

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager – Adopt RESOLUTION formalizing City policy not requiring payment of prevailing wages on the public works project for the construction of the Centennial Plaza and Maintenance and Beautification of the Torrance Bridge.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt a **RESOLUTION** formalizing City policy not requiring payment of prevailing wages on the public works project for the construction of the Centennial Plaza and Maintenance and Beautification of the Torrance Bridge.

Funding:

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

At the City Council meeting of January 24, 2012, Mayor Scotto requested that staff bring back a resolution for City Council adoption to formalize City policy not requiring of prevailing wages on certain public works projects using only local or private funds.

Prevailing wages refer to government contracting requirements established by individual State Departments of Labor and the federal government to set hourly wage levels for majority of workers, laborers, and technical employees. The prevailing wages themselves are established by regulatory agencies for each trade and occupation employed in the performance of public work.

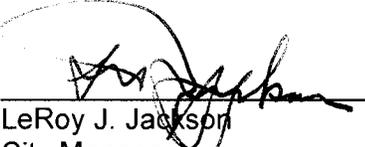
According to the City Attorney and based on existing law, prevailing wages must be paid on public works projects where federal or state funds are used, but Torrance, as a charter city, is not required to pay prevailing wages where only City or private funds are used. With the adoption of the attached resolution, the City Council will formalize City policy not requiring payment of prevailing wages on the public works project for the construction of the Centennial Plaza and the maintenance and beautification of the Torrance Bridge.

Respectfully submitted,

LeROY J. JACKSON
CITY MANAGER

By 
Aram Chaparyan
Assistant to the City Manager

CONCUR:


LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION 2012-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FORMALIZING CITY POLICY NOT REQUIRING PAYMENT OF PREVAILING WAGES ON THE PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF CENTENNIAL PLAZA, FEAP 739, AND MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION OF THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILROAD BRIDGE (AKA TORRANCE BRIDGE), I-125

WHEREAS, the state of existing law is that prevailing wages must be paid on public works projects where federal or state funds are used, but Torrance, as a charter city, is not required to pay prevailing wages where only City or private funds are used; and

WHEREAS, in connection with its centennial celebration, the City wishes to construct a Centennial Plaza and to beautify and maintain the Pacific Electric Railroad Bridge (AKA Torrance Bridge) using only local and private funds;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL affirms the above-described practice that prevailing wages not be required to be paid on the public works projects for the construction of Centennial Plaza and the beautification/maintenance of the Pacific Electric Railroad Bridge (AKA Torrance Bridge); and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the City Manager is authorized and directed to take all necessary actions to ensure implementation of this resolution.

Introduced, approved and adopted this _____ day of February, 2012.

Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
JOHN L. FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by _____
Patrick Q. Sullivan
Assistant City Attorney

Sue Herbers, CMC
City Clerk

