TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
OCTOBER 7, 2008
REGULAR MEETING
5:30 P.M. - EXECUTIVE SESSION
7:00 P.M. - REGULAR BUSINESS BEGINS
IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.

OPENING CEREMONIES

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
   ROLL CALL: Mr. Barnett, Mr. Brewer, Mr. Furey, Mr. Numark, Ms. Rhilinger, Mr. Sutherland, Mayor Scotto

2. **FLAG SALUTE:**
   NON SECTARIAN INVOCATION:
   The Courts have concluded that sectarian prayer as part of City Council meetings is not permitted under the Constitution.

3. **REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA.**
   The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Blvd on Friday, October 3, 2008 /s/ Sue Herbers

   MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READING OF RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES AFTER NUMBER & TITLE
   See Council Rules of Order Section 2.11 (Resolution 2006-65)

4. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

FINANCE & GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING	CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT & ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2008	MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2008, 4:30 P.M.
5:30 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBER, 1ST FLOOR, CITY HALL	ASSEMBLY ROOM, 3RD FLOOR, CITY HALL
SUBJECT: FIRST QUARTER BUDGET REVIEW	SUBJECT: REVIEW OF MADRONA MARSH CORNER DESIGN PROPOSALS

COUNCIL MEETING INFORMATION

All council meetings are open to the public. Oral Communications #1 is set aside after Community Matters for the public to have three minutes to address the City Council on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers may sign up at the podium prior to the meeting. An additional Oral Communications period follows the regular business of the City Council. No speaker under Oral Communications may speak more than one time per meeting.

Those who wish to speak on any matter on the agenda are asked to complete a "Request to Speak" card (available at the back of the Council Chamber) and deposit in the box on the podium before addressing the City Council.

Direct other questions or concerns to the City Council (618-2801), City Manager (618-5880) or individual department head prior to submission to the City Council. Parties will be notified if the complaint will be included on a subsequent agenda.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Manager's office at 618-5880. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. [28CFR35.102-35.104 ADA Title II].

NOTICE OF THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

At the time Council convenes or as soon thereafter as Council business can be disposed of, the City Council will take a recess without leaving their seats and meet as the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Torrance. As soon as the meeting of the Redevelopment Agency adjourns, the City Council will reconvene as the City of Torrance.

AGENDA REVIEW

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MEETINGS	CITY HALL HOURS OF OPERATION
Unless adjourned to another time or location the Torrance City Council meets every Tuesday in the City Hall Council Chamber at 3031 Torrance Blvd., at 5:30 p.m. for an executive session with the regular business commencing no earlier than 7:00 p.m. Holidays falling on a Tuesday, 5th Tuesday of the month or Tuesday following a Monday holiday may be dark.	**Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with offices closed alternate Fridays.** **City Hall will be CLOSED:** Friday, October 10, 2008 Friday, October 24, 2008

6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

6A. **PROCLAMATION** declaring **October 5-11, 2008 as Fire Prevention Week** in the City of Torrance.

6B. **PROCLAMATION** declaring the **month of October 2008 as National Arts and Humanities Month.**

6C. **PROCLAMATION** declaring the **month of October 2008 as PTA Membership Enrollment Month.**

7. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1 (Limited to a 30 minute period)

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8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

8A. City Clerk – Approve City Council minutes.

Recommendation of the City Clerk that City Council approve the City Council minutes of August 5 and August 12, 2008.

8B. City Treasurer – Accept and file the August 2008 Investment Report.

Recommendation of the City Treasurer that City Council accept and file the monthly investment report for the month of August 2008.

8C. Fire Department – Accept donation of thermal imaging cameras.

Recommendation of the Fire Chief that City Council accept a donation of five thermal imaging cameras from the Torrance Fire Fighters Association (TFFA).

8D. General Services – Authorize purchase of lawnmower replacement parts. Expenditure: Not to exceed $45,000.

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council authorize an annual sole-source purchasing agreement with Turf Star, Inc. of Brea, California in an amount not to exceed $45,000 to furnish Toro brand lawnmower replacement parts on an "as needed" basis, effective October 8, 2008 through October 7, 2009.

8E. Human Resources – Approve class specification for Senior Forensic Identification Specialist.

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director and the Civil Service Commission that City Council approve the proposed class specification for Senior Forensic Identification Specialist.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

8F. Human Resources – Approve renewal of term life/AD&D, voluntary life, disability and dental insurance policies.

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council approve the following renewal rates effective January 1, 2009:

1) Group term life/AD&D (accidental death and dismemberment) insurance provided by Mutual of Omaha at a rate of $0.17 (cents) per $1,000 of benefit for employees represented by TME-AFSCME/TLEA.
2) Voluntary life insurance for TME-AFSCME/TLEA represented employees electing to purchase enhanced coverage at the current age-banded rate schedule.
3) Short-Term Disability (STD) insurance at a rate of $0.742 (cents) per $100 of payroll, and Long-Term Disability (LTD) insurance at a rate of $0.67 (cents) per $100 of payroll for employees represented by TME-AFSCME/TLEA (Mutual of Omaha).
4) Dental insurance for all eligible City employees under Delta Preferred Provider Option (PPO) at a rate of $36.75 for one-party, $73.50 for two-party and $126.80 for family; and Delta Pre-paid plan at a rate of $17.02 for one-party, $30.73 for two-party and $45.44 for family coverage.

8G. Public Works – Award agreement for Airport Pavement Rehabilitation. Expenditure: $137,025.

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

1) Approve the plans and specifications for construction of the Airport Pavement Rehabilitation, FY 2008/09: and
2) Award a Public Works Agreement, with a 12-month term, to Roy Allan Slurry Seal, Inc. of Santa Fe Springs, California in the amount of $130,500 and authorize a 5% contingency in the amount of $6,525 for the construction of the Airport Pavement Rehabilitation, FY 2008/09.

8H. Police - Appropriate and allocate asset forfeiture funds to Miscellaneous Projects account. Expenditure: $25,000.

Recommendation of the Police Chief that City Council appropriate and allocate $25,000 of asset forfeiture funds to the Miscellaneous Projects account.

8I. Public Works – Appropriate $74,660 for emergency water main repair work. Expenditure: $74,660

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve the appropriation of $74,660 to pay for emergency work performed on the water main in Western Avenue between 190th and 195th Streets by Doty Brothers Equipment Company.

8J. General Services – Authorize change order providing additional funding for O.E.M. Ford repair parts. Expenditure: Not to Exceed $18,000.

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council approve a change order to existing Purchase Order 2008-857 with Power Ford of Torrance, California, in an amount not to exceed $18,000, increasing the not to exceed amount to $58,000.

12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12A. City Manager – Adopt a RESOLUTION for memorandum of understanding for Crossing Guards. Expenditure: 3.5% Year 1 and 3.5% Year 2.

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a **RESOLUTION** pursuant to Memorandum of Understanding setting forth the hours, wages and working conditions for employees represented by the Crossing Guards for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010 and repealing Resolution No. 2007-65.

12B. Human Resources – Adopt amendment (RESOLUTION) to memorandum of understanding (Resolution 2007-56) to implement salary range for Senior Forensic Identification Specialist
Expenditure: $18,500

Recommendation of the Human Resources Director that City Council adopt a **RESOLUTION** amending the Memorandum of Understanding for the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA) (Resolution 2007-56) to implement the proposed salary range for Senior Forensic Identification Specialist. Cost to implement the salary adjustment is $18,500. Funds are available in the Wage Reserve.

12C. Report of Legislative Ad Hoc Committee on November 4, 2008 General Election Ballot Measures.

Recommendation of the Mayor's Legislative Ad Hoc Committee that City Council concurs with the November 4, 2008 ballot measure positions recommended by the Committee.

13. HEARINGS

13A. Community Development - Consider an appeal of a Planning Commission's denial of a Precise Plan of Development to allow construction of a new two-story single family residence on property located within the Hillside Overlay District, in the R-1 Zone at 417 Via Anita.
PRE06-00037: Rukhsana Mir

Recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Community Development Director that City Council deny the appeal and adopt a RESOLUTION denying a Precise Plan of Development to allow the construction of a new two-story single family residence on property located within the Hillside Overlay District, in the R-1 Zone at 417 Via Anita.

17. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2 **Staff & Public Comments**

Council order - Sutherland Barnett Brewer Furey Numark Rhilinger

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18. EXECUTIVE SESSION

City Council Closed Session

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(California Government Code § 54956.9[a]):

1) Dennis La Charite v. City of Torrance
Case No. YC056462

B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b))(1) of Section 54956.9: 1 case.

South Bay Independent Physicians is threatening to sue the City if the City continues to bill physicians' offices for paramedic transport services to emergency rooms from physicians' offices.

C. REAL PROPERTY - CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
(California Government Code § 54956.8):

1)	Property:	Dow Chemical Company 305 Crenshaw Boulevard A portion of APN 7352-002-017
	Agency Negotiator:	LeRoy J. Jackson
	Negotiating Parties:	City of Torrance and Fred Smalling, Plant Manager
	Under Negotiation:	Price and terms of acquisition
2)	Property	Vacant property located on the east side of Prairie Avenue, south of Artesia
	Agency Negotiator:	LeRoy J. Jackson
	Negotiating Parties:	City of Torrance and Caltrans
	Under Negotiation:	Price and terms of acquisition

Redevelopment Agency Closed Session

1)	*Property*	*Vacant property located on the east side of Prairie Avenue, south of Artesia*
	Agency Negotiator:	*LeRoy J. Jackson*
	Negotiating Parties:	*City of Torrance and Caltrans*
	Under Negotiation:	*Price and terms of acquisition*

19. ADJOURNMENT

19A. Adjourn City Council to Tuesday, October 14, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.
The Finance and Governmental Operations Council Committee will be meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

Sue Herbers, City Clerk

"Our duty is to be useful, not according to our desires but according to our powers." ***Henry F. Amiel***

ROLL CALL: BARNETT, BREWER, FUREY, NUMARK, RHILINGER, SUTHERLAND AND MAYOR SCOTTO

10-07-2008

City of Torrance CURRENT BID LISTING (as of October 3, 2008)

ALL BIDS MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE BY 2:00 P.M.,
BIDS WILL BE OPENED IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 2:15 P.M.

BIDS	DESCRIPTION	OPENING DATE
B2008-49	**Bid for Electrical Work at Five (5) Branch Libraries** Mandatory job walk on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. located at Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501 Bid packets may be obtained for $30 if picked up, $35 if requested by mail. **Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151**	Wednesday ~~October 9, 2008~~ October 15, 2008
B2008-50	**Bid for Moving Library Book Collection and Furniture at Five (5) Branch Libraries** Mandatory job walk on Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. located at Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501 **Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151**	Thursday October 9, 2008
B2008-51	**Bid for Carpet Replacement at Five (5) Branch Libraries** Mandatory job walk on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. located at Southeast Library, 23115 Arlington Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501 **Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151**	Thursday October 9, 2008
RFP B2008-52	**Request for Proposal for the Lease and Full Operation of the Wilson Park Batting Cages** Mandatory job walk on Monday, September 15, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. located at Wilson Park Batting Cages, 2200 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503 **Questions may be referred to Jason Minter at 310.781.7559**	Thursday October 9, 2008
RFP B2008-55	**Request for Proposal for Taxicab Franchise** Mandatory pre-proposal conference on Thursday, October 2, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. locate in the Finance Department, South Conference Room, Second Floor, Torrance City Hall, 3031 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503 **Questions may be referred to Ken Flewellyn at 310.618.5850**	Thursday October 16, 2008
B2008-56	**Bid to Furnish Miscellaneous Telecommunications/Data Cable, Accessories & Supplies** Questions may be referred to Sally Howard at 310.618.5820	~~October 16, 2008~~ Wednesday October 15, 2008
B2008-57	**Bid to Furnish Crushed Aggregate Base for a Period of Two (2) Years** Questions may be referred to Laurie Lim at 310.618.5820	~~October 2, 2008~~ Wednesday October 8, 2008
B2008-58	**Bid to Furnish & Install Audio/Visual Equipment at Katy Geissert Library** Mandatory job walk on Tuesday, October 7, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. located at Katy Geissert Library, 3301 Torrance Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90503 **Questions may be referred to Renard Ricks at 310.618.5762**	Wednesday October 22, 2008
B2008-59	**Bid for Construction of Walteria and Ben Haggot Reservoir Rehabilitation, S-31 Phase 1 (Crack Repairs and Concrete Coating)** Bid packets may be obtained for no charge if picked up, $20 if requested by mail. Questions may be referred to John Dettle at 310.781.6900	Thursday October 30, 2008
B2008-60	**Bid for Torrance Park Restroom Restoration** Mandatory job walk on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. located at Torrance Park, 2500 Arlington Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501 **Questions may be referred to Diane Megerdichian at 310.781.7151**	Thursday October 30, 2008
B2008-61	**Bid to Furnish Two (2) Latest Production Model Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD Work Trucks** Questions may be referred to Laurie Lim at 310.618.5820	Thursday October 30, 2008
RFP B2008-62	**Request for Proposal to Provide Sports Turf Management at Various Parks** Pre-proposal briefing session on Wednesday, October 15, 1008 at 10:00 a.m. located at Wilson Park, 2400 Jefferson Street, Torrance, CA 90503 **Questions may be referred to Carl Kaemerle at 310.781.7590**	Thursday November 6, 2008