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Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Torrance, California
January 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 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 3, 1967, 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, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Absent: Councilman Olson, for business reasons.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Miss Myra Gennetta, a South High graduate now attending El Camino College, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Reverend William J. Roleder, First Lutheran Church, opened the meeting with an invocation which was followed by one minute of silence dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Margaret Clark who passed away on December 28, 1966.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of December 13, 1966 and December 20, 1966. The motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there were no objections.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

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 Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

At this point City Manager Ferraro confirmed that Item #14 on the agenda, Classification Studies, would be requested withdrawn. There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

A brief explanation of Council procedure was given by Mayor Isen.

1. Council Minutes
January 3, 1967

ELECTION MATTERS

8. RESOLUTION NO. 67-1 declaring the result of the Special Municipal Election consolidated with the Statewide General Election held on November 8, 1966, together with City Clerk's Statement of Canvass dated January 3, 1967.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, RECITING THE FACT OF THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION HELD IN SAID CITY OF TORRANCE ON THE 8TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1966, DECLARING THE RESULT THEREOF AND SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS ARE PROVIDED BY LAW.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-1, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Councilman Olson.)

The Minute Secretary was directed to incorporate in the minutes of this meeting the Clerk's Certificate of Canvass and the full text of Exhibit "A" showing the results of the election, precinct by precinct.

The requested certificate and full text of Exhibit "A" are set forth on the pages immediately following.

CITY CLERK'S CERTIFICATE OF CANVASS OF SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION
CONSOLIDATED WITH THE STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON NOVEMBER 8, 1966

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF TORRANCE)

I, VERNON W. COIL, City Clerk of the City of Torrance, County of Los Angeles, State of California, duly authorized by Resolution No. 67-1, adopted by the City Council of said City on the 3rd day of January, 1967, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct Canvass of the Votes Cast For and Against Charter Amendment Measure "Z" for the Torrance City Special Municipal Election consolidated with the Statewide General Election held in the City of Torrance on November 8, 1966.

I further certify that the total vote for the City of Torrance Special Municipal Election is as follows:

<u>VOTE</u>	<u>ABSENTEE VOTE</u>	<u>TOTAL VOTE CAST</u>
48,277	826	49,103

I further certify that the following measure was submitted to the electors of said City, to wit:

CHARTER AMENDMENT "Z"

"Shall Section 1, Article VI of the Charter of the City of Torrance be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"Sec. 1. Elective Officers.

"The elective officers of the city shall be seven members of the city council, five members of the board of education, the city clerk and the city treasurer. No person shall be a candidate for more than one of said offices at any municipal election. The city council shall choose one of its members to act as mayor, who shall serve at the pleasure of the city council."

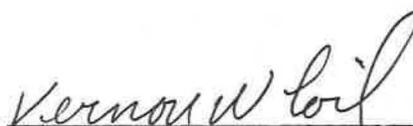
I further certify that the number of votes given at each precinct for and against the said measure is set forth in full in Exhibit "A" of Resolution No. 67-1 of the City Council of the City of Torrance, which exhibit consists of the Statement of Canvass of Benjamin S. Hite, Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters dated December 3, 1966, Pages 1, 2 and 3, and a Total Sheet, which exhibit is ordered spread forth in full in the minutes of the proceedings of the City Council at its January 3, 1967 meeting.

I further certify that the total of the votes cast on said Torrance City Charter Amendment Measure "Z" is as follows:

CHARTER AMENDMENT	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Z	15,086	29,407
Absentee Vote	<u>195</u>	<u>544</u>
Total Vote	15,281	29,951

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 3rd day of January, 1967.

Seal


VERNON W. COIL, City Clerk of the
City of Torrance, California

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
CALIFORNIA

GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 8, 1966

TORRANCE CITY SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

PRECINCTS	Z								TOTAL VOTE CAST
	METHOD OF ELECTING THE MAYOR								
	YES	NO							
TORRANCE CITY 98	42	144							189
TORRANCE CITY 99	38	112							162
TORRANCE CITY 100	50	100							157
TORRANCE CITY 101	86	74							189
TORRANCE CITY 102	66	130							204
TORRANCE CITY 103	79	52							155
TORRANCE CITY 104	68	120							192
TORRANCE CITY 105	68	105							190
TORRANCE CITY 106	83	136							237
TORRANCE CITY 107	79	130							220
TORRANCE CITY 108	113	120							240
TORRANCE CITY 109	26	130							164
TORRANCE CITY 110	56	108							180
TORRANCE CITY 111	63	99							172
TORRANCE CITY 112	53	120							182
TORRANCE CITY 113	39	143							189
TORRANCE CITY 114	57	174							238
TORRANCE CITY 115	70	99							191
TORRANCE CITY 116	74	102							192
TORRANCE CITY 117	70	111							203
TORRANCE CITY 118	97	95							213
TORRANCE CITY 119	55	144							214
TORRANCE CITY 120	42	114							173
TORRANCE CITY 121	98	141							253
TORRANCE CITY 122	56	129							194
TORRANCE CITY 123	63	142							213
TORRANCE CITY 124	82	134							227
TORRANCE CITY 125	53	159							223
TORRANCE CITY 126	50	142							206
TORRANCE CITY 127	69	105							194
TORRANCE CITY 128	62	148							226
TORRANCE CITY 129	69	128							220
TORRANCE CITY 130	72	78							185
TORRANCE CITY 131	67	134							210
TORRANCE CITY 132	81	183							269
TORRANCE CITY 133	73	129							217
TORRANCE CITY 134	51	124							181
TORRANCE CITY 135	63	137							212
TORRANCE CITY 136	64	134							209
TORRANCE CITY 137	56	140							211
TORRANCE CITY 138	63	163							243
TORRANCE CITY 139	64	121							202
TORRANCE CITY 140	102	128							264
TORRANCE CITY 141	59	114							184
TORRANCE CITY 142	56	146							214
TORRANCE CITY 143	57	129							203
TORRANCE CITY 144	52	110							182
TORRANCE CITY 145	87	101							196
TORRANCE CITY 146	63	152							223
TORRANCE CITY 147	103	161							286
TORRANCE CITY 148	62	118							190
TORRANCE CITY 149	49	97							159
TORRANCE CITY 150	69	123							204
TORRANCE CITY 151	57	129							206
TORRANCE CITY 152	60	158							228
TORRANCE CITY 153	51	142							212
TORRANCE CITY 154	77	124							221
TORRANCE CITY 155	64	119							192
TORRANCE CITY 156	41	127							179
TORRANCE CITY 157	61	134							207
TORRANCE CITY 158	41	135							198
TORRANCE CITY 159	60	111							180
TORRANCE CITY 160	59	114							190
TORRANCE CITY 161	76	142							227
TORRANCE CITY 162	58	171							240
TORRANCE CITY BOARD 1 163	56	64							151
TORRANCE CITY BOARD 2 163	59	83							177
TORRANCE CITY 164	59	125							207
TORRANCE CITY 165	73	117							197
TORRANCE CITY 166	34	125							169
TORRANCE CITY 167	86	130							245
TORRANCE CITY 168	88	120							220
TORRANCE CITY 169	68	154							235
TORRANCE CITY 170	68	127							200
TORRANCE CITY 171	73	116							212
TORRANCE CITY 172	41	96							139
TORRANCE CITY 173	73	153							246
TORRANCE CITY 174	78	131							220
TORRANCE CITY 175	74	128							208
TORRANCE CITY 176	64	127							209
TORRANCE CITY 177	51	118							183
TORRANCE CITY 178	74	122							214
TORRANCE CITY BOARD 1 179	54	99							168
TORRANCE CITY BOARD 2 179	38	87							143
TORRANCE CITY 180	62	122							206
TORRANCE CITY 181	62	84							158
TORRANCE CITY 182	91	148							263
TORRANCE CITY 183	61	131							210
TORRANCE CITY 184	54	94							164
TORRANCE CITY 185	49	110							183
TORRANCE CITY 186	95	188							296
TORRANCE CITY 187	70	127							205
TORRANCE CITY 188	74	117							200
TORRANCE CITY BOARD 1 189	73	74							178
TORRANCE CITY BOARD 2 189	42	74							139
TORRANCE CITY 190	65	132							216
TORRANCE CITY 191	61	122							208
TORRANCE CITY 192	73	132							221
TORRANCE CITY 193	57	102							175
TORRANCE CITY 194	77	107							212

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9. RESOLUTION authorizing the destruction of certain election records pursuant to California Election Laws.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-2

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO DESTROY CERTAIN ELECTION RECORDS PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA ELECTION LAWS.

Councilman Miller moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-2 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Councilman Olson.)

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

10. AWARD OF CONTRACT-IMPROVEMENT OF SEPULVEDA BLVD. 500 FT. WEST OF ARLINGTON AVENUE BY THE INSTALLATION OF 46.26 FT. OF CURB, GUTTER, SIDEWALK AND DRIVEWAY APPROACH. Recommendation of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager that the contract be awarded to C.A. RUGGLES at \$368.28 and all other bids be rejected.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Councilman Olson.)

11. AWARD OF CONTRACT-IMPROVEMENT OF INTERSECTION OF CRENSHAW BOULEVARD AND 235TH STREET, B66-84. Recommendation of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager that contract be awarded to STEINY AND MITCHEL, INC. at \$20,600.50 upon receipt of the private developers' share and costs.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Councilman Olson.)

12. AWARD OF CONTRACT-IMPROVEMENT OF CARSON STREET FROM GRAMERCY AVENUE TO ARLINGTON AVENUE BY INSTALLATION OF STORM DRAINS AND STREET PAVING B66-70. Recommendation of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager that (1) contract be awarded to YOUNG & ASSOCIATES, INC. at \$21,350.08, and (2) that an additional \$3,000 be appropriated from 186.1 Gas Tax Funds.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. His motion was seconded by Councilman Miller, and carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Councilman Olson.)

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

13. NOTICE OF COMPLETION-STORM DRAIN IN HAWTHORNE BLVD. (WEST SIDE) APPROXIMATELY 195 FT. TO 430 FT. SOUTH OF 226TH ST. (B66-61). Recommendation of Director of Public Works with concurrence of City Manager that Council accept the work on the subject improvement, and final payment be made to the contractor in the bid amount of \$3,989.58. The project is funded by appropriations of \$2,500.00 and \$3,000.00 from Drainage District 7A and 186.1 Gas Tax Funds, respectively,

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation as stated and Councilman Vico seconded. Roll call vote was as follows:

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

PERSONNEL MATTERS:

14. CLASSIFICATION STUDIES: Recommendations approved by Civil Service Commission and reports on Classification Studies.

This item withdrawn from the agenda.

FISCAL MATTERS:

15. BUDGETED EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$300. Finance Director submitting for Council approval budgeted and reimbursable expenditures in excess of \$300.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve the following 11 items:

1. \$492.49 to Western Highway Products for the purchase of thirty-one (31) traffic control signs to be used by the Traffic and Lighting Department.

2. \$562.45 to Lawless Diesel Inc. of San Pedro for the overhaul of the diesel engine from City Bus #333. Lawless Diesel Inc. is the only General Motors Corporation industrial distributor in Los Angeles to perform factory overhaul work and they are authorized to stock GMC diesel parts for distribution on the wholesale level.

3. \$1852.91 to Western Water Works Supply Company for the purchase of 2520 feet of 1" copper tubing to be used by the Water Department for stocking at the City Yard and used as needed for water service.

4. \$423.80 to Blinker-Lite Supply Company for the purchase of fifty (50) barricade flasher units to be used by the Street Department during street maintenance work.

5. \$1101.10 to Long Beach Uniform for the purchase of nineteen (19) turnout coats, sixteen pair of pants, and fifteen (15) pair of boots for new personnel and for the replacement of worn gear within the Fire Department.

6. \$433.86 to Oranco Supply Company for the purchase of 900 feet of 2" schedule 80 PVC pipe. This pipe is to be used for installing a sprinkler system on the parkway on Crenshaw from 177th to 179th Street.

7. \$490.37 to the Kirst Pump and Machine Works to repair one of our Fairbanks-Morse water pumps and electric motors. The Kirst Pump and Machine Works Company is the only authorized factory repair depot for Fairbanks-Morse pumps in the Los Angeles area. This pump is critical in that it maintains water pressure necessary for home water consumption and firefighting capabilities. It is imperative that only first-class repair service be exposed to this unit.

8. \$364.00 to the Best Van and Storage Company for the purchase of one (1) only meter vault 5' x 10' x 68" to be used for the Standard Brands water service here in the City of Torrance. Other bids received were: \$488.38 from the Brooks Products, Inc. These are the only known companies making meter vaults of this size and configuration.

9. \$306.85 to the Econolite Corporation for the purchase of equipment to repair a signal at 190th and Crenshaw and to upgrade the signal at Torrance Boulevard and Madrona. This is a factory-direct purchase.

10. \$501.28 to Western Water Works Supply Company for the purchase of one hundred (100) 1" corporate stops, which is an item that is used to tap off of the main line to install water services where needed.

11. \$420.16 to Coast Visual Education Company for the purchase of two (2) only indoor/outdoor public address systems to be used by the Recreation Department at McMaster and Walteria Parks. Presently there are no public address systems at either of these parks and they are needed to conduct recreational programs.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and roll call vote was as follows:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

16. PARK DEPARTMENT'S AMENDED REQUEST FOR HOLDING AND STORAGE AREA AT CORNER OF MADISON STREET AND PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY ON THE AIRPORT. Airport Manager and Airport Commission, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting for approval.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation for approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Councilman Olson.)

17. PARK DEPARTMENT'S REQUEST FOR "TURF FARM" IN WEST CLEAR ZONE. Airport Manager and Airport Commission, with concurrence of City Manager, submitting their recommendation for approval.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation for approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote. (Absent: Councilman Olson.)

FIRE OPERATIONS:

18. ORDINANCE enlarging the scope of Fire Zone #2 within the City of Torrance.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1739

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 12.74 OF CHAPTER 12 OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" ENTITLED "C-1 AND C-2 ZONED PROPERTY" AND SUBSTITUTING A NEW SECTION 12.74 THEREFOR ENTITLED "COMMERCIAL FIRE ZONE" TO INCLUDE ALL COMMERCIAL PROPERTY IN FIRE ZONE NUMBER TWO.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1739 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Olson.)

WATER SYSTEM:

19. ENDORSEMENT OF WEST BASIN WATER ASSOCIATION STATEMENTS RE: THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT WATER PRICING POLICY.

This item withdrawn from the agenda.

REAL PROPERTY:20. PROPOSED SANITARY LANDFILL PROJECT

Public Works Council Committee's recommendation re: proposed sanitary landfill project.

Mr. Joe Penick, Manager of Mobil Oil Company, who resides at 5224 Middle Crest Road, Rolling Hills, was in attendance to speak, first, on behalf of Mobil Oil regarding the 42-acre parcel of property under consideration and that they are not now nor have they been seeking to sell this property; secondly, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce who have asked their Industrial Development Committee to make a study of the subject proposal, and for this purpose Mr. Penick requested a 90-day deferment on this matter.

Mayor Isen favored the requested 90-day deferment but objected to the expense of the recommended qualified appraiser, feeling that a projection could be made by a local industrial realtor who could furnish a letter of appraisal as a public service. Mayor Isen also indicated that some declaration of intention regarding the proposed development of this property from Mobil Oil would be welcome.

It was the feeling of Councilman Miller that this matter is in appraisal stage only, as a result of a Council committee study, with no other immediate action contemplated, and felt that the established procedures regarding appraisals and assembling of facts should be followed in this case. City Attorney Remelmeyer was in agreement with Councilman Miller in that an appraisal would be imperative before any financial conclusions could be drawn.

Councilman Lyman endorsed a professional appraiser but was in agreement with the requested 90-day deferment for the Chamber study; and MOVED that any action on this matter be deferred for a period of ninety days. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico.

There was discussion prior to the roll call vote:

Councilman Vico expressed approval of the deferment, as evidenced by his second to the motion; however, in his opinion, an appraisal could be made by local talent rather than a professional arrangement.

The recommendation of the Council committee is a good one, stated Councilman Sciarrotta, and he is not opposed to that recommendation but it will be just as good three months from now as it is today.

Councilman Beasley stated that the proposed sanitary landfill project depends upon whether or not it will be economically feasible and worthwhile for the City to attempt such an undertaking. Such a report from a qualified appraiser would take even more than 90 days, and Mr. Beasley favored proceeding with such qualified appraisal, with the Chamber study to be considered at the same time, and then determine at that time the value of the entire project.

Roll call vote on Councilman Lyman's motion that any action on this matter be deferred for a period of ninety days was as follows:

AYES: COUNCILMEN: Lyman, Sciarrotta, Vico,
and Mayor Isen.
NOES: COUNCILMEN: Beasley,
Miller (as part of his recommendation).
ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Olson..

Mr. E.W. Sullivan, Assistant General Manager, Torrance Chamber of Commerce, stated at this point that the primary concern of the Chamber is the removal of 42 acres of industrial land from the tax rolls which has prompted the request for the study by the Industrial Development Committee.

At 6:10 P.M., on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, the meeting was adjourned for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency meeting; the motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there was no objection. The Council resumed its deliberations at 6:13 P.M.

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21. HILLWORTH BORROW PIT - RESOLUTION providing for the execution of an Agreement with Advanced Foundation Engineering for Geological and Soil Tests of Hillworth Borrow Pit.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST THAT CERTAIN AGREEMENT DATED JANUARY 4, 1967, BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND ADVANCED FOUNDATION ENGINEERING INCORPORATED, FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR CONDUCTING GEOLOGICAL AND SOIL TESTS OF THE BORROW PIT ON HILLWORTH AVENUE.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-3, and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried as follows:

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

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

22. BY-LAWS - CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE. Citizens' Advisory Committee submitting proposed amendment to the By-Laws together with recommendation and brief synopsis of the Assistant City Manager.

There was discussion regarding the attendance problems of this 23-member Committee, and it was agreed that it could best be served by the insertion of the word "or" in the By-Laws, as follows: "Article VI, Section V. If a member does not attend three consecutive regular monthly meetings, unless excused by the Executive Committee, his membership shall automatically terminate OR when a member has been absent from two regular monthly meetings in any six-month period, his attendance record be reviewed by the Executive Subcommittee and determination of termination or continuance be decided by the Executive Subcommittee."

Councilman Sciarrotta so moved; his motion was seconded by Mayor Isen, and there were no objections.

23. RELEASE OF SUBDIVISION BOND- TRACT NO. 30069, BOND #203765 - \$11,00. - SUBDIVIDER: PALOS VERDES INVESTMENT COMPANY. Recommendation of Director of Public Works, with concurrence of City Manager, that subject bond be released.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved that the subject bond be released. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Olson.)

24. Minor Modifications of Variances.

City Attorney Remelmeyer clarified the recommendations of the City Manager, City Attorney, and Planning Director contained in their letter of December 30th regarding relief from the variance procedure for the Foods Company Market, and that the City Council place in effect immediately a policy interpretation which would permit

variance modifications in accordance with such informal procedure and that the City Attorney be directed to prepare an appropriate ordinance substituting the City Council for the Planning Commission as the determining body, to be submitted in the near future.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur with the above recommendation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Olson.)

Mr. Schwartz, Foods Company Market, 17500 South Crenshaw, was present to state that it was his understanding that permission had also been given by the City Council for the market wall at the subject location to extend the entire length of the property encompassing the parking lot. Director of Public Works Nollac advised that the license agreement as it was prepared was prepared to give the market property the right to use only that portion immediately behind the Foods Company market. It was unanimously agreed by the Council that the true intent of the Council action was that the wall encompass the entire length of the property, and the City Attorney was so instructed to amend the license agreement.

A further problem requiring clarification presented by Mr. Schwartz was the planting of trees promised the Torrance Beautiful Commission which now interfere with the sidewalk required by the Engineering Department. The Council expressed great confidence in the ability of the Director of Public Works to work this out in a satisfactory manner.

25. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 24874 - Subdivider: R.G. Garland Corporation; Engineer: Lanco Engineering; No. of Lots - 6; Location: Southwest corner of Van Ness and 166th Street. Recommendation: That subject final tract map be approved.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of approval. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. (Absent: Councilman Olson.)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

26. City Manager Ferraro reported on the gratitude expressed by concerns in the Del Amo Shopping Center area for the outstanding traffic control during the holiday shopping season.

27. Chief Koenig reported on more complimentary correspondence on the holiday traffic control. Further, that the Council approval of the exchange program with the City of Alameda had had a wonderful response from the press.

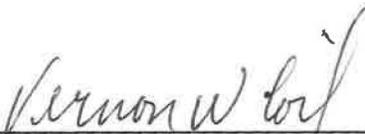
28. Councilman Beasley also lauded the above mentioned control of traffic at the Del Amo Shopping Center, and reported on his personal observance of the effectiveness of the measures taken by the City. A less desirable situation at Hawthorne and Pacific Coast Highway minus north and south left turn signals, however, was reported by Councilman Beasley who requested that the Traffic Engineering Department make a study on the feasibility of installing the necessary signalization.

29. "The Torrance March" composed by a Guatemalan musician for presentation to the City was reported by Councilman Sciarrotta, with a meeting scheduled for January 6th to work out the details.

30. A civic celebration on the occasion of the official installation of the left turn signals at Hawthorne and Torrance Boulevards was recommended by Mayor Isen.

31. The generous contribution of \$100.00 by Seaboard Finance to the "Friends of the Library" program was reported by Mayor Isen. The donation was prompted by the opening of their 1000th branch office with a paper money ribbon cutting ceremony, with a designated charity receiving the money. Councilman Sciarrotta moved that a letter of thanks go forward to Seaboard Finance; his motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman, and there were no objections.
32. The Library program was further discussed by Mayor Isen who recommended that consideration be given by management, the Library Commission, and the City Council to postponing the bond issue to the June ballot to permit the proper groundwork and dissemination of information. Clarification was made that the names for the proposed Ad Hoc Committee for the Library Bond should be submitted by the Library Commission for consideration by the Council, with appointment to be made by the City Council.
33. John Kirkpatrick, Torrance City Employees' Association, requested a copy of the salary survey conducted by management and recently submitted to the Council. There was no objection, and it was so ordered.
34. Mr. Larry Bowman, 22806 Eriel, representing the Chamber of Commerce who propose a study be made of the City Charter by a citizens' group. Studies already underway - primarily with the League of Women Voters - were reviewed, as well as the form such a study should take were discussed at some length; it was unanimously agreed that this matter be held for one week for study.
35. Mrs. Betty Hester, 5033 Scott Street, stated that she wished to present a petition of approval for three dogs housed in her neighborhood. City Manager Ferraro explained that this would require a variance and a hearing before the Planning Commission and the proper procedure was explained to Mrs. Hester.

Councilman Beasley moved to adjourn at 7:05 P.M. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vico, and there was no objection.



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

APPROVED:



 Mayor of the City of Torrance