Council Meeting of
March 6, 2007

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager – Authorize a subsidy of rental fees.
Expenditure: $356.22

RECOMMENDATION

The City Manager recommends that City Council authorize the subsidy of $356.22 for rental fees for the Kenneth Miller Recreation Center Auditorium at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center for the Torrance Fire Fighters Association's Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Alisa Ann Ruch California Burn Foundation.

Funding

Funding is available in the City Council Operating Budget.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

The Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation derived its name and inspiration from an eight-year-old child, Alisa Ann, who died from injuries sustained in a common backyard barbecue accident. Founded in 1971, the Burn Foundation works in partnership with firefighters, educators, and burn care professionals to develop innovative programs and services.

Recognizing that prevention education is essential to avoid the agony of burn injuries, the Burn Foundation has produced a variety of innovative prevention materials and programs that are distributed throughout California and all over the world. The Burn Foundation's survivor assistance programs are designed to relieve emotional suffering, create opportunities for socializing, and help build the skills necessary to cope in a society that highly values physical appearance and won't let survivors forget that they look different.

The Burn Foundation is funded entirely by private sources including: firefighter associations, community groups, corporations, local businesses and individuals. To aid the Burn Foundation in its mission, the Torrance Firefighters Association (TFFA) holds an annual spaghetti dinner at the Kenneth Miller Recreation Center with proceeds benefiting the Burn Foundation. This year's

event will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2007. Donations will help send a child to Burn Survivor Champ Camp.

The TFFA receives a grant that allows them to waive the rent and deposit fee of the Recreation Center. The City Manager requests that Council subsidize the remaining rental fees, which consist of the liability insurance and event manager, totaling the amount of $356.22 for the use of the Kenneth Miller Recreation Center on Saturday, March 10, 2007. The following is a breakdown of the rental fees:

	Cost
Room Rate/Deposit	$0
Event Manager	$182.00
Liability Insurance	$174.22
Set-up/Tear down	$0
Total	**$356.22**

The City Manager requests that Council approve reimbursing the cost of the Center so that all proceeds can benefit the Burn Foundation without an added burden of overhead costs.

All residents of the City of Torrance are invited to attend, and their generosity will support the efforts of aiding burn victims. The City has granted subsidies from time to time for events that benefit the residents of Torrance; however, this event will benefit the greater good of burn victims everywhere.

Respectfully submitted,

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CITY MANAGER

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