

**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
APRIL 22, 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, April 17, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**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:**

<p><b>CITY COUNCIL AD HOC ETHICS COMMITTEE TUESDAY, APRIL 22 AT 3:00 P.M. CITY HALL - 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM</b></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, April 25  
Friday, May 9  
Friday, May 23

## 6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

A. **RESOLUTION NO. 54** honoring and commending Police Officer **Keith Thompson** as the recipient of a Medal of Valor Award.

B. **City Manager – Accept and appropriate a donation from Exxon/Mobil Corporation for the 2008 Green Team Program; and transfer funds from the 2007 to the 2008 Green Team Program for a total budget of \$103,400.10.**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Accept a \$100,000 donation from Exxon/Mobil Corporation;
- 2) Appropriate the \$100,000 donation to the 2008 Green Team program;
- 3) Transfer the remaining appropriation of \$3,400.10 from the 2007 Green Team (FEAP #638) to the 2008 Green Team program; and
- 4) Authorize payment to Torrance Unified School District (TUSD) for 2008 Green Team in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

C. **Proclamation** declaring the week of April 27 through May 3 as **“National Volunteer Week”** in the City of Torrance.

D. **Community Services – Accept and file the Torrance Rose Float Association 2007-2008 Annual Report.**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the Torrance Rose Float Association 2007-2008 Annual Report (2008 Float).

## 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 Clerk – Approve City Council minutes**

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of March 17 and March 18, 2008.

B. **City Attorney – Approve fee amendment for legal services. Expenditure: \$35,000.**

Recommendation of the City Attorney that City Council approve the amendment to the fee agreement with the law firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (C2007-117) to provide legal services relating to a federal court case involving Brumbaugh v. City of Torrance for an additional \$35,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$59,000.

C. **Community Services - Accept and file the Living Tree Dedication Program report for the period January through December 2007.**

Recommendation of the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Community Services Director that City Council accept and file the Living Tree Dedication Program report for the period January through December 2007.

D. **Finance – Approve dates to conduct budget workshops/public hearings.**

Recommendation of the Finance Director to approve May 6 and May 13, 2008, as dates to conduct two budget workshops/public hearings on the second year of the City's 2007-2009 Operating Budget.

## 8. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

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

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize Ken Porter Auctions of Gardena, CA to facilitate the sale of seventeen (17) surplus/obsolete vehicles and miscellaneous equipment.

**F. Public Works – Award agreement for engineering services for design of T-1 vault. Expenditure: \$56,505.**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council award a consulting services agreement to RMS Engineering and Design Inc., in the amount of \$56,505, for engineering services for design of T-1 vault.

**G. Community Services - Authorize purchase and installation of playground equipment and rubberized play surface at Victor Park. Expenditure: \$145,182.53.**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council authorize a sole-source purchase order with Miracle Playground Sales of Southern California, Placentia, CA, for an amount not to exceed \$145,182.53 (includes \$5,800 contingency) for the acquisition and installation of playground equipment and rubberized play surfacing at Victor Park.

**H. Public Works – Approve change order for replacement of water main in Falda Avenue and to relocate water main in Torrance Boulevard for future storm drain construction. Expenditure: \$265,184.85.**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that the City Council:

- 1) Approve a change order in the amount of \$252,557 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of \$12,627.85 to public works agreement with Robert G. Castongia, Inc. (C2007-184) for a new not to exceed amount of \$3,841,050.15 for the replacement of an additional water main in Falda Avenue and to relocate a 16-inch water main in Torrance Boulevard for a future storm drain construction; and
- 2) Authorize the Public Works Director to prepare and execute said change order.

**I. Police, Fire, and Information Technology - Authorize yearly maintenance payment for the Public Safety Information System. Expenditure: \$99,681.**

Recommendation of the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Information Technology Director that City Council authorize payment of \$99,681 to Spillman Technologies, Inc., for yearly maintenance of the Public Safety Information System, for the period from February 1, 2008 through January 31, 2009.

**J. Police - Approve agreement for the acceptance of the 2007 State Homeland Security Grant Program; appropriate and allocate grant funds for License Plate Recognition System. Expenditure: \$25,150.**

Recommendation of the Police Chief that Council:

- 1) Authorize the acceptance of the 2007 State Homeland Security Grant Program award in the amount of \$25,011 and approve a subrecipient agreement with the County of Los Angeles;
- 2) Appropriate and allocate the grant funds for the Police License Plate Recognition project; and
- 3) Authorize a purchase order to PIPS Technology of Anaheim, CA not to exceed \$25,150 for a License Plate Recognition System.

**K. Police – Approve an increase to contract for after hours animal control services. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$20,000.**

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council approve a \$20,000 increase to the agreement with the County of Los Angeles (Ref. Contract #2007-00000068), through the Director of Animal Care and Control, for after hours animal control services, for the period from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, for a total contract amount of \$50,000 and a two year contract amount of \$80,000.

**8. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)**

**L. Community Services - Subsidize fees for use of the portable stage for the Relay for Life event. Expenditure: \$722.61.**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council subsidize the fees for use of the portable stage for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event to be held at South Torrance High School on May 2-4, 2008.

**M. Community Services - Accept and appropriate grant funds, approve grant agreement, and approve agreement for landscaping service. Expenditure: \$75,809.**

Recommendation of the Community Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Accept and appropriate a grant from the County of Los Angeles in the amount of \$75,809;
- 2) Approve a grant agreement with the County for \$75,809, and
- 3) Approve an agreement for landscaping service with the Los Angeles Conservation Corps. in an amount not to exceed \$52,745.

**N. Finance - Approve first extension of the Utility Billing (Sewer) Service agreement. Expenditure: Approximately \$39,000 annually.**

Recommendation of the Finance Director that City Council approve the first (of two) two-year renewal options (indexed to CPI) with the California Water Service Company (CWSC), to provide utility billing services to the City of Torrance.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**A. Community Services - Approve 2009 Torrance rose float design, "Mad Hatter's Tea Party", and construction, entry, display and operation of a float in 2009 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Expenditure: \$142,000**

Recommendation of the City Council Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee that City Council:

- 1) Approve the design entitled "Mad Hatter's Tea Party" for the City's float entry in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade on January 1, 2009;
- 2) Approve an agreement between the City of Torrance and Fiesta Parade Floats for the design, construction, entry, display and operation of the Torrance Float in the 2009 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade; and
- 3) Approve the expenditure of \$142,000 (City contribution \$132,000 and Torrance Rose Float contribution \$10,000) for related costs.

**13. HEARINGS**

**A. Police - Convene a public hearing to reallocate funds among ongoing programs under the 2006 Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant.**

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council:

- 1) Convene a public hearing concerning Assembly Bill 3229, the 2006 Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant funding;
- 2) Receive input from staff on programs of interest to the Chief of Police and City Council as well as the public on the use of the grant funds; and
- 3) Reallocate \$28,000 of the 2006 COPS grant among ongoing programs.

**16. 2ND READING ORDINANCES**

**A. Second and Final Reading of ORDINANCE NO. 3709 adding Section 49.2.10 of the Torrance Municipal Code relating to special events at Wilson Park.**

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2** Date: April 22, 2008

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

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## 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:

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

### B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(California Government Code § 54956.9[a]):

- 1) Sandra Doherty v. City of Torrance  
LASC Case No. YC056260

### C. REAL PROPERTY - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(California Government Code § 54956.8):

- 1) Property: A portion of the north side of 242<sup>nd</sup> Street located between Hawthorne Boulevard to the east and Pacific Coast Highway to the north  
Agency Negotiator: LeRoy J. Jackson  
Negotiating Parties: City of Torrance and Raju Chhabria  
Under Negotiation: Potential Sale of City-owned property
- 2) Property: Parcel 27, Official Map No. 2 parcel located to the east end of Torrance Municipal Airport  
Agency Negotiator: LeRoy J. Jackson  
Negotiating Parties: City of Torrance and Cynthia Macha, Director Western Museum of Flight  
Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions of lease

*Redevelopment Agency Closed Session*

### 10. REAL PROPERTY - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

Property: 1640 Cabrillo Avenue and 1617-1635 Border Avenue

Agency Negotiator: LeRoy J. Jackson

Negotiating Parties: City of Torrance and Gerald Wright and Luis Bignone

Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions of lease

## 19. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjourn City Council and Redevelopment Agency to Tuesday, May 6, 2008, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, April 29 will be a Council dark night.**

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

**"Challenges make you discover things about yourself  
that you never really knew." — Cicely Tyson**

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 B2008-09	<b>Request for Proposal to Furnish Telephone and Voicemail System Replacement</b> Bid packets may be obtained for \$20 if picked up, or \$25 if requested by mail. Questions may be referred to Ernest Gallo at 310.618.2885.	Thursday May 15, 2008
B2008-11	<b>Bid for Construction and Installation of Entry and Advanced Street Signage</b> Questions may be referred to Henry Sakamoto at 310.618.5990.	Thursday <del>April 10, 2008</del> April 24, 2008
B2008-13	<b>Bid to Remove Underground Fuel Storage Tanks at Fire Station #2 and Fire Station #6</b> Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151.	Thursday April 24, 2008
RFP B2008-15	<b>Request for Proposal to Provide Security Services for Torrance Transit</b> Pre-proposal conference Thursday, April 24 at 3:30 p.m. located at the Torrance Transit System, 20500 Madrona Avenue. Questions may be referred to Eddie Harris at 310.618.3020.	Thursday May 15, 2008
B2008-16	<b>Bid for the Katy Geissert Civic Center Library 1st Floor Remodel</b> 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 Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151.	Thursday May 8, 2008
B2008-17	<b>Bid to Furnish Maintenance, Servicing, Repair and Installation of Trash Receptacles and Miscellaneous Street Furniture at Bus Stops in the City of Torrance</b> Questions may be referred to Dennis Kobata at 310.618.3029.	Thursday May 1, 2008
B2008-18	<b>Bid to Furnish a 33,000 lb. Cab &amp; Chassis with an Articulating Crane Mounted Behind the Cab</b> Questions may be referred to Laurie Lim at 310.618.5820.	Thursday May 1, 2008
B2008-19	<b>Bid to Furnish and Install Vehicle Equipment on (15) Ford Crown Victoria Sedans.</b> Questions may be referred to Laurie Lim 310.618.5820.	Thursday May 1, 2008
B2008-20	<b>Bid for the Roof Replacement at East Annex Building</b> Mandatory job walk Wednesday, April 30 at 10:00 a.m. located at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard. Bid packets may be obtained for \$10 if picked up in the City Clerk's office, or \$15 if requested by mail. Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151.	Thursday May 22, 2008
B2008-21	<b>Bid for the Replacement of City Hall Static Dampers and Air Filtration Systems and West Annex Air Handler</b> Mandatory job walk Tuesday, April 29 at 10:00 a.m. located at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard. Bid packets 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 Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151.	Thursday May 22, 2008
RFP B2008-22	<b>Request for Proposal for the Processing and Bank Deposit of Transit System Revenue and the City of Torrance Daily Cash Deposits</b> Mandatory pre-proposal conference Thursday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m. located at Torrance Transit Department (City Yard), 20500 Madrona Avenue. Questions may be referred to Jim Mills at 310.618.6291.	Thursday May 22, 2008

**City Hall will be closed:** Friday, April 25, Friday, May 9, Friday, May 23, and **Memorial Day**, Monday, May 26