

**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
NOVEMBER 4, 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, Mr. Furey, Mr. Numark,
Ms. Rhilinger, Mr. Sutherland, 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, October 30, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS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, November 5, 2008 @ 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 have three minutes to address the City Council on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers may sign up at the podium prior to the meeting. An additional Oral Communications period follows the regular business of the City Council. No speaker under Oral Communications may speak more than one time per meeting.

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

Complete Council agendas are available for review at City Hall in the Office of the City Clerk and in all public libraries during all normal business hours as well as on City of Torrance Home Page - www.tornet.com. Materials related to an item on the agenda submitted to the Council or Redevelopment Agency after distribution of the agenda packet are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office at 3031 Torrance Blvd. during normal business hours. Such documents are also available on the City of Torrance website at www.tornet.com subject to staff's availability to post the documents before the meeting. A brief description of each Council item is also available 24 hours day on CitiCABLE Channel 3.

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.tornet.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 7

Tuesday, November 11 (Veterans' Day)

Friday, November 21

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

- 6A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2008-111** of the Torrance City Council honoring **Ron Shestokes** upon his retirement from the City after twenty-five years of service.
- 6B. Presentation on the **Great Southern California ShakeOut** and the role the City of Torrance will play in the earthquake preparedness exercise.
- 6C. Presentation – Certificate of Recognition to the City of Torrance by the **American Cancer Society Relay for Life**.

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. Speakers under Orals are limited to either Oral Communications #1 or Oral Communication #2. 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.

- 8A. **City Attorney – Ratify existing contracts, approve two contract amendments, and approve two new contracts for independent counsel. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$250,000**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council ratify eleven existing contracts, approve two amendments, and approve two new contracts with the law firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore, in a cumulative amount not to exceed \$250,000.

- 8B. **City Treasurer – Accept and file the September 2008 investment report.**

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

- 8C. **City Manager – Approve subsidy for 2009 United States Air Force Academy Golden West Band. Expenditure \$1,734.50**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council subsidize the rental fees of the James Armstrong Theatre and other related costs to include labor costs and printing of tickets and concert programs for the 2009 USAF Golden West Band for a total amount of \$1,734.50.

- 8D. **City Manager and City Attorney – Approve payment of \$27,004.97 to Bell, Anderson & Sanders, LLC for appraisal of DOW Chemical right-of-way.**

Recommendation of the City Manager and City Attorney that City Council authorize a payment of \$27,004.97 to Bell, Anderson & Sanders, LLC for appraisal work related to the acquisition of a portion of Dow Chemical property for the Del Amo Extension project.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 12A. **Transit – Conceptual approval for staff to develop a regional federal grant application for a Torrance Transit Center.**

Recommendation of the Transit Director that City Council approve staff to develop a conceptual regional Torrance Transit Center model for submission as a federal grant application.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2 Staff & Public Comments

Council order - Numark Rhilinger Sutherland Barnett Brewer Furey

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18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council Closed Session

18A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

(California Government Code § 54957.6):

Agency Negotiator: LeRoy J. Jackson

Employee Organization/Association: Certain Part-Time Hourly Employees

18B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION –

CITY MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY (California Government Code § 54957)

18C. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

(California Government Code § 54957.6):

Agency Negotiator: Mayor Frank Scotto

Unrepresented Employees: City Manager and City Attorney

18D. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(California Government Code § 54956.9 (a):

1) Brumbaugh v. City of Torrance

LASC Case No. BS097255

2) Brumbaugh v. City of Torrance

LASC Case No. BS116891

3) Brumbaugh v. City of Torrance

USDC Case No. CV-07668

4) Litvin v. CalPERS

LASC Case No. BC391737

5) Nazir v. City of Torrance

LASC Case No. BS114709

6) Nazir v. City of Torrance

LASC Case No. BS116560

7) Tillitt v. City of Torrance

LASC Case No. BS115581

18E. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – LIABILITY CLAIMS

(California Government Code § 54956.9 (b) (1) (3) (C):

1) Claimant: Jane Doe

Parties claimed against: City of Torrance (filed August 14, 2008)

2) Claimants: Torrance Police Officers Association and
Rehan Nazir

Parties claimed against: City of Torrance and Does 1-10, inclusive
(filed August 18, 2008)

3) Claimant: Rehan Nazir

- Parties claimed against: City of Torrance; Torrance Police Department and John Neu, individually and as of Chief of Police; and Does 1-100, inclusive (filed September 25, 2008)
- 4) Claimant: Frank Hernandez
 Parties claimed against: City of Torrance; Torrance Police Department; John Neu, individually and as of Chief of Police and Does 1-100, inclusive (filed September 29, 2008)

18F. REAL PROPERTY-CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
 (California Government Code § 54956.8):

- 1) Property: PPG Industries, Crenshaw Boulevard
 Torrance, CA 90503
 APN 352-002-008
- Agency Negotiator: LeRoy J. Jackson
 Negotiating Parties: City of Torrance and Richard Marks, PPG Industries
 Under Negotiations: Price and terms of payment for purchase of property

19. ADJOURNMENT

19A. Adjourn City Council meeting to Tuesday November 18, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. for a Harassment Awareness Training session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. **Tuesday, November 11, 2008 will be a Council Dark night.**

 Sue Herbers, City Clerk

"Put your future in good hands - your own."

Author Unknown

City of Torrance CURRENT BID LISTING (as of October 30, 2008)

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
RFP B2008-62	Request for Proposal to Provide Sports Turf Management at Various Parks Pre-proposal briefing session on Wednesday, October 15, 1008 at 10:00 a.m. located at Wilson Park, 2400 Jefferson Street, Torrance, CA 90503 Questions may be referred to Carl Kaemerle at 310.781.7590	Thursday November 6, 2008
B2008-63	Bid for Demolition and Abatement for Five (5) Branch Libraries Mandatory job walk on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. located at Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501 Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151	Thursday November 13, 2008
B2008-64	Bid to Provide Uniform Rental Service Questions may be referred to Sally Howard at 310.618.5820	Thursday November 13, 2008
B2008-65	Bid to Furnish the City's Fuel Requirements On An As Requested Basis For a Period of Three (3) Years Questions may be referred to Laurie Lim at 310.618.5820	Thursday November 20, 2008