

**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
AUGUST 21, 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 Thursday, August 16, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS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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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.torrrnet.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, August 17

Friday, August 31

Labor Day, Monday, September 3

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 June 12, June 19, June 26, and July 3, 2007.

B. City Manager – Appropriate funds for various mementos for the Kashiwa Sister City 35th Anniversary celebration. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$8,000.

The City Manager recommends that City Council appropriate \$8,000 from the Program Contingency Reserve to fund the purchase of various mementos to commemorate the 35th Anniversary of the Torrance-Kashiwa Sister City.

C. City Manager - Authorize subsidy of rental fees for the 9th Annual Employee Variety Show. Expenditure: \$1,498.75.

The City Manager recommends that City Council authorize subsidy of rental fees in the amount of \$1498.75 at the James Armstrong Theatre for the 9th Annual City of Torrance Employee Variety Show.

D. City Manager – Authorize subsidy of rental fees for a CalPACS 2.0 training. Expenditure: \$492.38.

The City Manager recommends that City Council authorize subsidy of rental fees in the amount of \$492.38 at the Ken Miller Recreation Auditorium for a CalPACS 2.0 training hosted by the South Bay Cities Council of Government.

E. Community Development - Approve Final Tract Map No. 61463, accept a three foot (3') wide street easement, and abandon portion of former Vine Street.

The Community Development Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Approve Final Tract Map No. 61463;
- 2) Accept a three foot (3') wide street easement on Jefferson Street; and
- 3) Abandon a portion of former Vine Street.

This Final Map will create one lot with 33 condominium units. The Project was subdivided by Standard Pacific Homes and located at 2303 Jefferson Street, which conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

F. Public Works – Authorize agreement amendment for tree removal and planting as needed. Expenditure: \$140,000.

The Public Works Director recommends that City Council authorize the one-year renewal option to the agreement with West Coast Arborist (C2004-173) for an additional amount of \$140,000, increasing the total amount of the agreement to \$612,000 to furnish all labor, materials, and equipment required for tree and/or stump removal, tree planting and tree trimming on an as needed basis.

G. Community Services - Appropriate donation funds to purchase a Carpenter Wagon trailer. Expenditure: \$4,100.

The Acting Community Services Director recommends that City Council appropriate funds from the Community Services Department Donation Account and approve the purchase of an enclosed trailer with graphics for the Carpenter Wagon program in the amount of \$4,100 (including sales tax, license, fees, and graphics).

8. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

H. Community Development - Approve Final Tract Map No. 66754.

The Community Development Director recommends that City Council approve Final Tract Map No. 66754, creating 10 condominium units on a one lot subdivision. The project, subdivided by 23015 Samuel LLC, is located at 23015 Samuel Street, and conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Tract Map.

I. Community Development – Approve agreement amendment for the completion of the City’s General Plan Update. Expenditure: \$90,505.

The Community Development Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Approve the Assignment, Assumption and Consent/Assignment of consulting services agreement C2004-197 from Cotton/Bridges/Associates, a division of P&D Consultants to Hogle-Ireland, Inc.;
- 2) Approve a Second Amendment to consulting services agreement with Hogle-Ireland, Inc. (C2004-197) to increase the contract amount by \$86,195 plus approve a 5% contingency of \$4,310 for a with a new not to exceed total of \$416,905;
- 3) Approve an extension of contract term from October 26, 2007 to October 31, 2008; and
- 4) Transfer and appropriate \$40,000 from the General Fund Community Development operating budget to FEAP 366-Comprehensive Planning Project.

J. City Manager and Communications and Information Technology - Authorize appropriation of funds for a Wireless Local Area Network System for the Torrance Airport. First Year Expenditure: Not to exceed \$46,000.

The City Manager, Emergency Preparedness Team and the Information Technology Director recommend that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the purchase of a Ceragon 100Mbps Wireless Local Area Network system, not to exceed \$35,000 from FEAP #570 – Alternate EOC Project; and
- 2) Authorize the budget allocation of \$11,000 for ongoing maintenance and replacement costs from the Airport Fund for a total first year expenditure not to exceed \$46,000.

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

A. Community Development – Appoint members of the Strategic Plan Committee, appropriate funds, and approve revised timeline.

The Community Development Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Appoint the members of the Strategic Plan Committee
- 2) Appropriate and transfer \$55,000 from the General Fund Community Development operating budget to FEAP #366 – Strategic Plan; and
- 3) Concur with the revised Strategic Plan renewal timeline.

B. Community Development - Award agreement to conduct statistically-valid telephone surveys of residential and business communities to be used for the Strategic Plan Update. Expenditure: \$48,226.50

The Community Development Department Director recommends that City Council award a consulting services agreement to Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin & Associates (FMMA) to conduct statistically-valid telephone surveys of the residential and business communities in the amount of \$45,930 plus a 5% contingency of \$2,296.50 for a total contract amount of \$48,226.50.

C. Community Development - Award agreement to provide an updated community profile/environmental scan and performance indicators to be used for the City's Strategic Plan Update. Expenditure: \$91,785.

The Community Development Department Director recommends that City Council award a consulting services agreement to The Planning Center to prepare an updated community profile, environmental scan and performance indicators in the amount of \$87,414 plus a 5% contingency of \$4,371 for a total contract amount of \$91,785.

10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (Continued)

D. Community Development - Approve agreement for consultation and facilitation services for the Strategic Plan Update. Expenditure: \$47,200.

The Community Development Director recommends that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with R. Scott Adams in the amount of \$47,200 for consultation and facilitation services for the Strategic Plan Update.

E. Community Development and Public Works – Accept and file status report on circulation enhancements in the vicinity of Sam Levy School relocation.

The Community Development Director and the Public Works Director recommend that City Council accept and file a status report on the circulation enhancements in the vicinity of Sam Levy School as part of the Hull Middle School relocation.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. City Manager – Consider reinstating November 6, 2007 as a regular City Council meeting.

The City Manager recommends that the City Council consider reinstating November 6, 2007 as a regular City Council meeting.

13. HEARINGS

A. Community Development – Annual self-certification for compliance with the Congestion Management Program.

The Community Development Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing as required by the Congestion Management Program of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority;
- 2) Adopt a **RESOLUTION** to self-certify that the City of Torrance is in conformance with local Congestion Management Program (CMP) requirements; and,
- 3) Direct staff to submit the CMP Local Development Report (LDR) as required by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

B. Community Development - City Council consideration of an appeal of a Planning Commission denial of a Precise Plan of Development to allow construction of first and second story additions to an existing one story single family residence on property located in the R-1 zone in the Hillside Overlay District at 5108 Newton Street. **RESOLUTION**

The Planning Commission recommends that City Council deny the appeal and adopt a **RESOLUTION** denying without prejudice a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of first and second story additions to an existing one-story single family residence on property located in the R-1 zone in the Hillside Overlay District at 5108 Newton Street.

The Community Development Director recommends that City Council grant the appeal and approve the project.

PRE06-00041: NAJIB & NAHLA AL-SAMARRAI

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2 Date: August 21, 2007

Council order - Nowatka Sutherland Witkowski Barnett 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 LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

(California Government Code § 54956.9[a]):

- 1) Michael Cobb v. City of Torrance
WCAB Case No. VNO 0524747
- 2) David Nesthus v. City of Torrance
WCAB Case No. MON 0335795, 0335794, and 0346738

B. REAL PROPERTY - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR

(California Government Code § 54956.8):

- 1) Property: South Bay Lexus
24751 Crenshaw Boulevard
Agency Negotiator: LeRoy J. Jackson
Negotiating Parties: City of Torrance and William Adkins
Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions of lease

Redevelopment Agency Closed Session – None

19. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Adjourn City Council and Redevelopment Agency to Tuesday, August 28, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

“What do I want to take home from my summer vacation? *Time*. The wonderful luxury of being at rest. The days when you shut down the mental machinery that keeps life on track and let life simply wander. The days when you stop planning, analyzing, thinking and just are. Summer is my period of grace.” - Ellen Goodman

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
B2007-33	Bid for the modernization of the Torrance Airport FAA Tower elevator Mandatory job walk Tuesday, August 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Torrance Airport General Aviation Center, 3301 Airport Drive. Questions may be referred to Leann Vidaillet at 310.781.7141.	Thursday September 13, 2007

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