

**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
JULY 17, 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. 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 Friday, July 13, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS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:

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, July 20

Friday, August 3

Friday, August 17

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. City Clerk – Approve City Council minutes

City Clerk recommends that City Council approve the City Council minutes of May 8, May 15, and May 22, 2007.

B. Community Services – Accept and file the 2005-2006 Financial and Narrative Statements of non-profit social services agency grant recipients. Expenditure: Not applicable.

The Parks and Recreation Commission and Acting Community Services Director recommend that City Council accept and file the Narrative and Financial Reports of completed projects for fiscal year 2005-2006 non-profit social services agency grant recipients.

C. City Attorney - Approve First Amendment to fee agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore. Expenditure: \$20,000.

The City Attorney recommends that the City Council approve the First Amendment to the fee agreement with the law firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (C2005-155) to provide legal services relating to a personnel termination appeal proceeding in the additional amount of \$20,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$44,000.

D. City Attorney - Approve Second Amendment to fee agreement with Liebert Cassidy Whitmore. Expenditure: \$40,000.

The City Attorney recommends that the City Council approve the Second Amendment to the fee agreement with the law firm of Liebert Cassidy Whitmore (C2005-145) to provide legal services relating to a personnel termination appeal proceeding in the additional amount of \$40,000 for a total amount not to exceed \$89,000.

E. Community Services – Approve contract amendment for developing cultural programming at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center. Expenditure: \$12,750.

The Acting Community Services Director recommends that City Council approve an amendment to consulting service agreement with John Powers (C2006-193) (\$60,000), increasing the contract by \$12,750 for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$72,750 for developing cultural programming at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center.

F. Community Services/Library Division - Accept and appropriate grant funds for the Live Homework Help Program. Expenditure: Not applicable.

The Acting Community Services Director recommends that City Council accept and appropriate a California State Library Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant in the amount of \$18,411, and a donation of \$6,137 from the Torrance Public Library Foundation, to fund the on-line 'Live Homework Help' program. (FEAP 622)

G. Police – Renew contract for the Delinquency Prevention Program. Expenditure: \$29,070.

The Chief of Police recommends that City Council accept and endorse renewing the County of Los Angeles Delinquency Prevention Program contract through September 12, 2008, in the amount of \$29,070.

H. Community Services - Approve agreement to provide child development classes. Expenditure: \$149,730.

The Acting Community Services Director recommends that City Council approve a two-year agreement with Family Fun Time Parent Child Programs to provide child development classes at Greenwood Park, for an amount not to exceed \$149,730. Expenditure will be fully reimbursed by class fees.

I. Public Works – Appropriate Water Enterprise Funds for T-1 Vault Upgrades for Confined Space Compliance. Expenditure: \$400,000

The Public Works Director recommends that the City Council appropriate \$400,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund to establish a budget for T-1 vault upgrades needed to bring the facility into compliance with California Code of Regulations, Title 8 requirements.

J. Community Services - Authorize annual purchase agreement for T-Shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, and collared shirts. Expenditure: \$100,943.74

The Acting Community Services Director recommends that City Council authorize a renewal purchase agreement with Custom Embroidery and Screen Printing by Icon, in Torrance, CA for the purchase of T-Shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, and collared shirts, for an annual amount not to exceed \$100,943.74. (VC 1009/B2006-24)

K. Public Works – Award agreement for the Torrance City Yard Water Quality Improvement Project. Expenditure: \$116,930

The Public Works Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Award a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$116,930 to Plotnik & Associates of Rancho Dominguez, California to perform design services for the Torrance City Yard Water Quality Improvement Project; and
- 2) Transfer the remaining fund balance of \$151,415 from Torrance Beach Water Quality Improvement Project, CIP No. I-64, Torrance City Yard Water Quality Improvement Project, to FEAP #572.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. City Manager – Accept and file final report from the Council Compensation and Charter Study Committee.

The City Manager recommends that City Council accept and file the final report from the Council Compensation and Charter Study Committee covering the period of February 15, 2007 to May 10, 2007.

B. City Manager – Approve designation of a voting delegate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

The City Manager recommends that City Council approve the recommended designation of voting delegate, Councilman Tom Brewer, to represent the City of Torrance at the League of California Cities Annual Conference from September 5 to September 8, 2007 in Sacramento.

C. City Manager – Appoint chairs and members to various City Council committees and boards.

The City Manager recommends that City Council appoint chairs and members to the following City Council Committees and Boards:

1. Standing Committees
2. Outside Regional Boards and Agencies
3. Ad Hoc Committees
4. City Council Liaisons

13. HEARINGS

A. Community Development - City Council consideration of an appeal denying a Waiver on property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone at 438 Calle de Aragon.

The Planning Commission and Community Development Director recommend that City Council deny the appeal and adopt a **RESOLUTION** denying a Waiver to allow a reduction in the rear yard setback requirements in conjunction with the addition of a storage room to the rear of an existing attached two car garage on property located in the Hillside Overlay District in the R-1 Zone at 438 Calle de Aragon:

WAV07-00002: Asako and Shuji Noguchi

B. Community Development - City Council consideration of an appeal denying a Conditional Use Permit, a Division of Lot, and a Variance on property located in the R-3 Zone at 728 Sartori Avenue.

The Planning Commission and Community Development Director recommend that City Council deny the appeal and take the following action on property located in the R-3 Zone at 728 Sartori Avenue:

- 1) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** denying a Conditional Use Permit allowing the construction of a two unit development
- 2) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** denying a Division of Lot for condominium purposes and
- 3) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** denying a Variance to allow tandem guest parking.

CUP06-00015, DIV06-00013, VAR06-00001 (EAS06-00005): SUBTEC/CHERYL VARGO (JOHN L. RYAN, JR.)

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2 Date: July 17, 2007

Council order - Witkowski Barnett Brewer Drevno Nowatka Sutherland
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:

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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
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) Claim of Ted and Betty Lieu
Case No. 06-161

- 1) Willett v. City of Torrance
OCSC Case No. 06CC03319

C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(California Government Code § 54956.9 (b) (1))

- 1) Brumbaugh v. City of Torrance
USDC Case No. SACV07-658

D. 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 24, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with the regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

**“Always render more and better service than is expected of you,
no matter what your task may be.”**

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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
B2007-28	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 July 19, 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
B2007-31	Bid for construction of the 2007 Residential Slurry Seal Project Plans and specifications may be obtained for \$5 if picked up in the City Clerk’s Office, or \$10 if requested by mail. Questions may be referred to Henry Completo at 310.618.3058.	Thursday July 19, 2007

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