

Council Meeting of
February 6, 2007

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager – Adopt Resolution amending Resolution 2007-10 to expand the scope of the Council Compensation and Charter Study Committee and appointment of Council Compensation and Charter Study Committee members for a fixed term.

RECOMMENDATION

City Manager recommends that City Council adopt a Resolution amending Resolution No. 2007-10 to expand the scope of the Council Compensation and Charter Study Committee and appoint the 11 members of the Council Compensation and Charter Study Committee to update City Council compensation, benefits and certain Charter language.

Funding

None required for this action.

BACKGROUND

On January 23, 2007, Your Honorable Body adopted a Resolution enabling the formation of the subject Committee.

Councilman Nowatka also requested an amendment to the Resolution to add the following items to the scope of the Committee:

- Changing the City Clerk position from elected to appointed.
- Changing the City Treasurer position from elected to appointed.
- Extending the term limits for City Council.
- Moving the date of the City election.

The Council approved an appointment methodology whereby each member will state their appointee's name. When each Councilmember has made their appointment, the Mayor will state the names of the last five appointees. Once appointed, the City Clerk will swear in the members.

The method approved by Your Honorable Body is based on seniority. Based on that direction, the appointment selection would be as follows:

- Councilmember Witkowsky
- Councilmember Nowatka
- Councilmember McIntyre
- Councilmember Sutherland
- Councilmember Brewer
- Councilmember Drevno

Mayor Frank Scotto

The meeting place for the Committee is:

City Hall
 City Manager's Assembly Room (Third Floor)
 3031 Torrance Boulevard
 Meeting Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Every other Thursday starting February, 15, 2007

The first meeting is scheduled for February 15, 2007. Information packets will be ready for distribution at tonight's City Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

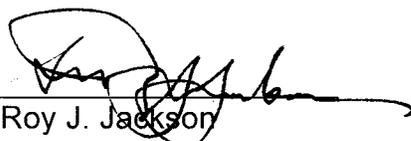
LeROY J. JACKSON
CITY MANAGER

CONCUR:


 John L. Fellows, III
 City Attorney

By: 
 Aram Chaparyan
 Assistant to the City Manager

JOHN L. FELLOWS III


 LeRoy J. Jackson
 City Manager

By: 
 Ron Pohl
 Assistant City Attorney

Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE
AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2007-10 EXPANDING THE AREAS OF
STUDY AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL COMPENSATION
AND CHARTER STUDY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2007, the Torrance City Council adopted Resolution No. 2007-10 creating a Council Compensation and Charter Study Committee to explore amending the City Charter to update the City Council Compensation Benefits and certain Charter language.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Torrance City Council to have the Committee study and make recommendations on additional matters relating to the City Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CREATION, MEMBERSHIP, MEETINGS AND DUTIES

- (1) A Council Compensation and Charter Study Committee is hereby created to study and make recommendations to the City Council regarding Council compensation, benefits, Charter language, changing the City Clerk and City Treasurer positions from elected to appointed, extending term limits for City Council and moving the date of the City election.
- (2) The Committee shall be made up of eleven members appointed at large. Each Councilmember shall appoint one Committee member, and the Mayor shall appoint all additional members. Six members shall constitute a quorum.
- (3) Meetings of the Committee shall be public and subject to the Brown Act.
- (4) The Committee shall meet every two weeks on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in a City facility to be determined. The Committee may, by majority vote, select other dates and times for its meetings.
- (5) The Committee shall issue monthly status reports to the City Council and shall transmit a final report and recommendation to the City Council no later than May 22, 2007.
- (6) Each member shall be allowed to miss no more than three regular meetings. If a member does not attend three regular meetings, his/her membership thereon shall terminate automatically.
- (7) The Committee shall select a Chair and Vice Chair at its first meeting.
- (8) The Committee shall expire on July 1, 2007 or upon the presentation to the City Council of the Committee's final report, whichever comes first.
- (9) The Committee members shall be registered voters of the City of Torrance.

(10) This Resolution shall supersede Resolution No. 2007-10.

SECTION 2. AREAS OF STUDY AND RECOMMENDATION

The areas of study and recommendation by this Committee may include the following:

- (1) Current City Charter provisions for compensation.
- (2) Historical patterns and laws related to City Council compensation.
- (3) Similar size cities and their level of Council compensation.
- (4) Determining levels of compensation.
- (5) Obsolete language as recommended by the City Attorney.
- (6) Changing the City Clerk position from elected to appointed.
- (7) Changing the City Treasurer position from elected to appointed.
- (8) Extending the terms limits for the City Council.
- (9) Moving the date of the City election.

SECTION 3. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVE.

- (1) To study policies used by other cities to determine City Council compensation and benefits and those matters set forth in Section 2 of this Resolution.
- (2) To review existing City of Torrance Charter language and update obsolete language.
- (3) To make recommendations to the City Council to determine the feasibility of placing propositions on the November 6, 2007 election ballot to amend the City Charter.

INTRODUCED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this ____ day of February, 2007.

Frank Scotto
Mayor of the City of Torrance

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Torrance

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

By_____