

**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
 JANUARY 23, 2007
 REGULAR MEETING
 5:30 P.M. - EXECUTIVE SESSION
 7:00 P.M. - REGULAR BUSINESS BEGINS
 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL: Mr. Brewer, Mrs. Drevno, Mrs. McIntyre, Mr. Nowatka,
 Mr. Sutherland, Mrs. Witkowsky, Mayor Scotto

2. FLAG SALUTE:

NON SECTARIAN INVOCATION: Pastor Milton Herring, Living Word Christian Church
 The Courts have concluded that sectarian prayer as part of City Council meetings is not permitted under the Constitution.

3. REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Blvd on Thursday, January 18, 2007 /s/ Sue Herbers

MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES AFTER NUMBER &
 TITLE

See Council Rules of Order Section 2.11 (Resolution 2006-65)

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS

5. COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

FINANCE & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, AT 5:30 PM, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS DISCUSSION: 2 ND QUARTER 2006-2007	CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT WILSON PARK GYM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, AT 7:00 P.M. COMMUNITY WORKSHOP AND OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT ON THE CITY'S BUDGET
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6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- A. **RESOLUTION 2007-07** honoring **Art Wible** upon his retirement from the Daily Breeze.
- B. **RESOLUTION 2007-08** honoring **Police Sergeant Ronald Eugene Traber** upon his retirement from the City after thirty-nine years of service.
- C. **RESOLUTION 2007-09** honoring **Garry Kim Force** upon his retirement from the City after thirty-three years of service.
- D. **Proclamation** declaring February 2, 2007 as **Go Red for Women Day** in the City of Torrance.

7. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 (Limited to a 30 minute period)**

Comments on this portion of the agenda are limited to items not on the agenda and to no longer than 3 minutes per speaker. Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the legislative body is prohibited from taking or engaging in discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda.

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

- A. Approval of minutes of October 24 and November 14, 2006.
- B. Community Services - Accept and appropriate a grant from the Friends of the Torrance Library to replace microform reader-printers at the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$17,682.58.**
Community Services Director recommends that City Council accept and appropriate a grant from the Friends of the Torrance Library in an amount not to exceed \$17,682.58 for the purchase of two (2) Canon MS-300 digital microfilm/fiche reader-printer scanners and two (2) PC work stations for the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library (FEAP #634).
- C. Community Services – Accept and file Youth Council 2005-2006 Annual Report**
Community Services Director recommends that City Council accept and file the Youth Council Annual Report for October 2005 through June 2006.
- D. Fire – Approve agreement for provision of quality improvement expertise to the Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Program. Expenditure: \$42,780.**
Fire Chief recommends that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with Laurie Lee-Brown (“Consultant”), from January 23, 2007 to June 30, 2007, in an amount not to exceed \$42,780 for provision of Quality Improvement expertise to the Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Program.
- E. General Services- Authorize purchasing agreements for xerographic and specialty office paper. Expenditure : Not To Exceed \$102,400.**
General Services Director recommends that City Council:
- 1) Award a purchasing agreement to Spicers Paper, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$76,200 for xerographic paper as a cooperative purchase with the County of Los Angeles (Agreement #42580); and
 - 2) Award a purchasing agreement to Northwest Paper of La Mirada, CA in an amount not to exceed \$26,200 for specialty office paper with the term from January 24, 2007 through January 23, 2008 (B2006-45).
- F. General Services and Airport Commission - Approve Experimental Aircraft Association B-17 Exhibit at Torrance Municipal Airport. Expenditure: \$5,589.39**
General Services Director and the Airport Commission recommend that City Council:
- 1) Approve the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) display of their B-17 Bomber at the Torrance Municipal Airport Zamperini Field on April 11-16, 2007;
 - 2) Designate the EAA's event as a special exhibit under Section 46.8.10 of the Torrance Municipal Code which exempts such events from aircraft noise regulations;
 - 3) Allow the EAA to conduct flights for hire subject to FAA guidelines; and
 - 4) Approve funding for this event in the amount of \$5,589.39
- G. Police – Appropriate and allocate Asset Forfeiture funds for the purchase of tactical ballistic vests. Expenditure: \$25,710.46**
Chief of Police recommends that City Council appropriate and allocate Asset Forfeiture funds and authorize a purchase order to Aardvark Tactical, Inc., of Azusa, CA, for tactical ballistic vests (FEAP #633) for Vice and Narcotics Division in the amount of \$25,710.46.
- H. Police - Appropriate and allocate Asset Forfeiture funds for the purchase of a portable throw phone for crisis response. Expenditure: \$25,438.74**
Chief of Police recommends that Council appropriate and allocate Asset Forfeiture funds and authorize a purchase order to Enforcement Technology Group Inc., of Milwaukee, WI, in the amount of \$25,438.74 for the purchase of a portable throw phone (FEAP #632).

11. PUBLIC SAFETY

A. Police – Authorize acceptance of 2005 Buffer Zone Protection Plan grant, and appropriate and allocate grant funds for the South Bay Platoon. Expenditure: \$24,884

Chief of Police recommends that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the acceptance of the 2005 Buffer Zone Protection Plan grant in the amount of \$24,884; and
- 2) Appropriate and allocate grant funds in the amount of \$24,884 for the purchase of equipment authorized under the grant.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. City Manager – Authority to explore property purchase at 465 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, CA

City Manager recommends that City Council authorize staff to contact the broker for a parcel listed for sale at 465 Crenshaw Boulevard to explore acquisition of a portion for a transit center, and analyze the residual portion for compatible uses.

B. City Manager – Approve establishment and adopt RESOLUTION enabling a Council Compensation and Charter Study Committee. Expenditure: \$5,000

City Manager recommends that City Council consider establishing a Council Compensation and Charter Study Committee to explore amending the City Charter to update City Council compensation, benefits, and certain Charter language and appropriate \$5,000 from the Program Contingency Reserve. The City Manager also recommends that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION creating a Council Compensation and Charter Study Committee for a fixed term and providing for the appointment of its members and its power and duties. It is further recommended that City Council set February 6, 2007 as the date the Committee members be appointed.

C. Finance – Authorize taxicab franchise agreement extension

Finance Director recommends that City Council approve the first year option to extend the taxi franchise agreement with the following taxicab companies: All Yellow Taxicab, Bell Cab, South Bay Yellow Cab, and United Checker.

D. Transit - Approve Torrance Senior Taxi Program agreement extensions. Expenditure: \$700,000

Transit Director recommends that City Council exercise the option to extend for a one year term:

- 1) A contract services agreement with the Administrative Services Co-Op, d.b.a. South Bay Yellow Cab and United Checker Cab Co-Op to provide service for the Torrance Senior Taxi Program;
- 2) A contract services agreement with the All Yellow Taxi, Inc. to provide service for the Torrance Senior Taxi Program; and
- 3) A contract services agreement with the Bell Cab Company to provide service for the Torrance Senior Taxi Program.

The recommended term is January 26, 2007 to January 26, 2008, to coincide with the Taxi Franchise Agreement, at a cost not to exceed an aggregate total of \$700,000 per annum for all three contracts.

E. Transit - Approve Torrance Dial-A-Taxi Program agreement extensions. Expenditure: \$400,000

Transit Director recommends that City Council exercise the option to extend for a one year term:

- 1) A contract services agreement with the Administrative Services Co-Op, d.b.a. South Bay Yellow Cab and United Checker Cab Co-Op to provide service for the Torrance Dial-A-Taxi Program;
- 2) A contract services agreement with the All Yellow Taxi, Inc. to provide service for the Torrance Dial-A-Taxi Program; and
- 3) A contract services agreement with the Bell Cab Company to provide service for the Torrance Dial-A-Taxi Program.

The recommended term is January 26, 2007 to January 26, 2008, to coincide with the Taxi Franchise Agreement, at a cost not to exceed an aggregate total of \$400,000 per annum for all three contracts.

13. HEARINGS

A. Police – Convene a public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229, Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding. Expenditure: \$286,326

Chief of Police recommends that Council:

- 1) Convene a public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229, the 2006 Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding;
- 2) Receive input from staff on programs of interest to the Chief of Police and Council as well as the public on the use of the grant funds; and
- 3) At the close of the hearing, appropriate and allocate \$286,326 and any interest to the recommended projects.

B. Planning Commission and Community Development – Adopt RESOLUTIONS approving a Precise Plan of Development and Waiver on property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 149 Via la Soledad. Expenditure: None

Planning Commission and Community Development Director recommend that City Council deny the appeal and take the following action on property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 zone at 149 Via la Soledad:

- 1) Adopt a RESOLUTION approving a Precise Plan of Development to allow construction of a new one-story single family residence with a semi-subterranean garage; and
 - 2) Adopt a RESOLUTION approving a Waiver of the side yard setback requirement.
- PRE06-00025 and WAV06-00016 / OLYMPIA GREER (SANDRA AND GUY)**

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

Date: January 23, 2007

Council order - Drevno McIntyre Nowatka Sutherland Witkowsky Brewer
Staff & Public Comments

Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the legislative body is prohibited from taking or engaging in discussion on any item not appearing on the posted agenda.

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council Closed Session - None

Redevelopment Agency Closed Session – None

19. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjourn City Council and Redevelopment Agency to Tuesday, February 6, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 30, 2007 will be a Council dark night.

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." - Martin Luther King Jr.

ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE BY 2:00 P.M., BIDS WILL BE OPENED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 2:15 P.M.		
BIDS	DESCRIPTION	OPENING DATE

B2007-02	Bid for Soil Excavation, Disposal and Backfill at Fleet Services Mandatory job walk on Wednesday, January 10 at 10:00 a.m. at City Services Yard located at 20500 Madrona Avenue Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151	Thursday January 25, 2007
B2007-03	Bid for Modification and/or Removal of Underground Storage Tanks and Related Piping Systems at Various Sites Within the City of Torrance Mandatory job walk/pre-bidders conference on Tuesday, January 23 at 10:00 a.m. at Torrance Municipal Airport, 3301 Airport Drive Questions may be referred to Tina White at 310.784.7951	Thursday February 22, 2007
B2007-04	Bid to Furnish and Install New Lockers Plus Removal and Disposal of Existing Lockers Mandatory briefing session for prospective bidders on Tuesday, January 30 at 1:30 p.m. at the Torrance Police Department (Front Lobby), 3300 Civic Center Drive Questions may be referred to Sally Howard at 310.618.5820	Thursday February 8, 2007
B2007-05	Bid to Furnish the Annual Requirement for Warehouse/Water Stock	Thursday February 1, 2007
B2007-06	Bid for Replacement of Fire Station #1 Main Electrical Switchboard and Distribution Panels Mandatory job walk on Wednesday, February 7 at 10:00 a.m. at Fire Station #1, 1701 Crenshaw Boulevard Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151	Thursday February 22, 2007

City Hall will be closed:

Friday, January 19

Friday, February 2

Lincoln's Birthday, Monday, February 12

Friday, February 16

President's Day, Monday, February 19