

**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
NOVEMBER 6, 2007  
REGULAR MEETING  
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, November 1, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS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 AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 AT 5:30 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER 2007-2008 BUDGET REVIEW**

**Exxon Mobil Torrance Refinery Monthly Community Alert Siren testing  
Wednesday, November 7 @ 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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**CITICABLE SCHEDULE AND HOMEPAGE LIVE AUDIO/VIDEO**

City Council meetings are cablecast live Tuesdays in CitiCABLE Channel 3 and CitiSOUNDS AM 1620. Meetings are replayed Wednesday and Thursday at 10:00 p.m. and Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on Channel 3. NOTE: if the meeting is over five (5) hours, the Friday, Saturday and Sunday replay schedule is 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. To watch live streaming and past Council meetings, log on to CitiNET at [www.torrcnet.com](http://www.torrcnet.com).

**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, November 9

**Veteran's Day** observed, Monday November 12

**Thanksgiving Day**, Thursday, November 22

Friday, November 23

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**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. City Treasurer – Accept and file September 2007 investment report.**

The City Treasurer recommends that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of September 2007.

**B. General Services - Authorize sale of surplus/obsolete vehicles. Expenditure: Not applicable.**

The General Services Director recommends that City Council authorize Ken Porter Auctions of Gardena, CA to facilitate the sale of eleven (11) surplus/obsolete vehicles and miscellaneous equipment.

**C. General Services – Authorize purchase agreement for custodial paper goods. Expenditure: Not to exceed: \$109,000.**

The General Services Director recommends that City Council authorize an annual purchase agreement with Gale Supply Company of Los Angeles, CA in an amount not to exceed \$109,000 to furnish various custodial paper goods on an as needed basis, effective November 6, 2007 through November 5, 2008. (B2007-37)

**D. Public Works – Approve agreement amendment for final design services for the Walteria and Ben Haggott Reservoirs Rehabilitation and Nitrification Reduction Project. Expenditure: Not applicable.**

The Public Works Director recommends that City Council approve Amendment No. 1 to consulting services agreement with Carollo Engineers (C2006-230) for a twelve month term extension for final design services for the Walteria and Ben Haggott Reservoirs Rehabilitation and Nitrification Reduction Project, CIP No. S-31.

**E. Public Works - Award agreements for the North Torrance Water Main Replacement Project. Expenditure: \$3,605,820.30.**

The Public Works Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the construction of the North Torrance Water Main Replacement Project (CIP Project No. I-73) on file in the City Clerk's Office (B2007-36);
- 2) Award a public works agreement in the amount of \$3,405,586 to Robert G. Castongia General Engineering Contractors;
- 3) Authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$170,279.30 for this project;
- 4) Award a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$29,955 to Geo-Environmental, Inc. to perform geotechnical inspection services for this project;
- 5) Transfer the remaining balance of approximately \$1,747,410.75 from CIP No. I-25 to CIP No. I-73 budget; and
- 6) Transfer the remaining balance of approximately \$627,496.03 from CIP No. I-60 to CIP No. I-73.

**F. Transit – Approve Memorandum of Understanding for Proposition C 5% Transit Security Funds.**

The Transit Director recommends that City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) for the allocation of Proposition C 5% Security funds for the period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

## 8. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

### G. Communications and Information Technology – Authorize purchase of new data network equipment. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$26,400.

The Information Technology Director recommends that City Council authorize a purchase order with CDW Government, Inc. of Vernon Hills, IL for new data network devices to replace obsolete devices in an amount not to exceed \$26,400.

### H. Communications and Information Technology - Authorize annual purchase order for computer hardware and software. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$520,000.

The Information Technology Director recommends that City Council authorize an annual purchase order with Dell Computers, Inc. for personal computers, servers, laptops, and other miscellaneous related hardware and software for an amount not-to-exceed \$520,000.

### I. City Manager - Consent to sublease for City owned property located on Pacific Coast Highway between Madison and Aero Way.

The City Manager recommends that City Council consent to sub-lease to Thomas T. Omoto, DMD and Steven D. Barney, DDS, Inc., for an aggregate term of 20 years within the project known as Madison Park located on City owned property leased to JAS Madison I, LLC and located at 3445 Pacific Coast Highway in the City of Torrance.

### J. Fire – Approve hearing date for introduction of the 2007 California Fire Code.

The Fire Chief recommends that City Council approve the date of November 20, 2007 for a public hearing to consider a proposed ordinance adopting the 2007 California Fire Code with local amendments.

### K. Public Works and Water Commission – Accept and file 2006-2007 Water Commission annual report. Expenditure: Not applicable.

The Public Works Director and the Water Commission recommend that City Council accept and file the 2006-2007 Water Commission annual report.

### L. Police and General Services – Appropriate and allocate asset forfeiture funds and approve purchase of command post and utility equipment for police vehicles. Expenditure: \$143,896.22.

The Chief of Police and the General Services Director recommend that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate and allocate \$143,896.22 from the State Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture account for the purchase of specialized command post and utility equipment for police vehicles; and
- 2) Approve a sole-source purchase order to 911 Vehicle of Anaheim, CA, in an amount not to exceed \$143,896.22 to outfit three field command post vehicles and two crime scene investigations vehicles.

## 10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### A. City Manager - Partnership to promote environmental initiatives through an internet website. Expenditure: \$3,500.

The City Manager recommends that City Council approve a year long partnership by and between the City of Torrance, the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce, and Aurora Enterprises to promote environmental initiatives through the establishment and maintenance of an internet website [www.greentorrance.com](http://www.greentorrance.com) and appropriate \$3,500 for the project.

## 12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### A. Community Development – Approve hearing date for introduction of the 2007 California Building Codes.

The Community Development Director recommends that City Council approve the date of November 20, 2007 for a public hearing to consider a proposed ordinance adopting the 2007 California Building Codes with local amendments.

### B. City Manager – Review Blue Ribbon Committee on Ethics and Integrity report.

The City Manager recommends that City Council review and give direction to City staff regarding specific recommendations by the Blue Ribbon Committee on Ethics and Integrity on the scheduling and review of draft ordinances.

### C. Human Resources and Civil Service Commission – Approve reclassification of relief bus operator to bus operator.

The Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission recommend that City Council approve the allocation of Jorge Venegas and Lucy Harrison from the classification relief bus operator to the classification of bus operator in light of the findings that they meet the criteria for position reclassification.

### D. Public Works - Award agreements for the construction of the Plaza Del Amo Sewer Project. Expenditure: \$1,040,287.02.

The Public Works Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Approve the plans and specifications for the Plaza Del Amo Sewer Project (B2007-35) on file in the City Clerk's Office;
- 2) Award a public works agreement to the lowest bidder, Charles King Co., Inc., in the amount of \$934,192.40;
- 3) Authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$46,709.62 for this project;
- 4) Award a consulting services agreement to HB-Hyecom Inc., in the amount of \$50,400 for inspection services for this project; and
- 5) Award a consulting services agreement to Geo-Environmental Inc., in the amount of \$8,985 for geotechnical services for this project.

### E. City Manager – Status report on exploring acquisition of 465 Crenshaw Boulevard and approve an appropriation from the Working Capital Reserve. Expenditure: \$750,000.

The City Manager recommends that City Council review the status report on exploring the acquisition of a portion of the site at 465 Crenshaw Boulevard, and approve an appropriation of \$750,000 from the Working Capital Reserve established for the site.

## 17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

Date: November 6, 2007

Council order - Sutherland Witkowsky Barnett Brewer Drevno Nowatka  
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, November 20, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. for a joint meeting with the Library Commission in the Katy Geissert Library meeting room, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. **Tuesday, November 13 will be a dark night.**

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk

**“Loyalty to petrified opinion never yet broke a chain  
or freed a human soul.” - Mark Twain**

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
<b>B2007-39</b>	<b>Bid for CIT Radio Shop Renovation</b> Mandatory job walk Wednesday, November 7 at 10:00 a.m. located at Torrance City Yard, 20500 Madrona Avenue. Plans and specifications may be obtained for \$25 if picked up in the City Clerk's office, or \$35 if requested by mail. Questions may be referred to Leeann Vidaillet at 310.781.7147	Thursday November 29, 2007
<b>B2007-40</b>	<b>Bid for Landscape Improvements at the Southeast corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Pacific Coast Highway</b> Plans and specifications may be obtained for \$20 if picked up in the City Clerk's office, or \$25 if requested by mail. Questions may be referred to Henry Sakamoto at 310.618.5990	Thursday November 15, 2007
<b>B2007-41</b>	<b>Bid to furnish Automotive Hardware, Fasteners and Electrical Connectors on an As Requested Basis</b> Questions may be referred to Laurie Lim at 310.618.5820	Thursday November 15, 2007

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