

**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
FEBRUARY 5, 2008
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. Barnett, Mr. Brewer, Mrs. Drevno, Mr. Nowatka,
Mr. Sutherland, Mrs. Witkowsky, Mayor Scotto

2. FLAG SALUTE:

NON SECTARIAN INVOCATION:

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 31, 2008 /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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS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:

**Exxon Mobil Torrance Refinery Monthly Community Alert Siren testing
Wednesday, February 6 @ approx. 11:30 a.m.
*THIS IS ONLY A TEST!***

A description of the monthly test is as follows: One-minute "chimes" will precede and follow a two-minute testing "wail". Total testing time will not exceed four minutes. It is important to note that the "wail" tone carries a greater distance and may be heard in areas beyond the reach of the "chime."

For more information contact ExxonMobil Public Affairs Advisor (310) 212-4756

COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

All council meetings are open to the public. Oral Communications #1 is set aside after Community Matters for the public to address any matter not on the agenda. A speaker list sign up is at the podium prior to the meeting. An additional Oral Communications period follows the regular business of the City Council.

Those who wish to speak on any matter on the agenda are asked to complete a "Request to Speak" card (available at the back of the Council Chamber) and deposit in the box on the podium before addressing the City Council.

Direct other questions or concerns to the City Council (618-2801), City Manager (618-5880) or individual department head prior to submission to the City Council. Parties will be notified if the complaint will be included on a subsequent agenda.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Manager's office at 618-5880. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. [28CFR35.102-35.104 ADA Title II].

NOTICE OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

At the time Council convenes or as soon thereafter as Council business can be disposed of, the City Council will take a recess without leaving their seats and meet as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. As soon as the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency adjourns, the City Council will reconvene as the City of Torrance.

AGENDA REVIEW

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MEETINGS

Unless adjourned to another time or location the Torrance City Council meets every Tuesday in the City Hall Council Chamber at 3031 Torrance Blvd., at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session with the regular business commencing no earlier than 7:00 p.m.

Holidays falling on a Tuesday, 5th Tuesday of the month or Tuesday following a Monday holiday may be dark.

CITY HALL HOURS OF OPERATION

**Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
with offices closed alternate Fridays.
City Hall will be CLOSED:**

Friday, February 1

Lincoln's Birthday, Tuesday, February 12

Friday, February 15

President's Day, Monday, February 18

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6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

A. **Proclamation** declaring February 20, 2008 as “*Kashiwa 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 action 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. **Communications and Information Technology – Approve purchase of mobile computers for the Fire Department front-line vehicles. Expenditure: \$90,686.29.**

Recommendation of the Information Technology Director that City Council approve the purchase of nineteen (19) Panasonic toughbook mobile computers (18 replacements and 1 new computer with accessories) from CDW Government, Inc. in the amount of \$90,686.29 for Fire Department front-line vehicles.

B. **City Treasurer - Accept and file the November 2007 and December 2007 investment reports.**

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment reports for the months of November 2007 and December 2007.

C. **Community Services - Authorize termination of agreement with Michael Hogue of Educational Sponsorship Partners. Expenditure: \$1,800.**

Recommendation of the Acting Community Services Director that City Council authorize the termination of the agreement with Michael Hogue of Educational Sponsorship Partners (C2003-154) in the amount of \$1,800.

D. **Human Resources and Civil Service Commission – Approve revised class specification for Public Safety Dispatcher.**

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the revised class specification for Public Safety Dispatcher.

E. **Community Services - Approve 2007-2008 grant funding for Non-Profit Social Services Agencies. Expenditure: \$40,000.**

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council approve grant funding under the year 2007-2008 Grant Program for Non-Profit Social Services Agencies in the amount of \$40,000.

F. **General Services - Approve contract amendment for architectural services for the 1st floor Katy Geissert Civic Center Library remodel.**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve a contract amendment with Deems Lewis McKinley Architecture (C2007-022) for the 1st floor Katy Geissert Civic Center Library Remodel (FEAP #327) extending the contract term from December 31, 2007 to March 31, 2009.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

G. General Services - Award contract for construction and approve a contract extension for architectural services for the CIT Radio Shop renovation. Expenditure: \$117,739.

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract with Envirocon Inc. for \$102,382 with a 5% contingency of \$5,119 for construction of the CIT Radio Shop renovation (FEAP #493) (B2007-39);
- 2) Authorize a 10% project management fee of \$10,238; and
- 3) Approve a contract amendment with BOA Architecture (C2006-229) extending the contract term from December 31, 2007 to December 31, 2008 for architectural services for the CIT Radio Shop renovation.

H. General Services - Award contract and appropriate funds for waterproofing a block wall at the Torrance Airport. Expenditure: \$24,800.

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Authorize a contract with Decking Dynamics for \$22,800 and a \$2,000 contingency for waterproofing of an existing block wall at the Torrance Airport; and
- 2) Appropriate \$24,800 from the Airport Enterprise Fund.

I. Human Resources – Authorize agreement extension for a classification study. Expenditure: Not applicable.

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council authorize extending the consultant services agreement with Grace Consulting (C2006-206) for a Field Operations classification study through June 30, 2008.

J. City Manager - Approve license agreement for use of space at the General Aviation Center to place a kiosk for client use.

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a license agreement by and between the City of Torrance, a municipal corporation (City) and Flight Partners Inc., d/b/a iFLY for the placement and operation of a kiosk for use by club members in the General Aviation Center “pre-flight room” located at 3301 Airport Drive, Torrance.

K. Community Services - Approve a Youth Council Grant for the Torrance TorBots Robotics Team. Expenditure: \$5,000.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director and the Torrance Youth Council that City Council appropriate \$5,000 from the Youth Council Donation account for a grant to the TorBots Robotics Team.

L. Community Services - Approve request to waive fees for use of the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Toyota Meeting Hall. Expenditure: \$971.68.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council waive fees for use of the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Toyota Meeting Hall and related labor costs for a Sister City 35th Anniversary activity.

M. General Services- Authorize purchasing agreements for xerographic and specialty office paper. Expenditure Not to exceed \$123,300.

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a purchasing agreement to Spicers Paper, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$80,000 for xerographic paper as a cooperative purchase with the County of Los Angeles (LA agreement #42580) from February 6, 2008 through February 5, 2009; and
- 2) Award a purchasing agreement to Liberty Paper & Printing of Vernon, CA in an amount not to exceed \$43,300 for specialty office paper (B2008-03) from February 6, 2008 through February 5, 2009.

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Community Development – Review options for a voluntary historic preservation program.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council continue this item indefinitely.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. City Manager - Adopt supplemental to the Torrance Fire Fighters Association and Torrance Fire Chief Officers Association 2005-2008 Memoranda of Understanding amending the health benefits. RESOLUTIONS

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt RESOLUTIONS pursuant to Memoranda of Understanding amending Resolution No. 2005-75 and Resolution No. 2005-105 setting forth hours, wages, and working conditions for employees represented by the Torrance Fire Fighters Association (TFFA) and Torrance Fire Chief Officers Association (TFCOA).

B. City Manager – Select vendor to provide cold beverage vending machine services.

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council select a vendor to provide cold beverage vending machines services and approve an agreement with Coca-Cola Bottling Company of Southern California to provide such services.

C. City Manager - Appoint an Ad Hoc Council Committee to review the final report and recommendation from Blue Ribbon Committee on Ethics and Integrity.

Recommendation of the City Manager that the Mayor appoint an Ad Hoc City Council Committee to review the final report and recommendation from the Blue Ribbon Committee on Ethics and Integrity and develop implementation strategies, budget recommendations, and timelines for the City Council to review.

D. Public Works – Appropriate funds, approve replacement of Well No. 6 and approve agreement for design of Well No. 6. Expenditure: \$2,250,000.

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$2,250,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund and approve a project budget to replace Well No. 6 in McMaster Park; and
- 2) Approve a consulting services agreement with Boyle Engineering Corporation in the amount of \$353,598 for design of the Well No. 6 replacement.

E. City Manager - Adopt supplemental to the 2007-2010 Memorandum of Understanding for the Engineers, increasing the pay for Associate and certain Assistant Engineers. RESOLUTION

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION pursuant to the 2007-2010 Memorandum of Understanding Resolution No. 2007-39 setting forth hours, wages, and working conditions for employees represented by the Engineers.

13. HEARINGS

A. Community Development - Consider an appeal of a Planning Commission approval of two Conditional Use Permits to allow the construction of two new detached condominium units on each parcel in conjunction with a Division of Lot for condominium purposes on properties located at 18923 Patronella Avenue and 3531 190th Street.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council authorize the case regarding properties located at 18923 Patronella Avenue and 3531 190th Street be continued to the February 26, 2008 City Council meeting, in consideration of the interested parties' scheduling conflicts. **CUP07-00018, CUP07-00019, DIV07-00012 / MUSTAPHA RIAD**

B. Community Development – Consider an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a new two-story single family residence on property located within the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone at 5144 Zakon Road.

Recommendation of the Planning Commission that City Council deny the appeal and adopt a **RESOLUTION** denying a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a new two-story single family residence on property located within the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone at 5144 Zakon Road.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council uphold the appeal and approve a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a new two-story single family residence on property located within the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone at 5144 Zakon Road. **PRE07-00016 / LYNETTE FINLEY**

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

Date: February 5, 2008

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

Under the provisions of the Brown Act, the legislative body is prohibited from taking action 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 26, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. for joint meeting with the Cultural Arts Commission in the West Annex Commission room, with the regular City Council meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. February 12 and February 19, 2008 will be Council dark nights.

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

"Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes." - Mahatma Gandhi

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
B2007-42	Bid for Wilson Park Maintenance Storage Building Renovation Mandatory job walk Tuesday, December 11 at 10:00 a.m. at Wilson Park, located at 2200 Crenshaw Boulevard. Bid packets may be obtained for \$35 if picked up in the City Clerk's office or \$50 if requested by mail. Questions may be referred to Leeann Vidaillet at 310.781.7141.	Thursday January 17, 2008 February 7, 2008
B2008-04	Bid for Construction of Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Curb, Gutter, and Sidewalk Replacement Program (Access Ramps) Questions may be referred to Henry Completo at 310.781.6900.	Thursday February 21, 2008
B2008-05	Bid to Furnish and Deliver Chemicals to the Victor E. Benstead Municipal Plunge Questions may be referred to Sally Howard at 310.618.5820.	Thursday February 14, 2008

City Hall will be closed:

Friday, February 1, **Lincoln's birthday**, Tuesday, February 12, Friday, February 15, and **President's Day**, Monday, February 18