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Adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Torrance, California
November 22, 1966

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., Tuesday, November 22, 1966, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Young Donald Wayne Davis (Chief Sitting Bull of the YMCA Indian Guides) who is seven and one-half years old and in the second grade at the Lutheran School, led the salute to the flag at the request of Mayor Isen.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend Francis A. Rath, Seaside Community United Church of Christ, Minister of the Month, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 15th. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman, Miller, Olson,
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 and the motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

8. PRESENTATION OF WATCH TO CAPTAIN WALTER R. WEST.

Mayor Isen presented to Captain Walter R. West of the Fire Department a gold watch in honor of his thirty years service to the City, with appropriate comments. Captain West responded with the information that at the time he started with the Fire Department it was composed of six men to serve the City's 6,000 population.

Mayor Isen gave a brief explanation of Council procedure for the benefit of the audience.

Out of order, Mayor Isen asked that Item 18 next be considered.

PARKS AND RECREATION:

18. REQUEST OF SOUTHWOOD LITTLE LEAGUE TO USE OCEAN AVENUE SUMP:

Recommendation of the Park and Recreation Commission, with concurrence of City Manager, that Southwood Little League be permitted to use Ocean Avenue Sump for baseball under a lease agreement with the City, and all expenses for design and construction be borne by Southwood Little League.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

PLANNING AND ZONING HEARINGS:

9. ZC66-22, TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL. Request for change of zone from A-1 to C-2 on property located at the northwest corner of Artesia Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

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

This being a public hearing, Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Gordon Phillips of 2422 Torrance Boulevard, attorney for Mr. B. A. Wechsler came forward and stated when this was last before the Council he understood the publication would be one to remove conditions. However, the recommendation of the Planning Commission is acceptable to him and to his client. He asked specifically if the C-2 zoning would show on the map and Planning Director Shartle answered that it would after adoption of the precise plan.

Mr. Phillips said this raises another problem and he asked for a postponement for three weeks. The hearing will remain open and the case will be heard on December 13th, an eight o'clock meeting. Councilman Miller so moved; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and the motion carried, there being no objection.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

22. SARTORI AVENUE PETITION; City Manager, submitting recommendation re beautification on Sartori Avenue between Torrance Boulevard and Dominguez Street.

City Manager Ferraro said there is research to be done on this and he would like to have it referred. Councilman Miller had discussed the matter with Mrs Hooven and suggested it be made an agenda item. Mrs. Hooven is the one who has presented the petition to the City and is the spokesman for the neighborhood.

Mr. Donald Rimac of 712 Sartori Avenue, read the text of the petition and spoke on behalf of himself and the residents on the street. The petition is signed by one hundred residents and he asked that those present stand and indicate their interest. Many people responded.

The recommendation is to refer it to the same committee which worked on beautification of the east approach to the City and the Madrid Avenue problem with Santa Fe for a meeting and discussion.

Mr. Rimac continued that there has been no maintenance on this street for years and the property owners are now calling it to the attention of the Council. The appearance of Sartori is bad; the center of the street has become a dump ground; living on Sartori is not ideal; the property owners pay their fair share of taxes for street maintenance throughout the city feel the benefit of their taxes has not been felt on their street; real estate values may be seriously affected if the condition continues; the rental of apartments is or will be adversely affected by the condition; lending institutions have become hesitant to extend loans or refinance because of the bad condition of the street and the presence of the tracks.

Letters were mailed to each of the City Councilmen on the subject and Mr. Rimac complained that they were not acknowledged. Also to the City Manager and Mayor. Mayor Isen said the very fact that this is now being discussed as a Council agenda item is acknowledgment. There has been some preliminary cleanup of the street and Mr. Rimac thanked those responsible. He mentioned the NO parking signs on the track side of the street and said they are in the traffic pattern, and are frequently struck down by cars. One is in a very dangerous position in front of the Department of Unemployment. He suggested removal of such signs and proper asphalt curbing and markings in their place. Dust blows from this area into downtown Torrance.

Alternate suggestions were made as to improvement of Sartori in this section, including planting and maintenance.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that this problem be referred as recommended by City Manager Ferraro to the councilmanic committee previously mentioned and which consists of Councilmen Miller and Olson. Mayor Isen asked to be included in the membership of this committee; there was no objection.

12. APPEAL TO COUNCIL FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 66-31. Request of Financial Savings and Loan Association, Dan E. Butcher, and Don Wilson for a conditional use permit for cemetery on M-2 zoned property southerly of 235th Street and westerly of Crenshaw Boulevard.

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

To orient the meeting as to the status of the proceedings, Mayor Isen quoted excerpts from the Council minutes of September 27, 1966, showing the hearing was closed and the matter continued to this date.

Mr. Jeffrey Bradpiece of 23313 Date Avenue reminded the Council that a petition has been circulated for an initiative and have collected between 3500 and 3700 signatures, despite the intervening election and interest in Proposition Z. In another few weeks he promised a petition with over 15% of the registered voters of the City asking prohibition of a cemetery within its bounds.

Mr. Lee Center said he represents Mr. Butcher, as his attorney, and asked if he might present information on behalf of his client. Mayor Isen again read the portion of the September 27th minutes which recorded the closing of the hearing and the continuation of the matter to this date. Councilman Beasley acknowledged that the hearing has been closed but suggested that Mr. Center be available to answer any questions the Council might like to ask. City Attorney Remelmeyer confirmed that a motion to re-open would be necessary if the Council wished to do otherwise than make the required decision based on the hearing held in September. No such motion was made.

Councilman Sciarrotta said he had studied this matter for a full hour and a half just prior to this meeting and had discovered several instances in which the proponents had not complied with requests for information. He listed those deficiencies, referring to the numbered paragraphs of Planning Director Shartle's memorandum dated November 17, 1966 and moved

that CUP66-31 be denied. Councilman Olson seconded.

Councilman Beasley recalled the history of residential zoning in Torrance and the overloading of the schools but this has been a necessary factor of growth. While he would prefer a golf course to a cemetery in this location, but there is little chance that the people would vote for a bond issue for the amount necessary for a golf course. It seemed the only alternative to M-2 was a cemetery. Reluctantly he voted for the cemetery as a means of at least retaining some open green area. It would cause neither noise nor traffic. Green Hills Cemetery on Western Avenue has not proven to be objectionable. Mr. Beasley said his voting has been consistent on Council matters based on what is good for the entire city. While a cemetery may not be the best use in the world, he believes it is the best possible solution for the question now before the Council.

Councilman Lyman's statement referred to a plan which he had favored and which included \$40,000 to \$50,000 homes, a park or two and recreational facilities. He will be interested to observe, perhaps ten years from now if the results have been as favorable as they would have been under such a proposal. He sees no reason to change his vote; his preference has always been for a compromise which would allow that property to be developed.

Councilman Vico criticized some statements allegedly made by Mayor Isen at the Ministerial breakfast November 9th and said it has never even occurred to him to change his mind, or his vote.

Councilman Miller said anything he would say at this point would be repetitious but stated that the problem has been created principally by those who instigated the Proposition Z controversy.

Mayor Isen said his remark at the breakfast meeting was merely that he intended to be vigilant in the matters which come before the Council. He then explained the conditional use permit provision and its relation to cemeteries in the City of Torrance. A new factor in the proposed cemetery is that it would be done in increments extending to the year 2020 A.D. and no provision was made for the use of the undeveloped portion of the land in the meantime. It would probably develop into a rubbish heap. The Planning Commission denied the conditional use permit application; the burden of proof in this appeal is on the petitioners and they have not maintained their position or complied with the regulations.

As to any criticism of Mayor Isen's attitude, he said he had been extremely constructive in that he favors light industrial development in this area, as a means of insuring jobs and increasing the City's buying power.

Councilman Olson said it is not good planning to locate houses on the down wind leg of an airport pattern and next to gasoline tanks. The three councilmen who have opposed the application have not done so as being against tract housing. He believes a cemetery could be placed in an area where land is not as expensive as it is in Torrance.

Roll call vote was:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Miller, Olson, Sciarrotta, Mayor Isen (for denial)
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Lyman and Vico.

The motion to deny CUP66-31 carried.

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Mayor Isen declared a recess at 9:00 and the Council returned at 9:12 p.m.

12A. PROPOSED ORDINANCE amending Code to reclassify from R-3 and M-2 to R-1 and C-3 property located at 235th Street west of Crenshaw Boulevard (Butcher/Wilson property).

City Attorney Remelmeyer said it is necessary to take some action on this proposed ordinance and at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1733

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" TO RECLASSIFY FROM R-3 AND M-2 TO R-1 and C-3 THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED SOUTHERLY OF 235th STREET AND WESTERLY OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 65-61. (Petition of Torrance City Council - South portion, Marble Estates)

Mayor Isen moved to deny passage of Ordinance No. 1733. Councilman Olson seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Vico.

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Lyman (had not returned to the Council Chambers from recess)

Because it is obvious that the property must be developed, Councilman Olson suggested an evaluation by the Planning Commission as to some light industry which would be compatible with the apartment house use across the street.

Councilman Olson so moved; Mayor Isen seconded, stating it would be merely a study as to whether or not it should be changed from M-2 to M-1. There was no objection.

10. APPEAL TO COUNCIL FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 66-27. Request of Atlantic Richfield Co. for conditional use permit to allow the reconstruction and operation of service station at northeast corner of 182nd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard.

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

Condition No. 17 of the Planning Commission is that the sign on the subject property be no higher than 24 feet to the highest point of the structure. This condition is now appealed to the City Council by the City Council; the petitioner has no right of appeal on a sign.

Mr. L. M. Dysart, Manager of C&M Department, Harbor Region, represented the Atlantic Richfield Company, said the company had felt the requested sign was within the Code. Mayor Isen believed Atlantic Richfield should be permitted equal treatment to that accorded Mobil and Shell gas stations at the same intersection, to permit the traveling public on the freeway to see the identification of the station.

Mr. Ward Gray of 18006 Atkinson Avenue asked about the promised widening of 182nd Street and there was a general discussion of this point which came before the Council on the petition of Gemco some months ago. At that time and now, Councilman Lyman complained of the traffic problem involving large semi-trailers at this corner.

Another controversial factor is the Ordinance, No. 1730, regarding roof signs, very recently passed as an emergency measure. Evidently it

will have to be either repealed or affected by a moratorium.

Mayor Isen moved that Atlantic Richfield be permitted the same sign height as their competitors at the intersection. Councilman Olson seconded and there was no objection.

Mayor Isen moved that the balance of the problem, as to size, be referred back to the Planning Commission because Council has no jurisdiction. Councilman Olson seconded and there was no objection.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection. The Council returned to its agenda at 9:50 p.m.

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11. APPEAL TO COUNCIL FOR CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 66-37. Request of John C. Simmons for conditional use permit to allow walk-up, drive-through and dining combination restaurant on property located on the north side of Sepulveda Boulevard between Orange and Arlington Avenues. Recommended for approval by Planning Department - denied by Planning Commission.

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

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard; Mr. Simmons was not present but he was represented by the lessee, Robert Clark, 418 Flax Court, Redlands, California.

City Clerk Coil said 20 protesting letters have been received and the protestants were all from the immediate area, according to addresses. Councilman Miller identified most of them from his knowledge of the neighborhood. There are also three protesting petitions, one of which was presented at this time, containing Orange Avenue addresses.

According to the plan now presented, there is a major revision of this restaurant and as the proponent is now requesting a drive-through feature, City Attorney Remelmeyer said it is not properly before the Council. The Planning Commission had denied the petition for a walk-up.

Councilman Olson moved to refer the case back to the Planning Commission because of the changes. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and there was no objection.

FISCAL MATTERS:

13. REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION to complete revision of the City Code, from City Clerk, with concurrence of City Manager.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to authorize an appropriation of \$2,718.50 of the budgeted money to complete work on the Code. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller. Roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

14. FEASIBILITY REPORT FOR PROPOSED SANITARY LANDFILL PROJECT. City Manager and Finance Director's report.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to refer the report to the Public Works Committee of the Council. Councilman Miller seconded and there was no objection.

15. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR PALMYRA BROOM FIBRE AND STEEL GUTTER WIRE B66-83. Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor, concurred in by City Manager, to award contract to California Brush Company at \$2,943.75 including tax for 269 bales of Palmyra and \$1,705.60 including tax for 4 tons gutter wire.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. AWARD OF BID FOR IMPROVEMENT OF EL RETIRO PARK B66-85. Recommendation of Purchasing Supervisor, with concurrence of City Manager, for improvement of El Retiro Park by construction of chain link fence and retaining wall and request for appropriation transfer of \$400 from Job No. 65078, Torrance Park Bleachers, to Job No. 65074, El Retiro Park.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

17. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in approval of the following two items of expenditure:

1. \$374.40 to James G. Biddle Company for one only 1000 volt D.C. megger to be used by the Airport in checking City airport electrical conduit for deterioration of wire insulation for landing strip lighting and communication lines deemed critical to the operation of the airport. This is an FAA requirement, and James Biddle of Pennsylvania is the only domestic manufacturer of meggers.

2. \$746.06 to International Harvester Company to rebuild one International engine used on City packer trucks.

Councilman Miller seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

BUS SYSTEMS:

19. TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT: Recommendation of Bus Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager, that the contract with Torrance Unified School District for transportation be extended.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation stated. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

WATER SYSTEM:

20. RECOMMENDATIONS ON COMPLETION OF CONTRACT FOR FURNISHING AND INSTALLING PUMPING EQUIPMENT FOR THREE WATER WELLS. Acting Water Superintendent, with concurrence of City Manager and Director of Public Works, recommending that extra material be approved and that

Council accept the project and authorize payment of the 10% retention 35 days after acceptance. The extra material under Change Order No. 1 is in the amount of \$108.58 and the 10% retention is \$2,704.65 - Byron Jackson Pumps, Inc.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried as follows:

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

LIBRARY OPERATIONS:

21. RECOMMENDATION OF CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, Wm. J. Uerkwitz, Chairman, submitting recommendation re proposed Library bond issue.

The recommendation of the subcommittee is that the Council concur that the City Council and members thereof continue their active support of this measure and that the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement be granted permission to work for the passage of the bond measure in conjunction with the Library Commission.

Mayor Isen moved to concur in the entire recommendation stated and Councilman Miller seconded. There was no objection.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

23. REQUEST OF LANCO ENGINEERING FOR A TWELVE MONTH EXTENSION IN WHICH TO RECORD TRACT NO. 30376. Recommendation of approval by Director of Public Works, concurred in by City Manager.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the extension requested. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

24. REQUEST OF ENGINEERING SERVICE CORPORATION FOR A TWELVE MONTH EXTENSION IN WHICH TO RECORD TRACT NO. 28414. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, to grant request.

Councilman Beasley moved to grant the requested extension as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

25. CITY SEAL. Recommendation of City Manager re design.

The recommendation is that the Council authorize the City Manager to invite commercial artists to submit portfolios of their work; that the City Manager commission three to design and prepare submittals of a City seal for review by the Council and that the sum of \$200 each, or a total of \$600 be appropriated for this purpose.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur. Councilman Vico seconded. Roll call vote was:

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

A little later in the meeting there was further discussion of the City seal revision, but nothing was done to change the action above indicated.

26. CITIZEN COMPLAINT RE DOG ORDINANCE: The recommendation is to refer Dr. Volpicelli's request to the Planning Commission's Small Animal Subcommittee which is presently drafting a revision of the present ordinance.

Mayor Isen moved that the matter be referred as recommended. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and there was no objection.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE:

28. ORDINANCE NO. 1732 adding Section 6.17 to Article V of Chapter 6 of the Code in order to prohibit the entry upon private property by a Building official unless he has an order of Court.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1732

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
 ADDING SECTION 6.71 TO ARTICLE V OF CHAPTER 6 OF "THE
 CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT
 THE ENTRY UPON PRIVATE PROPERTY BY A BUILDING OFFICIAL
 UNLESS HE HAS AN ORDER OF COURT.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1732 at its second reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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City Manager Ferraro suggested that the December 6th meeting of the Council not be held because it will conflict with a National Municipal League of Cities. The December 27th meeting is traditionally not held because of the Christmas - New Year's week holidays.

Mayor Isen moved that the Council be dark as of those two days. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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27. FALK VS. CITY.

City Attorney Remelmeyer suggested there be an executive session at the end of this Council meeting to consider Falk vs. City.

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Public Works Director Nollac announced there would be no rubbish pickup on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and the schedule would be moved forward one day for the balance of the week; Thursday's schedule on Friday, etc.

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29. Councilman Beasley said a letter has been received from the Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Improvement by the InterCity Highway Committee asking that they be permitted to take part in the meetings of the latter. Mr. Beasley explained the committee structure and the reasons this would not be possible. However, he said in answer to Mr. Uerkwitz' question that a representative might attend as an auditor of the meetings.

30. Councilman Miller asked that some recognition be given to Norman Dow, a North High graduate who has made a great name for himself in UCLA football. He suggested a letter of commendation to the School principal and to Norman Dow for the tremendous effort he put forth and the recognition he has brought to his high school.

31. Councilman Olson referred to his former suggestion regarding the creation of a Cultural Arts Commission and a report on its feasibility from Management. He was very pleased with the resulting report which among other things pointed out that such a function might come very close to the purpose of other commissions in the City. Rather than creating a new commission at this time, Mr. Olson proposed that a seven member commission be established to study and make recommendations to the City Council on the cultural advantages in the arts and theatre, on a one-year trial basis. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded.

The art show at Joslyn Center was particularly praised by Councilman Olson, with its accompanying chamber music.

There was no objection and the motion carried.

32. Councilman Olson said he had received an inquiry from Mr. Gorman (the new financial center) asking how NO PARKING had been established on Carson west of Hawthorne. It has caused the many workers at the construction site to have to park in the mud. The developers are the sole owners of the property along this street and he wondered how the NO PARKING could be placed here. City Manager Ferraro said it is in connection with the Christmas shopping crisis.

33. Councilman Sciarrotta also had attended the Art Exhibit at Joslyn and proposed that a letter of commendation be written to Erika Muhl, with a copy to her Department Head in recognition of her excellent work. Mayor Isen so instructed the City Manager.

34. Mayor Isen reported that City Clerk Coil has been elected treasurer of the City Clerks of Southern California and asked that the record show the Council's congratulations.

35. Mayor Isen also asked whatever became of the investigation into some electronic method of recording Council votes and roll call. City Manager Ferraro said it had been estimated to cost around \$2,400. Mayor Isen asked that further investigation be made. He had attended a Redondo Beach Council meeting and liked the way the system works.

36. From the audience, Mr. John P. Brady of 22616 Juniper Avenue, came forward. He stated he is a property owner and tax payer and owns businesses within the City, one of which, South Bay Uniforms, 3126 West 182nd Street, was burglarized Election Day evening. There has not been proper follow-up on this robbery of firearms and police uniforms, Mr. Brady said, although according to an article in the Los Angeles Times, the Torrance Police Chief has volunteered men from his force to augment the Sheriff's staff in patrolling the Sunset Strip trouble area.

City Manager Ferraro asked that he be allowed to consult with Mr. Brady on this personnel matter and that was granted.

37. Mayor Isen announced the Council would adjourn to a closed executive session to gain advice from the City Attorney on the case of Falk vs. City. When that session has ended, the Council will return to Chambers for any further communications and/or adjournment.

The Council returned at 10:42 and City Attorney Remelmeyer recommended the Council approve the settlement of Falk vs. City and payment of \$287 plus interest at the legal rate, 7%, from the time the City first owed the money - plus costs, if demanded. Mayor Isen so moved; Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

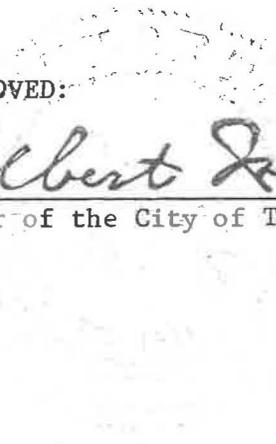
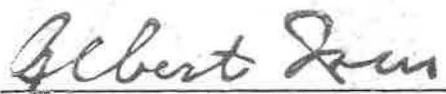
Mayor Isen further commented that this settlement is without any admission of any liability; merely settlement of a disputed claim.

The Council was regularly adjourned at 10:50 p.m.



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

APPROVED:

Mayor of the City of Torrance