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Torrance, California
November 21, 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 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, November 21, 1967, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

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

3. FLAG SALUTE:

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Nate Gassman, Sales Manager of Red Devil Fireworks Company, led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Mr. Henry Moreau, First Church of Christ, Scientist, opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held November 14th was held until next meeting, the Councilmen having just received their copies.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

Councilman Beasley moved all regularly audited bills be paid. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta 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 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.

Mayor Isen commented on the mode of procedure of Council meetings for the benefit of the audience.

PRESENTATIONS:

8. Presentation of permaplaque resolution expressing appreciation to Pat Moriarity of the Red Devil Fireworks Company.

The success of the past Armed Forces Day observances has been due in large measure to the generosity of Pat Moriarity and the Red Devil Fireworks Company in donating the fireworks for the celebration the evening preceding the parade. Mayor Isen expressed the appreciation of the Council and the Community to Mr. Moriarity by the presentation of perma plaque resolution No. 67-237.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

9. TENTATIVE TRACT MAP NO. 23394, 5 lots, R-1 zone, Subdivider, Bradford Investment Company; Engineer, Lanco Engineering. Located between 235th Place and 236th Street, approximately 300 feet easterly of Arlington Avenue. Recommended for approval by the Planning Commission subject to conditions.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard; there was no response. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing; Councilman Lyman seconded and there was no objection.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval with all conditions; Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

10. PROPOSED RESOLUTION re Preice Plan 67-5, Danalou, Inc.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-256

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A PRECISE PLAN AS PROVIDED FOR IN DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE 2 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY DANALOU INCORPORATED IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. PP 67-5.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-256 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

11. PROPOSED RESOLUTION approving Variance 67-15, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-257

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 4, ARTICLE 1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR BY ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V67-15.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-257; his motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

12. PROPOSED RESOLUTION approving Variance 67-17, Gloria C. Eubanks.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-258

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE FROM THE PROVISIONS OF DIVISION 9, CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE 7 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, AS APPLIED FOR IN PLANNING COMMISSION CASE NO. V 67-17 - GLORIA C. EUBANKS.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-258 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. COMMUNICATION FROM PLANNING DIRECTOR RE WECHSLER PROPERTY, corner of Artesia Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue.

A communication marked A under Informational items deals with this same subject. Mayor Isen said this is a matter which was to have been held for the November 28th meeting, but he believed a possible solution would be to permit the area where the gas station is to go in to remain at its present zoning and the balance of the property to the edge of the Wechsler property could be zoned C-R which would require as each part of the property is developed, that a wall be constructed and the alley easement be dedicated.

Councilman Miller did not believe this was pertinent; his concern is as to whether it is a good zoning or not. Planning Director Shartle commented that the Planning Department at one time recommended C-R for this.

Mayor Isen instructed the City Attorney to again attempt to contact Mr. Wechsler and impress upon him the importance of appearing at the next Council meeting where this matter will again be considered. Councilman Talbert asked also that City Attorney Remelmeyer determine if it is possible to record some document which would make a potential buyer aware of the conditions which would be required of him in a case such as here exists.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS:

14. PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF ILLINOIS COURT SOUTH OF 182nd STREET. Recommendation of Public Works Director, with concurrence of City Manager that Council approve and adopt attached resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-259

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO VACATE A PORTION OF ILLINOIS COURT SOUTH OF 182ND STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE: FIXING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING THEREON AND PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-259 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

15. ACCEPTANCE OF FUTURE STREET, PORTION OF LOT 9, TRACT 18962, 188th Street. Recommendation of Public Works Director with concurrence of City Manager that City Council approve and adopt attached resolution.

Public Works Director Nollac said this should be considered in connection with:

34. FINAL TRACT MAP NO. 21205, Subdivider, R. G. Garland. Recommendation of Public Works Director and Planning Director with concurrence of

City Manager that subject final tract map be approved.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in approval as recommended. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

As to Item 15, at the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-260

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING FOR PUBLIC STREET PURPOSES, A PORTION OF LOT 9 OF TRACT NO. 18962 AND NAMING SAID LOT "188th STREET".

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-260 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

16. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION re study of Van Ness Avenue.

The Council noted the recommendation and there was no objection to referring it to the City Manager for study and report.

17. CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION re Prairie Avenue Extension.

There was no objection to referring this to the City Manager for study and report.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

18. NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION OF SANITARY SEWERS IN 230th PLACE BETWEEN ARLINGTON AVENUE AND PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE B67-44; Job No. 63046. Recommendation of Public Works Director that Council accept the work and that final payment be made to the contractor, J. H. Waddell in the amount of \$4,980.40.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur as to both phases of the recommendation stated; Councilman Talbert seconded and roll call vote was:

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

19. DRAINAGE FACILITY AT PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY EAST OF CRENSHAW BLVD. Recommendation of Public Works Director that \$3,500 be appropriated from 186.1 Gas Tax Funds for the referenced project.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur and so appropriate. Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was:

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

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

20. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE TWO HOUR PARKING ON VISTA DEL MAR, south side, between Elena Avenue and Pacific Coast Highway.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-261

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 38, ARTICLE III, OF RESOLUTION NO. 64-116 WHICH ESTABLISHES TWO HOUR PARKING.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-261 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

21. CLAIM OF SANDRA L. McGUIRE against the City for damages allegedly sustained as the result of vehicle collision with employee Robert Hill at the parking lot in front of 4519 Sepulveda on November 8, 1967. Recommendation of City Clerk that said claim be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to deny and refer the claim to the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

22. AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR STREET SWEEPER, B67-51, 1967-68 BUDGET. Recommendation of Finance Director with concurrence of Sanitation Superintendent to award contract to Mobile Sweeper Division of American Hoist Co. in the amount of \$12,403.15.

Councilman Beasley moved to so award the contract and reject all other bids. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

23. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve the following listed expenditures:

BUDGETED:

1. \$1,262.10 to Jumbo Equipment Company for two only 3/4 ton pickup truck utility bodies needed by the Water Department for trucks already on order.

2. Raingear: (a) \$415.59 to Dickson Safety Products for 16 sets of polyvinyl-chloride raingear suits and 18 pair of short boots for the Police Department and 10 pairs of safety toe boots for the Sanitation Department. (b) \$1,053.10 to M. L. Snyder and Son for 48 sets of neoprene on nylon rainsuits and 58 pairs of rain boots requested by Building Maintenance, Traffic and Lighting, Street, Sanitation, Park, Garage, Airport and Water Departments.

3. \$2,826.81 to Keenan Pipe and Supply Co. for 21 only Reznor infra-red overhead heaters (rated at 45000 BTU's each) requested by Building Maintenance to be installed at the City Yard.

REIMBURSEABLE ITEMS:

4. \$432.60 to Hersey-Sparling Meter Co. for one only six inch water flow check detector to L.A. City design requested by the Water Department for Butler Buick Water Service.

SPECIAL CATEGORY - LIBRARY BOOKS:

5. \$1,566.13 to Perc B. Sapsis, Inc. for 372 adult and juvenile non-fiction books requested by the City Librarian.

Councilman Beasley's motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried as follows:

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

AIRPORT MATTERS:

24. RECOMMENDATION FROM AIRPORT MANAGER RE REMOVAL OF STRUCTURES from the clear zone and completion of FAA Project 9-04-123-03.

The recommendation is that the City Council authorize and direct the Airport Manager to execute to completion the program outlined in the material which was attached to the agenda.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation. Councilman Lyman seconded and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

25. Airport Manager RE. BUILDING CONTRACTORS letter dated November 16, 1967 - expediting for T-hangar leases.

Mayor Isen said this matter has been referred to the Airport Committee of the Council for a report.

Mr. Bill Ronshausen, 15433 Hawthorne Boulevard, Lawndale (Phone 679-0341) is to be furnished with a copy of the report when it is forthcoming. Councilman Talbert said the Committee will be meeting within the next week.

PARK AND RECREATION MATTERS:

26. PROPOSED RESOLUTION RE LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH EDISON COMPANY:

Mayor Isen suggested there be added, in the agreement, after the words "Little League" the words "or other youth Baseball projects" on page 3, specifying Colt League, Pony League and others. Also, on page 1, there should be a provision to the effect of "and renewed as provided herein"; otherwise the time element would seem ambiguous.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-262

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 LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY WITH REFERENCE TO THE LOMITA SUBSTATION SITE SOUTH OF THE INTERSECTION OF WEST 235th STREET AND ELM STREET IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-262 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Recreation Director Van Bellehem commented on the generous offer of the Edison Company and the great need for the park and recreation advantages it will supply. City Manager Ferraro said through cooperation of Don Wilson and R. A. Watt, the City can use the access alley from Crenshaw Boulevard. 21.6 acres are involved. Mr. Van Bellehem was instructed to write a letter expressing thanks.

27 and 27A will be considered toward the end of the agenda in deference to some people who wish to be present.

28. TORRANCE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT: The recommendation is to extend the bus contract commencing November 15, 1967 and ending November 14, 1968.

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

FIRE OPERATIONS:

29. PROPOSED RESOLUTION of City Council re organization of County Fire Protection District.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-263

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, MAKING APPLICATION FOR A CHANGE OF ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROVIDING FOR DETACHMENT FROM SAID DISTRICT OF THAT TERRITORY DESIGNATED "HENRY NO. 2", ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF TORRANCE ON OCTOBER 15, 1963.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-263 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

WATER SYSTEM:

30. REQUEST OF MR. GARCIA TO PARTICIPATE IN A WATER MAIN EXTENSION USING WATER REVOLVING FUND MONEY: Acting Water Superintendent recommending the use of Water Revolving Fund money to install a six-inch water line in Hawthorne Boulevard, from 236th Street, and all work to be performed by Department crews.

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation; Councilman Talbert seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

31. TORRANCE ROTARY CLUB PROJECT: Communication from Director of Recreation re completion of Pueblo Community Center.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-264

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING GRATEFUL APPRECIATION TO THE TORRANCE ROTARY CLUB FOR THEIR DONATION OF VOLUNTEER TIME AND MONEY TOWARD THE REMODELING OF THE PUEBLO COMMUNITY CENTER.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-264 in perma plaque form. 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.

32. TORRANCE YOUTH BANDS AGREEMENT: PROPOSED RESOLUTION.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-265

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 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND THE TORRANCE AREA YOUTH BANDS, INC., FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1967-68.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-265 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Miller, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

33. RELEASE OF BOND ON TRACT NO. 24874, Subdivider, R. G. Garland Corp. Recommendation of Public Works Director, with concurrence of City Manager that subject bond be released.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to concur in the recommendation to release Bond No. NB 45 14 18 in the amount of \$7,150. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

35. RELEASE OF BOND TO GUARANTEE THE REMOVAL OF FOUR MODEL HOMES IN TRACT NO. 28414, Subdivider, Don Wilson Builders. Recommendation of Public Works Director and Building and Safety Director, with concurrence of City Manager that Bond No. 544462 in the amount of \$10,000 be released.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur; Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

36. STREET EASEMENT FOR WIDENING SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD FROM AT&SF Railway Company. Recommendation of Public Works Director, with concurrence of City Manager, that City Council adopt the attached resolution.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-266

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ACCEPTING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY THAT CERTAIN EASEMENT DEED FROM THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY FOR WIDENING SEPULVEDA BOULEVARD.

Councilman Talbert moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-266 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

SECOND READING ORDINANCE:

37. ORDINANCE NO. 1823:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1823

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING SECTION 37.2.15 ENTITLED "FINDINGS OF DETRIMENT," SECTION 37.2.16 ENTITLED "EXCLUDED STREETS", AND SECTION 37.2.17 ENTITLED "LICENSE FEE" TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT PARADES ON CERTAIN STREETS AND TO REQUIRE A LICENSE FEE FOR ALL PARADES.

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1823 at its second reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

38. ORDINANCE NO. 1824:

This is the ordinance to correct an error in Ordinance No. 1796 regarding the alley and masonry wall on the Wechsler property and Mayor Isen suggested it might be well to postpone the second reading until next week. Councilman Sciarrotta so moved and Councilman Beasley seconded. There was no objection.

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Councilman Sciarrotta moved to recess as City Council in order to hold the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley, and there was no objection. The Council returned to its agenda at 6:05 and took a general recess until 6:19 p.m.

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39. FINANCING MEADOW PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA ESCROWS:

This is a communication from City Manager Ferraro to recommend implementation of the Council approved policy to provide funds for completing the escrows, with a tabulation of sources from which they are to be taken, pending availability of federal funds.

Councilman Beasley expressed his opinion that if an energetic effort were made by the proper parties, this money could be forthcoming from the Federal government. Councilman Lyman suggested that a delegation from the Council go to San Francisco and make a further attempt to resolve the obligation. The City is obligated to repay in any event. Mayor Isen, too, commented on the bad faith shown by the government in reneging on its contract. It is a good project, but the City is faced with a serious dilemma. He proposed delaying whichever of the escrows could be delayed, at least until after the Court hearing next Friday in the case initiated by Mrs. Shelbourn and Mr. Mosley.

Councilman Beasley asked if a copy of the letter sent to the representatives was also sent to Mr. Weaver. If not, he asked that one be sent and also one to Vice President Humphrey and Mayor Isen added President Johnson.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to postpone this matter for two weeks. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley. However, Deputy Executive Director Irwin said two of these 11 escrows are cases of dire hardship of elderly people and the amount is around \$100,000.

Mayor Isen suggested getting Congressman King and perhaps the Vice President on a telephone conference.

The two hardship cases were designated as those of William R. Ferguson and William J. Swanson. Mayor Isen asked that all names in the resolution be stricken except those of Ferguson and Swanson and at his request City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-267

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY FROM WILLIAM R. FERGUSON AND W. J. SWANSON IN THE MEADOW PARK URBAN RENEWAL AREA.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-267 and his motion seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote. The resolution as it applies to, or in its original version, would have applied to other parcels and their owners will be continued until a later Council meeting, on motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, there being no objection. There will be a tabulation and indication of proper priorities as to these, and the time set was two weeks from this meeting, December 5, 1967.

39A. City Manager Ferraro announced that Mr. Farrar of AT&SF Railway Company has retired. The City has had considerable dealings with Mr. Farrar in the past.

40. City Attorney Remelmeyer distributed copies of a communication and proposed ordinance levying a real property transfer tax on real estate transactions in the City of Torrance. This proposed legislation is occasioned by the enactment of Senate Bill 837 authorizing cities and counties to do this to replace the present Federal tax which will terminate on January 1, 1968. Mr. Remelmeyer explained it along the lines of his communication and the recommendation of the City Manager attached thereto. Mr. Remelmeyer said it is important that this ordinance be adopted, but it can be done at any time before January 1, 1968. Because of the presentation of an emergency ordinance as well as a regular ordinance, for first reading, he felt it better to do so as soon as possible.

Councilman Vico said some time should be allowed to study the legislation which was just handed to the councilmen tonight. Councilman Miller also asked for a week to study it. The ordinance is in form recommended by the League of California Cities and the net effect is merely whether Torrance would share in the revenue, or it would all go to the County which has passed such legislation.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1826

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 24 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, IMPOSING A DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX ON THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading as to Ordinance No. 1826. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1826 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote, except for Councilman Vico who voted "No." Councilman Miller

qualified his vote by stating he wishes to have the right to change his opinion, not on this emergency ordinance, but on the regular one at its second reading.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1827

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING CHAPTER 24 TO THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE, IMPOSING A DOCUMENTARY STAMP TAX ON THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1827. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1827 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: Vico.

Councilman Miller repeated his reservation as to this ordinance.

The Council requested of City Attorney Remelmeyer an entire report on this matter.

27 and 27A. CITY COUNCIL BUS COMMITTEE REPORT on offer of SCR TD to purchase Torrance Municipal bus system.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur as to the recommendation which lists six specific actions for implementation. Councilman Lyman seconded.

The specific actions are:

1. Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the bill of sale, the assignment of contracts and the purchase agreement.
2. To concur with the City Manager's recommendation regarding the position of Jailer. This provides that six civilian jailers would be authorized for six months of this fiscal year instead of the three previously authorized for eight months. No additional appropriation is required.
3. Authorize necessary on-the-job training for bus operators transferred to positions with which they are unfamiliar.
4. Authorize payment in cash of unused sick leave to those bus operators who chose to transfer to the RTD. This will cost \$3,649.00.
5. Authorize payment of future general salary increases to all Y-rated bus operators.
6. Authorize giving such Y-rated bus operators future privilege for comparable jobs if they can be transferred thereto.

As to subparagraph 6, the word "privilege" in the second line should be changed to "preference", Councilman Talbert pointed out. It was agreed this was an inadvertent error. The word should be "preference". Any transfers would be under Civil Service rules and regulations but the bus operators who choose to stay with the City would be given preference toward transfer if they met the requirements.

There is no accurate figure on sick leave pay at this time. Twelve of the present employees plan to go to SCRTD, leaving nine with the City. Each man has been interviewed. Civil Service Commission has said that if the job a bus operator wants is at higher pay, he would have to take a regular civil service examination to qualify for it; if the pay were equal, or lower, he could be transferred. For instance, as to Jailer, they would have to take the examination.

Mayor Isen reminded the Council and staff of the lawsuit which has just been settled, or is being settled, involving blanketing in City employees. Now this appears to be the same situation; other employees of the City would not be given the opportunity to compete. Mr. Scharfman said to his knowledge, nothing here recommended would be in violation of the Civil Service rules. Councilman Miller said he wants a legal opinion on this. Mayor Isen said he is not going to "buy" a transaction whereby employees in lower classes would not be able to compete for these higher paying positions.

All these intricate details do not have to be determined at this meeting, according to Mr. Remelmeyer. If any of the bus operators do not comply with the regulations, it will be necessary to handle each one separately; he is not acquainted with the individual personnel qualifications.

Mr. Sam Hunegs said his association had been assured everything would be done according to Civil Service regulations and now this does not seem to hold true; everything is up in the air again.

Councilman Beasley protested that all this has nothing to do with the wording of his motion - which was to approve the report of the Committee and the six attached conditions. The basis of Mr. Hunegs' opinion is that the City has a responsibility to take care of these loyal employees who wish to remain with the City. Councilman Miller agreed; he is not adverse to transferring the bus system, but it is essential that the Civil Service rules be faithfully adhered to and he is not sure this is being done. Until it is determined, he does not want to act on this item.

All that should be considered tonight, Mr. Remelmeyer said, is a general statement of policy. It is within the power of the Council to amend the Civil Service rules to carry this out so that the men will, or will not get the jobs they want with the City. He has not analyzed the individual cases.

It should be determined and put into writing just what each of these nine men are going to do and whether or not there is an examination necessary. Mayor Isen asked for a report showing these things, in writing.

Councilman Lyman said the Committee started with two premises: (1) that the Council wanted to transfer the bus line to SCRTD; (2) the Council wanted to iron out to the satisfaction of every employee what was going to take place. This seemed to have been accomplished until now. The basic thing is to decide whether or not the bus system should be transferred. If these other factors are not resolved they should be taken back and studied more. Some people, evidently are using these details as a stumbling block because they do not want to say they are opposed to selling the bus line. He would like to have some idea of what the majority of the Council wants in the way of transferring it.

Even though the Council relied on all the pertinent Staff members, and the Civil Service Board, the Jacobs survey resulted in some very unpalatable litigation and Mayor Isen fears a like result here. He said as time goes on, he has discovered more and more objections to this transfer. There is another question of legality he wants decided and he referred to a proposed sale many years ago and the holding of the court that a municipal utility

cannot be sold to a private utility. There are many problems to resolve.

Councilman Lyman moved that this report - this sale be agreed to by the City Council, subject to the conditions that all the problems regarding handling of the employees be brought back with a written report of what is to take place, plus an opinion and outline from the City Attorney and City Manager of how it is to take place. Councilman Talbert seconded.

Councilman Vico said the Assistant City Manager had said nine new jobs would be requested for these nine men. Mr. Scharfman denied having made the statement attributed to him. There is some doubt at this time that what the Committee had believed was settled, can actually be done. Can these nine men be legally transferred into the positions? Mr. Remelmeyer said he and the attorney for the SCRFD have discussed these things and plan to engage in some litigation to determine the issues.

Roll call vote on Mr. Lyman's motion was:

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

Mayor Isen made a further comment that this is not the time to get mixed up in all the troubles that Rapid Transit is experiencing. The saving of money would not be substantial and there are many local City matters which could be adversely affected.

At 7:18 p.m., Councilman Beasley asked to be excused from the balance of the meeting and left.

Mrs. Gertrude Eustace of 5320 Bindewald Avenue uses the bus system in Torrance every day to go to her work and she said twice in the last twenty-four hours she has heard RTD supervisors tell passengers that the service in this area will be entirely changed after the first of the year and the passengers who need the bus service are very concerned and disturbed about the rumors. She would prefer to pay a higher fare and keep what Torrance has.

Several of the councilmen spoke further along the lines of their opinions expressed before the vote.

41. Public Works Director Nollac announced that rubbish pickup would be a day late for the balance of the week and reported briefly on the flood conditions and how they are being taken care of. This is the first time, during a rainstorm such as this, Pacific Coast Highway was not closed. Torrance has improved greatly in regard to its storm drain situation.

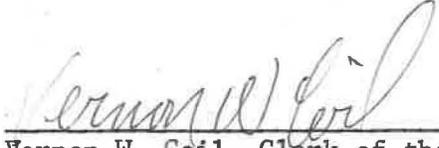
42. Councilman Sciarrotta said an issue had been raised at the Police and Fire Committee meeting, regarding hazard pay for motorcycle officers while unable to ride. Hazard pay in such a situation was the policy prior to 1966, but was stopped. He felt anything such as this should be a policy as made by the Council, rather than a decision of a department head or City Manager. He moved that an amendment to the rules be submitted to the Council so a man who falls within this category can be paid his hazard pay. Councilman Vico seconded. The motion and second were withdrawn on the recommendation of City Attorney Remelmeyer that this question go to the Committee for a recommendation and then to the Civil Service Commission. He will prepare an ordinance to present to the Commission and the Committee.

43. Councilman Talbert asked what had been toward a ruling on the legality of City employees participating in County or municipal political activities. Mr. Remelmeyer said it will be on the agenda, next week or the following meeting

44. Councilman Talbert referred to a copy of a letter from Administration to a citizen regarding parking problems. He quoted from the letter and asked if there is not some way of avoiding the practice of some people of charging extra for garage space in apartments. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would check the law and if necessary, prepare an ordinance for Council consideration.

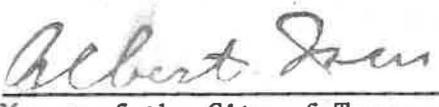
45. With respect to the proposed ordinance imposing a property transfer tax, Mayor Isen said he resented the implication that he had instigated the proposal. It is a cut and dried matter involving who gets the revenue, the County, or the City. He and the City Manager had discussed it and realizing there was a deadline, he had asked that it be put on the agenda for tonight. City Attorney Remelmeyer said he would have put it on the agenda for next week if it had not been for Mayor Isen's insisting that it be on tonight.

46. On motion of Mayor Isen, seconded by Councilman Talbert, the meeting was adjourned to November 28, 1967, at 5:30 p.m., because it is Junior Citizens' Day. Ordinarily the fourth Tuesday meeting is at 8 p.m.



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

APPROVED:



Mayor of the City of Torrance

