

**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
JUNE 10, 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, June 5, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS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:

COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

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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, June 6

Friday, June 20

Independence Day, Friday, July 4

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. City Manager – Presentation of Certificates for Aging in Place donors.

6B. Community Services - Introduction of Torrance students traveling to Kashiwa, Japan as a part of the Sister City Student Cultural Exchange Program.

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

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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.

8A. City Clerk – Approve City Council minutes

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of April 15 and April 22, 2008.

8B. City Treasurer – Accept and file the April 2008 investment report.

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of April 2008.

8C. Community Development – Approve release of subdivision bonds for Final Tract Map No. 52989.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve the release of three subdivision bonds for Tract Map No. 52989, which was subdivided by Kort & Scott Financial Group, and located at 23701 Western Avenue.

8D. Community Development – Approve release of subdivision bonds for Tract Map No. 54015.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council approve the release of three subdivision bonds for Tract Map No. 54015, which was subdivided by The Olson Company and Park Gibbs Development Company, and located at 2708 Cabrillo Avenue.

8E. Community Development – Approve Final Parcel Map No. 26151 and accept a sewer easement.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve Final Parcel Map No. 26151 creating two lots, subdivided by Magellan Group, Inc. and located at 4300 - 4320 190th Street, which substantially conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Parcel Map; and
- 2) Accept an additional 2' public sewer easement to an existing 10' public sewer easement.

8F. Community Services – Approve purchase of electronic databases for the Torrance library system. Expenditure: \$34,580.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council approve the sole source purchase of three electronic databases (EBSCO Host, NoveList, and Auto Repair Reference Center) from EBSCO, Inc., for \$34,580.

8G. Cultural Arts Commission and Community Services - Approve funding under the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Grant Program for Non-profit Arts Organizations.

Recommendation of the Cultural Arts Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council approve funding of \$4,000 under the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Grant Program for Non-profit Arts Organizations.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

8H. Parks and Recreation Commission and Community Services – Accept and file Fiscal Year 2007 completed project reports for social services agency grant recipients.

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the Financial and Narrative Reports of completed projects for the 2007 Fiscal year non-profit social services agency grant recipients.

8I. Community Services – Authorize purchase agreements for books, audio and video materials, electronic databases and miscellaneous library supplies. Anticipated expenditure: Not to exceed \$476,796.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize purchase agreements in a combined total not to exceed \$476,796 to:

- 1) Baker & Taylor of Reno, NV in the amount of \$292,600;
- 2) Gale Group of Farmington Hills, MI in the amount of \$53,619;
- 3) ProQuest Information & Learning of Ann Arbor, MI in the amount of \$31,777;
- 4) Baker & Taylor Entertainment of Reno, NV in the amount of \$80,800; and
- 5) Demco Company of Williamsport, PA in the amount of \$18,000

for the annual requirement of various books, audio and video materials, electronic databases and miscellaneous library supplies on an as needed basis for the Torrance Library system for Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

8J. Human Resources – Authorize purchase order for rideshare program incentives. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$80,000.

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council authorize a purchase order for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 with Just Rewards for Rideshare Program incentives in an amount not to exceed \$80,000.

8K. Public Works – Approve agreement for laboratory analysis and testing of water samples. Expenditure: \$30,000.

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council accept the proposal submitted by Weck Laboratories, Inc. for laboratory analysis and testing of water samples and award a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$30,000.

8L. City Attorney – Approve agreement amendment for legal services. Expenditure: \$24,000.

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve the amendment to the fee agreement with the law firm of Buchalter Nemer (C2008-040) for an additional \$24,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$48,000 to provide legal services.

8M. Fire – Approve agreement for Critical Incident Stress Management Program. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$28,000.

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council approve a one-year consulting services agreement with Gary F. Brown, PHD, LMFT (“Consultant”), from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, in an amount not to exceed \$28,000 for provision of Critical Incident Stress Management Program.

8N. Finance – Approve Proposition A Fund Exchange agreement.

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve Proposition A Fund Exchange agreement with the City of Palos Verdes Estates for \$70,000 and \$140,000 of City of Torrance General Funds for \$100,000 and \$200,000 Proposition A Funds from City of Palos Verdes Estates.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

80. General Services and Community Services – Award contract for the Katy Geissert Civic Center 1st Floor Library Remodel. Expenditure: \$843,859.

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Community Services Director that City Council award a contract to Action Contractors, Inc. for \$729,443 with a 5% contingency of \$36,472 for the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library 1st Floor Remodel (FEAP #327) and approve a 10% project management fee of \$72,944 and \$5,000 for engineering services.

8P. Human Resources – Approve contract for commuter transportation consulting services. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$65,520.

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve a contract with Kim Fuentes, in an amount not to exceed \$65,520, for commuter transportation (Rideshare) consultant services for July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

8Q. General Services – Authorize agreement amendment for automotive repair parts and supplies. Expenditure: Not to exceed: \$15,000.

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize an amendment to an existing purchasing agreement with Peerless Auto Parts of Torrance, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$15,000, for a total not to exceed expenditure of \$65,000 for the purchase of automotive repair parts and supplies. The purchasing agreement was for a period of one year and is due to expire October 5, 2008.

8R. General Services and Police – Award purchase order to furnish and install communications and electronics equipment in Police Interceptors. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$41,055.09.

Recommendation of the General Services Director and the Police Chief that City Council award a purchase order to 10-8 Retrofit Inc. of La Verne, CA in an amount not to exceed \$41,055.09, including sales tax and a ten percent (10%) contingency of \$3,732.28. This purchase order will cover purchase and installation of various items of communications and electronics equipment and other accessories in fifteen (15) new 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptors (CVPI) (B2008-19).

8S. Community Services - Accept and appropriate grants for summer interns. Expenditure: \$8,000.

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accepts and appropriates two grants of \$4,000 each from the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the Getty Foundation to pay for summer interns in the Cultural Services Division.

8T. General Services – Approve contract amendment for the One Stop Permit Center. Expenditure: \$24,000.

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve a contract amendment with GA Design, Architecture and Planning (C2007-049) for an additional \$24,000 for total contract amount of \$167,500 and to extend the term to December 31, 2009.

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

10A. Community Development – Adopt RESOLUTIONS approving a Precise Plan of Development in conjunction with a Waiver on property within the Hillside Overlay District at 109 Via Sevilla.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt RESOLUTIONS reflecting their decision at the May 6, 2008 City Council meeting to approve a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a new one story single family residence in conjunction with a Waiver for a reduction of the average front, front facing garage and exterior side yard setback requirements within the Hillside Overlay District at 109 Via Sevilla.

PRE08-00018 & WAV07-00018 / TOMARO ARCHITECTURE (BOB & PAT HOFFMAN)

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

10B. Community Development – Adopt RESOLUTION approving a Precise Plan of Development on property located within the Hillside Overlay District at 602 Paseo de la Playa.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION reflecting their decision at the May 13, 2008 City Council meeting to approve a Precise Plan of Development to allow first and second story additions to an existing two-story single family residence on property located within the Hillside Overlay District at 602 Paseo de la Playa.

PRE07-00030: JAMES MEYER (MICHAEL GUZMAN)

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. City Manager – Approve City Council dark nights

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council declare the following Tuesdays as City Council dark nights from July 1 through December 31, 2008: July 29, September 2, September 30, November 11, December 2, December 23, and December 30, and provide direction with respect to November 4, 2008.

12B. Public Works – Adopt RESOLUTION authorizing the 2008-2009 to 2010-2011 Used Oil Recycling Block Grant applications and appropriation of funds. Expenditure: Approximately \$120,000.

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION approving the 2008-2009 to 2010-2011 Used Oil Block Grant applications and approve the appropriation of funds. Expenditure: Approximately \$120,000 (\$40,000 each year for three years).

12C. City Attorney – Adopt RESOLUTION amending the Council Rules of Order.

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION amending the Council Rules of Order governing motions for reconsideration.

12D. Finance – Adopt RESOLUTION approving Fiscal Year 2008-2009 appropriations limit and annual adjustment factors.

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION approving the City's appropriations limit for fiscal year 2008-2009 in the amount of \$872,287,085; and selection of the 2008-2009 percentage change in Non-Residential Assessed Valuations as the cost of living factor, together with the increase in the City's population, as the annual adjustment factors for the same fiscal year.

12E. Human Resources – Adopt RESOLUTION amending Memorandum of Understanding for Torrance City Employees Association implementing salary range for legal secretary.

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION amending the Memorandum of Understanding for the Torrance City Employees Association (TCEA) Resolution No. 2007-48 to implement the proposed salary range and premium for legal secretary.

13. HEARINGS

13A. Community Development – Consider an appeal of the Planning Commission’s adoption of a Negative Declaration of a proposal to construct a new two-unit residential condominium project, approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow multiple owner-occupied residential units, a Division of Lot for condominium purposes, and a Variance to allow tandem parking on property located in the R-3 Zone at 728 Sartori Avenue.

Recommendation of the Planning Commission that City Council deny the appeal and take the following action:

- 1) Adopt a Negative Declaration of a proposal to construct a new two-unit residential condominium project; and
- 2) Adopt **RESOLUTIONS** approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of multiple owner-occupied residential units, a Division of Lot for condominium purposes, and a Variance to allow tandem parking.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council uphold the appeal and take the following action:

- 1) Adopt a Negative Declaration of a proposal to construct a new two-unit residential condominium project; and
- 2) Deny without prejudice a Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction of multiple owner-occupied residential units, a Division of Lot for condominium purposes, and a Variance to allow tandem parking.

CUP08-00009, DIV08-00002 and VAR08-00001 / SUBTEC – CHERYL VARGO (JOHN L. RYAN, JR.)

13B. Community Development – Establish Underground Utility District No. 17 Skypark Drive and grant of easement for electrical systems and appurtenances.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing to determine whether public necessity, health, safety or welfare requires the removal of poles, overhead wires, and associated overhead structures and the underground installation of wires and facilities for supplying electric, communication or similar service in the Underground Utility District No. 17;
- 2) Accept the Engineer’s Report;
- 3) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** establishing Underground Utility District No. 17 (Skypark Drive from Garnier Street to Crenshaw Boulevard);
- 4) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to attest the subject grant of easement to Southern California Edison Company for underground electrical systems and appurtenances along the south side of Skypark Drive west of Crenshaw Boulevard.
- 5) Execute an agreement with Southern California Edison for replacement of overhead with underground distribution facilities in the amount of \$514,824 plus a 5% contingency of \$25,741; and
- 6) Approve an expenditure not to exceed \$25,000 for the reimbursement to modify existing on-site overhead service panel connections.

16. 2ND READING ORDINANCES

16A. Second and Final Reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 3711** amending Sections 61.10.1, 61.10.2, 61.10.3, 61.10.4 and 61.10.5 of the Torrance Municipal Code related to posted speed limits within the City.

16B. Second and Final reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 3712** amending Section 1 of Article 3 of Chapter 6 of Division 4 of the Torrance Municipal Code restricting the hours and days in which construction is permitted.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2 Staff & Public Comments

Council order - Witkowski Barnett Brewer Drevno Nowatka Sutherland

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18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council Closed Session

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(California Government Code § 54956.9[a]):

- 1) Gregory Saatterfield v. City of Torrance
WCAB Case No's. AHM 0109544; AHM 0109545; AHM 0124633; AHM 011717;
VNO 0310606; VNO 0397100; VNO 0397101; VNO 0397102; VNO 0402607;
LBO 0226381; LBO 351515; LBO 226379; LBO 0335879
- 2) Ethan Webber, et al. v. City of Torrance
LASC Case No. YC055578

B. REAL PROPERTY - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(California Government Code § 54956.8):

- 1) Property: Proposed modification to extend a hydrogen pipeline in existing City right of way and to modify an existing franchise authorized by Ordinance 3499 to construct, operate, and maintain the pipeline. The pipeline is located on 190th Street between Western Avenue and terminating west of Van Ness Avenue.

Negotiating Parties: LeRoy J. Jackson, City Manager
Eric J. Guter, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions of franchise

Redevelopment Agency Closed Session – None

19. ADJOURNMENT

19A. Adjourn City Council and Redevelopment Agency to Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

“There is hopeful symbolism in the fact that flags do not wave in a vacuum.” - Arthur C. Clarke

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
B2008-23	Bid for Construction of 190th Street Rehabilitation, T-49 Bid packets may be obtained for \$25 if picked up in the City Clerk's office, or \$30 if requested by mail. Questions may be referred to Davina Buenavista at 310.618.3057.	Thursday June 26, 2008
B2008-24	Bid for the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Chiller Unit Replacement Mandatory job walk Tuesday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m. located at Torrance Cultural Arts Center, 3330 Torrance Boulevard. SECOND mandatory job walk Tuesday, June 3 at 2:00 p.m. Bid packets may be obtained for \$15 if picked up in the City Clerk's office, or \$30 if requested by mail. Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151.	Thursday June 5, 2008 Wednesday June 18, 2008
B2008-25	Bid to furnish a 33,000 lb. Cab & Chassis with an Articulating Crane Mounted Behind the Cab Questions may be referred to Laurie Lim at 310.618.5820.	Thursday June 12, 2008
B2008-26	Bid for Construction of the 2008 Residential Slurry Seal Project Bid packets may be obtained for \$5 if picked up, \$10 if requested by mail. Questions may be referred to Henry Completo at 310.618.3058.	Thursday June 26, 2008

City Hall will be closed:

Friday, June 6

Friday, June 20

Independence Day, Friday, July 4