

Council Meeting of
May 8, 2007

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL #2

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

Members of the Council:

**SUBJECT: Supplemental Material #2 to Agenda Item #8D - City Manager -
Correspondence from the public regarding Second Amendment to
Robinson Lease**

Attached is correspondence received related to the subject Council Item.

Respectfully submitted,

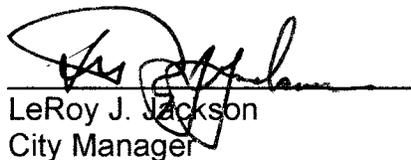
LeROY J. JACKSON
CITY MANAGER

By



Brian K. Sunshine
Assistant to the City Manager

CONCUR:



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment:

- a. E-mail from John Bailey dated May 7, 2007
- b. E-mail from Michael Wermers dated May 7, 2007
- c. Memo from Joe Arciuch dated May 8, 2007 - received on May 7.

Attachment A**Sunshine, Brian**

From: John Bailey [moogtorran@socal.rr.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 4:30 PM
To: mwermers@gpsd.com
Cc: Tom Brewer; Tom Brewer; Gene Drevno; bsunshine@torrnet.com
Subject: Re: Agenda Item 8D - Robinson Helicopter Lease

Michael:

I would still favor voting on 8D as a stand-only item.

Although this item adds the already existing right to store jet fuel on the new leased parcels of land, I think it is important to discuss it publicly. It would be good for the residents to understand it is not a new decision.

I would anticipate the residents opposed to the noise generated at the airport to express their concerns. However, the City can point out, as you mentioned, that the action is not granting a new authorization to Robinson.

I hope the residents realize that the new R55, 5 seat Robinson Helicopter, will keep them competitive in the global aviation market. I don't have the numbers on the ends of my fingers but I think Robinson made 726 helicopters last year. They are one of the largest employers in Torrance and their world wide sales contribute favorably to the trade balance of the United States. It would be interesting to see the figures on how much Robinson spends in Torrance and the trickle down effect of their employee's personal spending in Torrance.

Wouldn't the real estate developers jump at the chance to build "condos with an airport view" on all four sides of the airport?

John

----- Original Message -----

From: Michael Wermers
To: Gene Drevno ; 'Brewer, Tom'
Cc: 'John Bailey' ; raethrasher@verizon.net ; dhaddon@socal.rr.com ; Frank Rizzardi ; Joe Arciuch ; Steve Polcari ; bsunshine@torrnet.com ; Sherbers@torrnet.com
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 3:11 PM
Subject: Agenda Item 8D - Robinson Helicopter Lease

May 7, 2007

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Should anyone have any questions concerning this matter I can be reached the following numbers:

310-378-5999 - Home
310-791-5200 - Work
310-739-0236 - Cell

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Michael Wermers

Cc - Brian Sunshine - Assistant to the City Manager, Torrance
Sue Herbers - City Clerk, Torrance
Rae Thrasher - President, Southwood Riviera HOA
Deane Haddon - Vice President, Southwood Riviera HOA
Frank Rizzarda - Treasurer, Southwood Riviera HOA
Joe Arciuch - Board Member, Southwood Riviera HOA
Steve Polcari - Board Member, Southwood Riviera HOA
John Bailey - President, Southeast Torrance HOA

Attachment B**Herbers, Sue**

From: Michael Wermers [mwermers@gpsd.com]
Sent: Monday, May 07, 2007 3:12 PM
To: Gene Drevno; 'Brewer, Tom'
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City Council Resolution No. 73-84 adopted May 1, 1973, prohibits the sale of jet fuel at Torrance Airport as a deterrent to using Torrance as a refueling location or a site for based jet aircraft.

ALLOWING ROBINSON HELICOPTER COMPANY STORAGE OF JET OR TURBINE FUEL WILL SET A PRECEDENT AND OFFER AN EXCUSE FOR OTHER FBOs AT TORRANCE AIRPORT TO DEMAND SAME TREATMENT.

Opposition to jet fuel at Torrance Airport has been consistently upheld by City Council members over the years. Following are a few examples:

At the February 23, 1986, New Horizons Candidates Forum, three City Council members running for reelection made the following statements (excerpts follow):

Mr. Applegate:

"... The City has unanimously been opposed to any sale of jet fuel at the airport. We have continued to fight the requests and the pressures of the fixed base operators and of the pilots and the pressures that are being brought to us by the FAA and the other governmental agencies that might have an interest thereof....**[We] believe that the opening, or cracking of the door, would allow for other things to happen and at this juncture we are stonewalling the sale of jet fuel at every possible opportunity that we have."**

Mr. Wirth:

.... The FAA says that supposedly you were supposed to be able to buy jet fuel and allow jets at the airport. There is a way we are looking at right now to fight that - that is by a type ban. ... **At the same time, until we have those type of rules --- for type ban, we're going to keep in our airport leases things such as not allowing the FBOs, the fixed base operators there, we're going to continue to not allow them to have jet fuel.**

Ms. Hardison:

"I would just like to make a comment on the question that Joe [Arciuch] asked here in the front. **I have spoken out very much on wanting the ban on jet fuel continued. I don't want to see jets at**

the Torrance Airport. I know some of them are quieter than others but it opens the door and I am certainly not in favor of having any commercial flights whatsoever out of the Torrance Airport, and as a Council member will consistently do what I can to make sure that does not happen.”

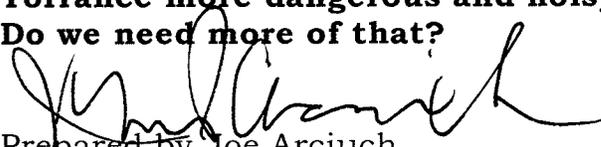
Mayor Walker:

At one of Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association annual members meeting, Mayor Dan Walker said, **“As long as I’m mayor, there will be no jet fuel sale at Torrance Airport.”**

At this point we don’t know the noise and safety characteristic of new helicopter models that will be tested. We are told they will require jet or turbine fuel. This will make too risky for a bedroom community to become a helicopter test bed.

I was on the Airport Commission when Mr. Robinson first applied for renting a space on the airport for building his helicopter facility. He said then he will be a good neighbor and promised his helicopters will be flying over PCH to avoid residential areas. Today his models are crisscrossing the residential community in unpredictable flight patterns, making the crowded sky over Torrance more dangerous and noisy.

Do we need more of that?



Prepared by Joe Arciuch

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