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Torrance, California
December 19, 1967

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

1. CALL TO ORDER:

A regular meeting of the Torrance City Council was held at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 19, 1967, in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

2. ROLL CALL:

Those responding to roll call by City Clerk Coil were: Councilmen Beasley, Lyman, Sciarrotta, Talbert, Vico, and Mayor Isen. Councilman Miller arrived five minutes later. Absent: None. City Clerk Coil, City Treasurer Rupert, City Attorney Remelmeyer and Assistant City Manager Scharfman were also in attendance. City Manager Ferraro is on vacation during this week of December 18 through 22.

3. FLAG SALUTE:

Mr. James Rafferty, Bond Consultant from San Francisco, was present with respect to the Library Bond issue and at the request of Mayor Isen, he led the salute to the flag.

4. INVOCATION:

Chaplain Gary Rippstein of the Torrance Police Department opened the meeting with an invocation.

STANDARD MOTIONS:

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, the minutes of the regular meeting held December 12, 1967, were approved as written, there being no objection.

6. APPROVAL OF DEMANDS:

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

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Miller.

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 Vico, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

From the audience, Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Carl Divito, District Superintendent, and Mr. Brad Bradley, Industrial Relations Supervisor of Dow Chemical Company, and spoke of the events of the past week and the abuse which has been heaped on the company from some quarters. A resolution commending the Company and employees has been prepared and, at the

request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read the resolution in its entirety:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-281

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE COMMENDING THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY AND ITS EMPLOYEES.

Mayor Isen moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-281 in perma plaque form. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley expressed himself as being glad to be able to vote for this resolution, in that Dow Chemical Company has no hand in making foreign policy; is an excellent neighbor and friend of the City. However, he does not want his vote interpreted as an endorsement of a cruel and unjust war.

In the opinion of Councilman Lyman, this is not an issue which should be interjected into Torrance City Council considerations.

Councilman Sciarrotta said his loyalty is one hundred percent with the policy of the United States government in this war.

By the authority vested in Mayor Isen, he proclaimed December 28, 1967 (a Thursday) as DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY DAY IN TORRANCE and read from the proclamation commending Dow Chemical Company for its stand during a time of crisis.

Mr. Brad Bradley, 7033 Purpleridge Drive, Palos Verdes, responded appropriately on behalf of the Company and its employees in accepting the recognition evidenced by the resolution and the proclamation.

PLANNING AND ZONING MATTERS:

8. TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 28619; SUBDIVIDER, PENINSULA ENTERPRISES: Fourteen lots, A-1 zone, located at Wilton Place and Haas Avenue, recommended for approval by the Planning Commission and the Planning Department subject to conditions. The Director of Public Works does not entirely concur in the conditions.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this subject and there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing; Councilman Vico seconded and there was no objection.

Assistant City Manager Scharfman called attention to the slight divergence in recommendation of the Director of Public Works from that of the Planning Commission and Planning Department. Mr. Nollac explained that all that is missing in front of the two residences is the sidewalks which should be installed.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Planning Commission and Planning Department, together with the additional condition recommended by the Public Works Director that the bonding for improvements on Van Ness should be limited to the dairy, with the residential development improved now. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

9. PROPOSED ORDINANCE reclassifying property in Zone Change 67-10, Vida and Bernard Basse.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1832

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING DIVISION 9 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO RECLASSIFY THAT CERTAIN PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED AT 2814 WEST 182ND STREET, AND DESCRIBED IN ZONE CHANGE 67-10. (Vida and Bernard Basse)

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1832 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

10. PROPOSED RESOLUTION approving Variance V67-18, William Charles Codd.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-282

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. V67-18 - WILLIAM CHARLES CODD.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-282 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

HEARING:

30. CONTINUATION OF HEARING ON PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF THE ALLEY EAST OF VISTA MONTANA IN TRACT NO. 23988.

Mayor Isen inquired if anyone wished to be heard on this matter and there was no response.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to close the hearing; his motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and there was no objection.

The City Manager's note was to the effect that the Park Department could recommend a suitable variety of trees which would not grow to excessive heights. Assistant City Manager Scharfman said City Attorney Remelmeyer had a recommendation on this subject and Mr. Remelmeyer said it would be necessary for the property owners to sign an agreement which would be a covenant to run with the land before the resolution on the vacation is processed. There can be no motion to vacate the property on that condition; the Council should only approve the vacation in principle.

Pending obtaining those signatures, Councilman Sciarrotta moved to postpone this item until January 23, 1968, an eight o'clock meeting. Councilman Beasley seconded and there was no objection.

31. IMPROVEMENT OF DEL AMO BOULEVARD:

This is also listed on the agenda as Item 11. Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the Public Works Director's recommendation, ~~that following the public hearing the City Council approve the subject vacation and direct that the resolution ordering said vacation be returned for adoption when specified conditions have been made.~~ The conditions *See 1/2/68 minutes* are:

1. That the proposal of Sunnyglen Construction Co. be accepted.
2. That Project SS-15 (Del Amo Blvd - Anza Ave. to the westerly City limits in the six year capital improvement program) be divided into two projects: a) Anza Ave to Henrietta St. and b) Henrietta St. to Prospect Ave.;
3. That section (b) be rescheduled from fiscal year 1969-70 to 1968-69; and
4. That the City Manager secure proposals from qualified engineering firms to prepare plans, specifications and necessary deeds and documents.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable. Public Works Director Nollac said the whole project will be handled concurrently with Redondo Beach.

32. RENEWAL OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES HONESTY BLANKET POSITION BOND expiring January 1, 1968 and Money and Securities Broad Form Policy expiring January 31, 1968.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendations of the City Clerk, listed as 1 and 2 in his communication dated December 18, 1967. Councilman Talbert seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

24. PROPOSED ORDINANCE authorizing issuance of bonds. PROPOSED RESOLUTION directing the City Clerk to publish notice inviting bids, including the form of notice inviting bid. Official bond statement approved by Council.

This is the matter on which Mr. Rafferty, the San Francisco Bond Consultant was present and he stated what is required is approval of the necessary legal documents by the Council. His recommendation is that the Council concur that \$800,000 of bonds be sold from the authorized \$2,350,000.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1833

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA,
PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION
LIBRARY BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1833. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1833 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Vico and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-283

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO
PUBLISH NOTICE INVITING SEALED PROPOSALS FOR BONDS
OF SAID CITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$800,000.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Resolution No. 67-283 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-283 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Rafferty recommended a motion approving in substantially the form submitted, to cover any possible minor alterations in wording. Councilman Talbert thereupon moved to approve the official statement in substantially the form submitted and Councilman Beasley seconded. Roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

SEWERS AND DRAINAGE:

12. SANITARY SEWER INSTALLATION IN ONYX STREET FROM MADRONA AVENUE WESTERLY. Recommendation of Public Works Director with concurrence of City Manager that \$2600 be appropriated from Sewer Revolving Fund for the referenced project.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. 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.

BUILDING, STRUCTURES AND SIGNS:

13. PROPOSED ORDINANCE extending building moratorium on property in area of Lomita Blvd., etc.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1834

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXTENDING FOR ANOTHER NINETY DAYS THE BUILDING MORATORIUM ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1788 AND EXTENDED BY ORDINANCE NO. 1817, ON PROPERTY IN THE AREA BETWEEN LOMITA BOULEVARD, 235th STREET, MADISON AVENUE AND A LINE MIDWAY BETWEEN EARLY AVENUE AND TELO AVENUE AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1834 at its first and only reading. Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

14. RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000 from 2106 Gas Tax Funds (formerly 186.1 Funds) for the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of Anza Avenue and Calle Mayor.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation as stated. 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.

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At 6:00 p.m., on motion of Councilman Sciarrotta, seconded by Councilman Vico, a recess was declared for the purpose of holding the Redevelopment Agency and the Council returned at 6:20 to its agenda.

PERSONNEL MATTERS:15. PROPOSED ORDINANCE amending Civil Service Rules.

Councilman Sciarrotta asked that this ordinance which deals with the transfer of the bus system continued for two weeks so that he might be able to glean more information as to the experience of cities which have made similar transactions.

Councilman Miller moved to continue consideration of this ordinance for two weeks; Councilman Vico seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable, except for Councilman Beasley who abstained.

City Attorney Remelmeyer said there are several phases of this transaction which probably will be tested in the courts.

16. REGULAR AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 1765 to add a new class specification to the position classification plan (Crossing Guard Sergeant).

Councilman Miller moved to concur in the recommendation of Personnel Analyst Jackson, concurred in by the Personnel Director and the City Manager, to implement this transaction:

1. Approve the class specification for Crossing Guard Sergeant
2. Adopt the emergency ordinance ~~amending~~^{amending} ordinance No. 1765 to add the new classification of Crossing Guard Sergeant to the classification plan.
3. Adopt the regular ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1765 to add the new classification of Crossing Guard Sergeant to the classification plan.
4. Reallocate one existing position of Police Officer (This is a change from the word "Sergeant") to the class of Crossing Guard Sergeant.
5. Authorize, upon approval of the City Attorney, the payment to Thomas H. Wooldridge of the monies withheld by action of the City Council since May 9, 1967, plus interest earned on said amount since that date. (This addition at the suggestion of Mayor Isen.

Councilman Beasley seconded the motion, with both changes noted, and roll call vote was:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1835

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1765 TO ADD A CLASS SPECIFICATION TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1835 as an emergency measure at its first and only reading. Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was unanimously favorable.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1836

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1765 TO ADD A NEW CLASS SPECIFICATION TO THE POSITION CLASSIFICATION PLAN.

Councilman Beasley moved to approve Ordinance No. 1836 at its first reading and his motion, seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

These two ordinances deal with the Thomas Wooldridge classification case.

17. REGULAR AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCES repealing subsection A of Section 3 of Ordinance No. 1771 entitled "Pay Plan" and substituting new provisions therefor.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1837

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SUBSECTION A OF SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1771 ENTITLED "PAY PLAN" AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR, ADOPTING A REVISED UNIFORM THREE-STEP PAY PLAN AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1837. His motion was seconded by Councilman Talbert and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Lyman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1837 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Beasley, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1838

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SUBSECTION A OF SECTION 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1771 ENTITLED "PAY PLAN" AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR ADOPTING A REVISED UNIFORM THREE-STEP PAY PLAN AND REPEALING EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 1837 RELATING TO THE SAME MATTER.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1838. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1838 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

18. REGULAR AND EMERGENCY ORDINANCES repealing Sections 2 and 3 of Ordinance No. 1780 And substituting new provisions therefor relating to salaries for certain employees of the City who are not members of the Civil Service System.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1839

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 2 and 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1780 AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO SALARIES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM AND DECLARING THE PRESENCE OF AN EMERGENCY.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1839. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1839 as an emergency measure. His motion was seconded by Councilman Sciarrotta and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1840

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 2 AND 3 OF ORDINANCE NO. 1780 AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO SALARIES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE SYSTEM.

Councilman Beasley moved to waive further reading of Ordinance No. 1840. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Councilman Sciarrotta moved to approve Ordinance No. 1840 at its first reading. His motion was seconded by Councilman Lyman and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

FISCAL MATTERS:

20. CLAIM OF RAYMOND ZIGICH against the City for damages allegedly sustained as the result of being struck by a street sweeper at Amie Avenue and Torrance Boulevard on December 6, 1967.

21. CLAIM OF JAMES M. CHOLLEY, a minor, by and through his guardian ad litem, etc. for damages allegedly sustained as a result of slipping on a layer of mud and silt which covered a large portion of the street on the north side of 164th Street near Casimir Avenue on September 11, 1967.

As to both Items 20 and 21, Councilman Sciarrotta moved for denial and referral to the City Attorney. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and there was no objection.

22. RENEWAL OF EXCESS BLANKET CATASTROPHE LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICY to expire December 29, 1967.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation to renew at the Fireman's Fund Insurance Company quotation of an annual premium of \$3,835.00, based on a three-year policy term effective December 29, 1967 and reject all other quotations.

Councilman Lyman seconded and roll call vote was:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

23. EXPENDITURES OF OVER \$300.

Councilman Beasley asked about the second of the two following listed expenditures:

1. \$614.67 to Motorola Communications and Electronics, Inc. for one only vehicle mobile radio requested by the Water Department for the Water System Manager - a factory-direct purchase.

2. \$688.80 to Prismo California Company for 160 gallons of green street marking paint requested by the Traffic Engineer for painting the center divider section of Cabrillo Avenue between Plaza del Amo and Carson Streets.

and Mr. Scharfman explained that it is for a continuation of the downtown center island painting. Councilman Beasley then moved to approve the two items of expenditure and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried unanimously:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None (except that on Item 2, Councilman Vico registered his vote as "No".)

25. COMMUNICATION FROM CITY LIBRARIAN asking for approval of the hiring of the firm of Earl Heitschmidt and Associates as architects for the Central Library as submitted by the Council Building Committee.

Councilman Beasley moved to concur in the recommendation of the Committee and reported on the viewing of libraries and the interviews with various architects. He calculated it will effect a saving of \$35,000 to the City to follow the recommendation of the Librarian as to these architects.

Councilman Sciarrotta seconded the motion which carried unanimously by roll call vote.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

26. PROPOSED RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to the Victor Women's Club for its outstanding contribution to the development of Victor Park.

A correction was noted to remove the words "origin and" in the second line of the second paragraph of the resolution as proposed. At the request of Mayor Isen, City Clerk Coil assigned a number and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-284

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE VICTOR WOMEN'S CLUB FOR ITS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE VICTOR PARK.

Councilman Vico moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-284 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Lyman, carried by unanimous roll call vote; an amendment to the effect that the resolution be prepared in perma plaque format by the same councilmen, carried, as follows:

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

NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

ITEMS NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED:

27. WEST COAST BASIN BARRIER PROJECT UNIT 5; OBSERVATION WELLS to combat salt water intrusion.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 67-285

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING THE WEST COAST BASIN BARRIER PROJECT UNIT 5 (OBSERVATION WELLS) AND GRANTING PERMISSION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE, AND MAINTAIN SAID PROJECTS WITHIN THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

Councilman Beasley moved to adopt Resolution No. 67-285 and his motion, seconded by Councilman Talbert, carried by unanimous roll call vote.

28. PROPOSED UTILITIES COMMITTEE: Communication from Planning Director and Citizens Advisory Committee and Torrance Beautiful Commission, with recommendation of City Manager.

Councilman Lyman moved to concur in principle and refer the matter to the City Manager for a recommendation as to implementation. His motion was seconded by Councilman Beasley and carried, there being no objection.

SECOND READINGS:

29. ORDINANCE NO. 1831:

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

ORDINANCE NO. 1831

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING SECTION 222.2.1 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPOSE A UNIFORM TRANSCENT OCCUPANCY TAX ON HOTEL ROOMS AT THE RATE OF 5% OF THE RENT CHARGED.

Councilman Lyman moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1831 at its second and final reading. His motion was seconded by Mayor Isen and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

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At the suggestion of Mayor Isen, Airport Manager Egan introduced his guests, Dick Widdicomb and Harry Elm who are in charge of the Goodyear Blimp and they were welcomed to the Council meeting and commended for the favorable publicity they have created.

34. Assistant City Manager Scharfman referred to the telegram, copies of which had been distributed, from Leo Salisbury asking that the sign ordinance be returned to the Council agenda on January 9 instead of January 2nd as originally planned. Councilman Sciarrotta moved to grant the request. His motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried, there being no objection.

35. City Attorney Remelmeyer reported that the plaintiffs in the ACT lawsuit against the City filed a cross complaint asking that the Court order the Council to place the ordinance to dissolve the Redevelopment Agency on the ballot. On behalf of the City, he has filed a Demurrer to the Cross Complaint and will advise the Council when it is to be heard.
36. Mr. Remelmeyer also stated the closing date as to the sale of the bus lines was January 1, 1968 and he asked that the Council authorize the City Manager and himself to extend the closing date to a date not later than June 1, 1968. Councilman Lyman moved in accordance with his wish; Councilman Talbert seconded and there was no objection. The letter from the Chamber of Commerce will be placed with the other material to be presented. A further meeting of the Committee will be called in the meantime.
37. City Clerk Coil said he had had a phone call from the Daily Breeze asking if the City would like to have a 3 x 3 space for holiday greetings at a cost of \$30.00. The Council took no action on this request.
38. Recreation Director Van Bellehem reported that the Sundial installation ceremonies are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday morning in front of the Recreation Center. This is a temporary installation pending completion of the entire Civic Center plans.
39. Public Works Director Nollac said rubbish pickup during the two holiday weeks would be one day late.
40. J. Walker Owens reminded the Staff and Council of the membership mixer on the 12th floor of the Del Amo Financial Center, 5 to 7 p.m., December 21st.
41. Councilman Sciarrotta called attention to an apparent overlapping in the responsibilities of the Finance Committee with those of the Police and Fire Committee, especially as to Civil Service matters. Mayor Isen reminded him there would be a reorganization of all committees after April 9th.
42. Councilman Sciarrotta recommended that Management explore a possible north/south arterial to facilitate shoppers coming to the Torrance shopping centers. Anza might be possible in conjunction with Redondo Beach. He believes out of town shoppers are discouraged by the traffic problems. A progress report will be forthcoming.
43. Councilman Vico wished one and all a Merry Christmas.
44. Mayor Isen commented very favorably on the performance of the Police Department with respect to the Vietnam Summer parade on Sunday. However, the metropolitan newspapers gave too much stress to the events of the day. There was no clash nor melee. It would be better to give publicity to some fine undertaking such as the Armed Forces Day parade.
45. Mayor Isen also wished everyone the happiest of holidays and presented to Councilman Talbert a king-size ZIPPO lighter to be utilized in places other than the Council Chambers.
46. Philip Joseph, President of Torrance Police Officers Association, spoke of a donation of physical education equipment to the City by the Association and asked the Council to visit the Department to see the equipment.

On motion of Councilman Beasley, seconded by Councilman Lyman, the meeting was adjourned to January 2, 1968, at 5:30 p.m., by unanimous roll call vote.

Vernon W. Coil
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City of Torrance, California

APPROVED:

Albert Isen
Mayor of the City of Torrance

