

CITY OF TORRANCE

INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE: February 28, 2012

TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

FROM: Mary K. Giordano, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Additional Information regarding the Council Meeting of February 28 2012

Response below is to a question that arose regarding Council Agenda Item 12E on this evening's agenda.

COUNCIL ITEM 12E – City Manager's Office

ADOPT RESOLUTION FORMALIZING CITY POLICY NOT REQUIRING PAYMENT OF PREVAILING WAGES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CENTENNIAL PLAZA AND MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION OF THE TORRANCE BRIDGE.

Q. What is the significance of item 12E? Since Torrance "is not required to pay prevailing wages where only City or private funds are used" because it is a charter city, is there a legal need for a formal resolution? Do we have to do a resolution each and every time such an instance comes into play?
(Council Member Furey)

A. As a charter city, Torrance is not required to pay prevailing wages on projects that do not receive State or Federal funds. However, as a business practice, the Public Works Department has required California general prevailing wage rates for all projects. On rare occasions, the Public Works Department has projects which do not require State or Federal funds such as the Centennial Plaza and the Torrance Bridge. There is not a need for a formal resolution, however the adoption of a resolution was at the urging of outside legal counsel to reaffirm existing city practice. Staff recommends the adoption of a resolution on public works projects without State or Federal funds on a case by case basis.
(Aram Chaparyan, Assistant to the City Manager)


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