

Council Meeting of
November 4, 2008

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: City Manager – Approve subsidy for the 2009 United States Air Force Academy Golden West Band. Expenditure \$1,734.50

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council subsidize the rental fees of the James Armstrong Theatre and other related costs to include labor costs and printing of tickets and concert programs for the 2009 USAF Golden West Band for a total amount of \$1,734.50.

Funding

Funding is available through the City Council's Municipal Legislative Policy Program Budget. A total of \$6,000 is for ongoing and specific annual events. The USAF Concert is such an event. If approved, the remaining budget balance is \$2,722.75.

BACKGROUND

Last year, the USAF Woodwind Quintet performed a similar concert at the Armstrong Theatre, which was a huge success. The costs for the rental fees and other related costs were paid with funds from the City's Program Contingency Fund.

On October 8, 2008, staff received an e-mail from Technical Sergeant Thomas Hanrahan, a member of the United States Air Force Golden West Band, requesting that the City once again sponsor this event. He would like the City to host the concert in the Armstrong Theatre and provide free public performances on Wednesday, February 18, 2009.

ANALYSIS

The concert is about 90 minutes with a ten-minute intermission. The music will be a variety of pop, classical, and patriotic, with some speaking in between by Sgt. Hanrahan. The City is being asked to reserve the James Armstrong Theatre and print the concert programs and tickets for the performance.

Based on the City's history of supporting the Armed Forces and, due to the fact that the military branch participates in the Armed Forces Day Celebration, the City Manager recommends that City Council approve this event and subsidize the cost for this event.

Respectfully submitted,

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