 5 or 10 feet either way would be practical or economically feasible. In summarizing the Council's position in the matter, Mayor Lower commented that while a certain amount of error may have been made it would be unwise to undo what has already been accomplished and it was regrettable that not everybody could be made happy.

Mr. Clausen emphasized that he was not against the sport of softball or baseball but suggested that in any similar installations in the future which might be near a residential area, the property owners would be much happier if the Council would take a better look at the situation and perhaps refer it to the Planning Commission for their study and recommendation.

Following due consideration and an opportunity for all persons to be heard it was determined to authorize completion of the light installation by a rescinding of the motion of 7-3-68. IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMAN CHILTON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN EVANS AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED to rescind the motion of 7-3-68 which halted the installation of the final four poles.

In further discussion as to how late play should be allowed at Bonito Canyon Ball Field IT WAS THEN MOVED BY COUNCILMAN EVANS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN CHILTON AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that no new inning shall be started after 10:30 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, IT WAS MOVED BY COUNCILMAN CHILTON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN NORTHRUP AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED that the special meeting be adjourned - at 8:30 P.M.

Wade J. Lower
Mayor and President
of the City Council


Matt L. Berg
City Clerk and ex officio
Clerk of the City Council

July 8, 1968

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

TO COUNCILMEN - DAN CHILTON
WALT EVANS, JR.
STANLEY NORTHRUP
THOMAS O'KEEFE
WADE F. LOWER

You and each of you are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of San Clemente, California, has been called by the undersigned Mayor of the City, to be held in the Conference Room, Civic Center Building, 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California, on Wednesday, July 10, 1968, at 7:30 P.M., for the purpose of considering completion of the lighting project at Bonito Canyon Ball Field.



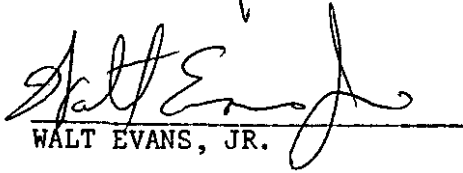
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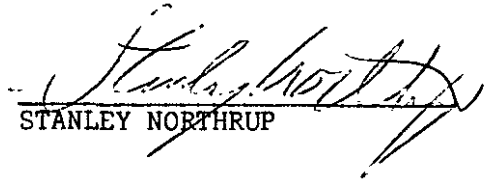
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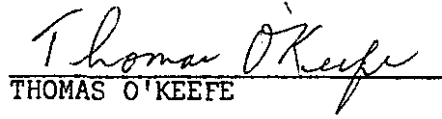
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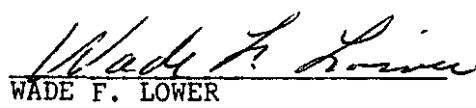
The undersigned, being all the members of the City Council of the City of San Clemente, California, do hereby acknowledge receipt of due and legal notice of a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of San Clemente to be held in the Conference Room, Civic Center Building, 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, California, on Wednesday, July 10, 1968, at 7:30 P.M., for the purpose of considering completion of the lighting project at Bonito Canyon Ball Field.


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Call for Special Meeting Issued by: