

**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
JUNE 26, 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, 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 21, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS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:

<p>ANNUAL OLD FASHIONED 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION 11:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M. WITH A SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY CHARLES WILSON PARK LOCATED AT 2200 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD</p> <p>THERE WILL BE A \$5.00 FEE FOR ON-SITE PARKING, FREE PARKING AT DESIGNATED LOCATIONS IN THE DEL AMO FASHION CENTER AND TORRANCE CIVIC CENTER WITH FREE SHUTTLE SERVICE</p> <p>THE ENTIRE FAMILY CAN ENJOY ARTS & CRAFTS, FOOD AND GAME BOOTHS, FREE MINI-STEAMER TRAIN RIDES, CONTESTS AND CONTINUOUS ENTERTAINMENT.</p>
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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, June 22

Independence Day, Wednesday, July 4

Friday, July 6

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

A. City Manager – Accept and file the second quarterly report from the Blue Ribbon Committee to study Ethics and Integrity in City Government

The City Manager recommends that City Council accept and file the second quarterly report from the Blue Ribbon Committee to study Ethics and Integrity in City Government covering the period from February through June 2007.

B. Presentation to the City of Torrance for participation in the Cool Cities Program.

C. Presentation of plaques to appointed Torrance members of the Carson/ Lomita/ Torrance Workforce Investment Network Board honoring their years of service.

D. City Clerk – Appointment to fill City Council vacancy

The City Clerk recommends that City Council take action to fill a vacancy on the City Council by appointment from a list of qualified applicants.

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. General Services – Approve contract extension for renovation of Fire Station #5. Expenditure: Not Applicable

The General Services Director recommends that City Council approve a contract amendment with Action Contractors Inc. (C2006-179) extending the term from June 30, 2007 to December 31, 2007 for the renovation of Fire Station #5 (FEAP #123).

B. Human Resources – Approve purchase of excess liability coverage. Expenditure: \$258,652.

The Human Resources Director recommends that City Council approve the renewal purchase of two layers of excess liability insurance from Alliant Insurance Services at a combined premium of \$258,652 for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

C. Human Resources – Approve purchase of excess workers' compensation insurance. Expenditure: \$148,965.

The Human Resources Director recommends that City Council approve the purchase of excess workers' compensation insurance from CSAC Excess Insurance Authority through Alliant Insurance Services, the City's insurance broker, at a premium not to exceed \$148,965. The policy period will be July 1, 2007 through July 1, 2008.

D. Transit – Approve Inter-Agency agreement for the Dial-A-Taxi Program. Expenditure: Not applicable.

The Transit Director recommends that City Council approve the Inter-Agency agreement with City of Lomita for participation in the Dial-A-Taxi Program from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010.

E. Community Services/Library Division – Approve purchase of electronic databases. Expenditure: \$32,935.

The Acting Community Services Director recommends that City Council approve the sole source purchase of three electronic databases (EBSCO Host, NoveList, and Auto Repair Reference Center) from EBSCO, Inc., in the amount of \$32,935.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

F. Community Services/Library Division – Authorize agreements for library materials and supplies. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$450,430.

The Acting Community Services Director recommends that City Council authorize purchase agreements in a combined total not to exceed \$450,430 to Baker & Taylor of Reno, NV in the amount of \$300,000, Gale Group of Farmington Hills, MI in the amount of \$46,255, ProQuest Information and Learning of Ann Arbor, MI in the amount of \$38,175, Baker & Taylor Entertainment of Reno, NV in the amount of \$20,000, Random House, Inc. of Finksburg, MD in the amount of \$28,000, and Demco Co. of Williamsport, PA in the amount of \$18,000, for the purchase of 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 2007-2008.

G. General Services and Police – Award contract for construction of block wall and gate. Expenditure: \$68,250

The General Services Director and the Police Chief recommend that City Council award a contract to Bollocks Masonry, Inc. (B2007-22) for \$65,000 with a 5% contingency of \$3,250 to construct a masonry block wall with gate around the perimeter of the Police Department mobile command vehicle storage facility (FEAP #464).

H. General Services - Authorize repairs to four (4) underground fuel tank monitoring systems. Expenditure: \$32,990.

The General Services Director recommends that City Council authorize payment to Encon Technologies, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, CA for repairs to four (4) underground fuel tank monitoring systems at the City Services Facility, in an amount not to exceed \$32,990.

I. General Services and Public Works – Authorize purchasing agreement to furnish Neptune brand water meters. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$520,000.

The General Services Director and the Public Works Director recommend that City Council

- 1) Authorize a purchasing agreement with Measurement Control Systems, Inc. of Santa Ana, CA in an amount not to exceed \$520,000. This purchasing agreement will enable the City to purchase Neptune brand water meters on an as needed basis during the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; and
- 2) Approve a supplemental appropriation of \$92,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund to fund the 2007-2008 contractual meters purchase.

J. General Services and Fire – Authorize purchase order for one (1) 2008 Ford F450 Supercab and Chassis for new fire paramedic rescue truck. Expenditure: \$36,243.44.

The General Services Director and Fire Chief recommend that City Council authorize a purchase order to Power Ford of Torrance, CA in the amount of \$36,243.44 including sales tax and applicable tire fees, to furnish one (1) 2008 Ford F450 Supercab and Chassis. This cab and chassis will be used to build an additional Fire rescue paramedic truck for Torrance Fire Department.

K. General Services – Approve contract renewal for graffiti removal services. Expenditure: \$220,000

The General Services Director recommends that City Council approve a one year option to renew the contract with Graffiti Protective Coatings, Inc. (C2005-102) for graffiti removal services in the City of Torrance for fiscal year 2007-2008 for \$220,000, with price adjustment not to exceed the Consumer Price Index- All Urban Consumers.

L. General Services- Approve contract extension for Police Mobile Command Storage Facility. Expenditure: Not applicable

The General Services Director recommends that City Council approve a contract amendment with SAS Construction (C2006-050) extending the term from June 30, 2007 to December 31, 2007 for the Police Department Mobile Command Vehicle Storage Facility (FEAP #464).

8. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

M. Human Resources – Approve contracts for medical services. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$115,000 and \$30,000 respectively

The Human Resources Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Approve a contract for medical services with the Medical Institute of Little Company of Mary for a not to exceed amount of \$115,000 from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; and
- 2) Approve a contract for medical services with Western Medical Group for a not to exceed amount of \$30,000 from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

N. Human Resources – Authorize contract to provide participant services as a part of the Torrance Home Improvement Program (HIP). Expenditure: \$27,500 in funding from the Redevelopment Operating Budget

The Human Resources Director recommends that City Council authorize a contract with the City of Long Beach to provide participant services as a part of the Torrance Home Improvement Program (HIP) for the period of July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. Expenditure: \$27,500 in funding from the Redevelopment Operating Budget.

O. Transit – Approve agreement to conduct a passenger miles study. Expenditure: \$36,435.

The Transit Director recommends that City Council approve a contract services agreement with PMC (B2007-25) to conduct a passenger miles study for the Transit Department, as required by the National Transit Database, at a cost not to exceed \$36,435.

P. Transit – Approve agreement to provide security for the Torrance Transit System. Expenditure: \$207,604.

The Transit Director recommends that City Council approve a one-year contract services agreement with Allied Barton Security Services to provide security services for the Torrance Transit System (B2007-13) from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, at a cost not to exceed \$207,604.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. City Manager – Adopt RESOLUTION for Executive and Management Employees

The City Manager recommends that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION for Executive and Management Employees increasing the reference point by CPI pursuant to provisions of the Merit Plan, to add the position of Workers' Compensation Administrator, to remove the Retirement Health Savings Plan, to modify Section 2.2 (B)1, and to implement new health insurance coverage approved for all employees by City Council effective January 1, 2008.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2 Date: June 26, 2007

Council order - Nowatka Sutherland Witkowsky Brewer Drevno
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

A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

(California Government Code § 54957.6):

Agency Negotiator: LeRoy J. Jackson

Employee Organization/Association:

1. Certain Full-Time Salaried and Hourly Employees
2. Certain Part-Time Hourly Employees
3. Crossing Guards
4. Elected Officials
5. Engineers Association
6. Executive & Management Employees
7. Police & Fire Trainees
8. Safety Management Employees
9. Torrance City Employees' Association
10. Torrance Fire Chief Officers Association
11. Torrance Fire Fighters Association
12. Torrance Fiscal Employees Association
13. Torrance Library Employees Association
14. Torrance Municipal Employees/AFSCME Local 1117 AFL-CIO
15. Torrance Police Commanders' Association
16. Torrance Police Officers Association
17. Torrance Professional Parks & Recreation Employees Organization
18. Torrance Professional & Supervisory Association
19. Torrance Recurrent Recreational Employees Organization

18. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Continued)

B. REAL PROPERTY - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
(California Government Code § 54956.8):

1) Property: Power Ford
3311 Pacific Coast Highway
South Bay Mercedes
3233 Pacific Coast Highway
Former Mitsubishi Site
3131 Pacific Coast Highway
Power Acura
25341 Crenshaw Boulevard
Infiniti South Bay
3035 Pacific Coast Highway
South Bay Jaguar
3111 Pacific Coast Highway

Agency Negotiator: LeRoy J. Jackson
Negotiating Parties: City of Torrance and Harry Brumley,
Director of Real Estate AutoNation

Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions of lease(s)

Redevelopment Agency Closed Session – None

19. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjourn City Council and Redevelopment Agency to Tuesday, July 3, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

***“The older I get the greater power I seem to have to help the world;
I am like a snowball -- the further I am rolled the more I gain.”***

Susan B. Anthony

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
B2007-26	Bid for carpet replacement at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center Plans and specifications may be obtained for \$10 if picked at the City Clerk’s office, or \$15 if requested by mail. Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151.	Thursday June 28, 2007
B2007-27	Bid for exterior painting at Walteria Recreation Center Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151.	Thursday July 12, 2007
B2007-28	Bid for duct cleaning at City Hall and Police Department Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151.	Thursday July 12, 2007
B2007-29	Bid to furnish security guard services at Torrance Public Library Questions may be referred to Sally Howard at 310.618.5820.	Thursday July 19, 2007
B2007-30	Bid to furnish (2) latest production Toyota Avalon XL’s Questions may be referred to Laurie Lim at 310.618.5820.	Thursday July 19, 2007

City Hall will be closed:

Friday, June 22, **Independence Day**, Wednesday, July 4, Friday, July 6, and Friday, July 20