

**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
OCTOBER 9, 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, October 4, 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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS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:

<p><b>CITY COUNCIL JOINT MEETING WITH COMMISSION ON AGING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16 AT 5:30 P.M. CULTURAL ARTS CENTER, GARDEN ROOMS A &amp; B</b></p>	<p><b>COMMISSION CERTIFICATION CLASS (PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2007 TO REGISTER – CONTACT CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE AT 310.618.5880 OR GO TO <a href="http://WWW.TORRNET.COM/COMMISSIONERCERT.HTM">WWW.TORRNET.COM/COMMISSIONERCERT.HTM</a></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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<p><b><u>MEETINGS</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Holidays falling on a Tuesday, 5th Tuesday of the month or Tuesday following a Monday holiday may be dark.</p>	<p><b><u>CITY HALL HOURS OF OPERATION</u></b></p> <p><b>Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with offices closed alternate Fridays. City Hall will be <u>CLOSED</u>:</b></p> <p>Friday, October 12 Friday, October 26 Friday, November 9</p>
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## 6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

- A. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-91** honoring **Joyce Jimenez** upon her retirement from the City after twenty-nine years of service.
- B. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-92** honoring Police Sergeant **Leon L. Darley** upon his retirement from the City after twenty-nine years of service.
- C. **RESOLUTION NO. 2007-93** honoring **Mark R. Johnson** upon his retirement from the City after twenty years of service.
- D. **Proclamation** declaring the week of October 7 through October 13, 2007 as **“Fire Prevention Week”** in the City of Torrance.
- E. **Proclamation** declaring the month of October 2007 as **“Family History Month”** in the City of Torrance.
- F. **Proclamation** declaring the month of October 2007 as **“National Arts and Humanities Month”** in the City of Torrance.
- G. **Recognition of Blue Star Mothers**  
The City would like to recognize the families of active duty service men and women who are honorably serving in the military.

## 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

The City Clerk recommends that City Council approve the City Council minutes of August 14, August 21, and August 28, 2007.

### B. Community Services - Accept and file the Cultural Arts Commission 2006-2007 Annual Report.

The Acting Community Services Director recommends that City Council accept and file the Cultural Arts Commission 2006-2007 Annual Report.

### C. City Treasurer - Accept and file the August 2007 investment report.

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

### D. Community Development - Approve Final Tract Map No. 67326, accept a twenty foot (20') wide public water easement and abandon a six foot (6') wide public sewer easement.

The Community Development Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Approve Final Tract Map No. 67326;
- 2) Accept a twenty foot (20') wide public water easement; and
- 3) Abandon a six foot (6') wide public sewer easement.

This Final Tract Map will convert an existing professional office complex into 54 medical and professional condominium units and is a one-lot subdivision. The lot was subdivided by LA-Peninsula Medical LLC and located at 25550 Hawthorne Boulevard, which conforms to and meets all conditions of approval of the Tentative Map.

## 8. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

### E. Fire – Approve agreement for provision of quality improvement expertise to the Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Program. Expenditure: \$48,000.

The Fire Chief recommends that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with Laurie Lee-Brown, in an amount not to exceed \$48,000 for provision of Quality Improvement expertise to the Fire Department Emergency Medical Services Program for the period of October 15, 2007 to April 12, 2008.

### F. Police – Authorize purchase agreement for the Police Department's annual requirement of uniforms and equipment. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$30,000.

The Police Chief recommends that City Council authorize a purchase agreement to Quartermaster, Inc., of Long Beach, CA in an amount not to exceed \$30,000, for the purchase of the department's annual requirement of police uniforms and equipment on an as needed basis. The agreement 12-month term is from October 10, 2007 through October 9, 2008.

### G. Police and Fire - Approve agreement for the acceptance of the 2006 Urban Areas Security Initiative federal grant, and appropriate and allocate the grant funds. Expenditure: \$24,500.

The Police Chief and Fire Chief recommend that Council:

- 1) Authorize the acceptance of the 2006 Urban Areas Security Initiative federal grant in the amount of \$24,500;
- 2) Approve a subgrantee agreement with the City of Los Angeles; and
- 3) Appropriate and allocate grant funds in the amount of \$15,000 for the Police Point of Dispensing (POD) project and \$9,500 for HazMat/WMD training for Fire personnel.

### H. Community Development – Authorize transfer of funds for Hawthorne Boulevard Median Landscape Project. Expenditure: \$54,984.97

The Community Development Director recommends that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the transfer of \$18,000 from City Wide Entry Signs, (A-2) to Hawthorne Boulevard Median Landscape Project Del Amo Boulevard to north boundary, (A-20); and
- 2) Authorize the transfer of \$36,984.97 from Hawthorne Boulevard Median Landscape Project Sepulveda Boulevard to Pacific Coast Highway, (A-14) to Hawthorne Boulevard Median Landscape Project Del Amo Boulevard to north boundary, (A-20).

### I. Community Services – Approve contract for arts and special events consulting. Expenditure: \$72,750.

The Acting Community Services Director recommends that City Council approve a contract with John Powers, Consultant, in an amount not to exceed \$72,750 for the following services: \$22,000 for multidisciplinary programs; \$13,000 for Wild Wednesdays; \$12,750 for Hot Fun Sunday concert series; and \$25,000 for special projects.

### J. City Manager – Authorize subsidy of rental fees for the Wilson Park Sports Center. Expenditure: \$560.

The City Manager recommends that City Council authorize the subsidy of \$560. for the rental fees for the Wilson Park Sports Center for a free flu shot program hosted by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health.

### K. Community Services - Approve agreement for tree trimming and removal services. Expenditure: \$50,000 annually.

The Acting Community Services Director recommends that City Council approve the renewal of the agreement with Travers Tree Service, Palos Verdes Peninsula, for an additional three years at \$50,000 annually to provide tree trimming and removal services for the Community Services Department.

## 10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**A. Community Development, Public Works, and Police – Status of traffic circulation for Hull Middle School at Sam Levy. Expenditure: None.**

The Community Development Director, Public Works Director and the Police Chief recommend that City Council receive and file a status report on the traffic circulation in the vicinity of Sam Levy School since the start of the school year.

**12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**A. Human Resources – Approve class specification and adopt RESOLUTION amending the resolution governing employees represented by Torrance City Employees Association.**

The Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission recommend that City Council:

- 1) Approve the proposed class specification for Police Records Technician and the reallocation of incumbent employees; and
- 2) Adopt a RESOLUTION amending Resolution No. 2007-48 governing employees represented by Torrance City Employees Association (TCEA) to implement the salary range for Police Records Technician.

**B. City Manager – Consider extension of Blue Ribbon Committee on Ethics and Integrity by RESOLUTION.**

The City Manager recommends that City Council consider a request from the Blue Ribbon Committee on Ethics and Integrity to adopt a RESOLUTION amending Resolution 2006-75 extending the Committee from October 31, 2007 through January 31, 2008.

**17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2**

Date: October 9, 2007

Council order - Brewer Drevno Nowatka Sutherland Witkowsky Barnett  
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       |   |

Redevelopment Agency Closed Session – None

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

- A. The **City Manager** and **Acting Community Services Director** recommend that City Council adjourn to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2007 in the Torrance Cultural Arts Center, Garden Rooms A and B, for a joint meeting with the Torrance Commission on Aging.

The City Council and the Redevelopment Agency will convene for its regular meeting commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

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Sue Herbers, City Clerk

**"I can't imagine a person becoming a success who doesn't give this game of life everything he's got."** — *Walter Cronkite*

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
B2007-34	<b>Bid for Testing of Fire Alarm Panels and Fire Prevention Equipment in City Buildings</b> Mandatory job walk Wednesday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m. located at Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard. Questions may be referred to Leeann Vidaillet at 310.781.7141.	Thursday October 11, 2007
B2007-35	<b>Bid for Construction of Plaza Del Amo Sewer Project</b> Plans and specifications may be obtained for \$40 if picked up in the City Clerk's office, or \$50 if requested by mail. Questions may be referred to John Dettle at 310.618.3059.	Thursday October 11, 2007
B2007-36	<b>Bid for Construction of Water Main Replacement Project, CIP No. 1-73</b> 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 John Dettle at 310.618.3059.	Thursday October 11, 2007
B2007-37	<b>Bid to furnish Custodial Paper Goods</b> Questions may be referred to Laurie Lim at 310.618.5820.	Thursday October 11, 2007
RFP B2007-38	<b>Request for Proposal for Cold Beverage Vending Machine Services</b> Questions may be referred to Aram Chaparyan at 310.618.5880.	Thursday October 25, 2007

City Hall will be closed:

Friday, October 12  
Friday, October 26  
Friday, November 9