

**TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA  
AUGUST 18, 2009  
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 Thursday, August 13, 2009 /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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN OR DEFERRED ITEMS**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:**

<p>AD HOC CITY COUNCIL COMMISSION REVIEW COMMITTEE MONDAY, AUGUST 24 AT 7:00 P.M. KATY GEISSERT LIBRARY MEETING ROOM</p>	<p>CITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 AT 5:30 P.M. THIRD FLOOR ASSEMBLY ROOM.</p>	<p>TORRANCE CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT: <a href="http://WWW.TORRANCECA.GOV/CENTENNIAL">WWW.TORRANCECA.GOV/CENTENNIAL</a> DEADLINE: AUGUST 26 APPOINTMENTS MADE: SEPTEMBER 1</p>
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**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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**CITICABLE SCHEDULE AND HOMEPAGE LIVE AUDIO/VIDEO**

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<p><b><u>MEETINGS</u></b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Holidays falling on a Tuesday, 5th Tuesday of the month or Tuesday following a Monday holiday may be dark.</p>	<p><b><u>CITY HALL HOURS OF OPERATION</u></b></p> <p>Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with offices closed alternate Fridays. City Hall will be <b>CLOSED:</b></p> <p>Friday, August 14 Friday, August 28 Labor Day, Monday, September 7</p>
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## 6. COMMUNITY MATTERS

**6A. Recognition of Deon Thompson** for his efforts in leading the University of North Carolina to win the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.

**6B. Public Works – Approve construction schedule for Crenshaw Boulevard Rehabilitation, T-51 (Maricopa Street to Sepulveda Boulevard). Expenditure: None.**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve a construction schedule deferring the bid for Crenshaw Boulevard Rehabilitation (Maricopa Street to Sepulveda Boulevard), T-51 until November 2009 so construction activities will commence after January 3, 2010.

## 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 Manager – Subsidize rental fees of James Armstrong Theatre for Employee Variety Show. Expenditure: \$1,606.**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council subsidize the rental fees at the James Armstrong Theatre in the amount of \$1,606 for the City of Torrance Employee Variety Show.

**8B. General Services – Award contract for exterior painting of various City buildings. Expenditure: \$74,290.**

Recommendation of the General Services Director that City Council:

- 1) Award a contract to Tony Painting Inc. for \$64,600 with a 5% contingency of \$3,230 for exterior painting of various City Buildings (FEAP #588, #591, and #592); and
- 2) Approve a 10% project management fee of \$6,460.

**8C. Public Works – Award agreement for traffic engineering consulting services. Expenditure: \$75,000.**

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council award a consulting services agreement in the amount of \$75,000 to AAE Incorporated of Brea, CA to perform traffic engineering consulting services.

**8D. Police – Approve agreement amendment for 2006 Urban Areas Security Initiative federal grant. Expenditure: None.**

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council approve an amendment to the agreement with the City of Los Angeles (C2007-171) for the 2006 Urban Areas Security Initiative federal grant, extending the term to September 30, 2009 to coincide with the federal grant performance period.

**8E. City Manager – Approve agreement for risk assessment at 465 Crenshaw Boulevard. Expenditure: Not to exceed \$25,000.**

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council approve a consulting services agreement with Enviro-Tox Services Inc. to conduct a Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) for the PPG Industries site located at 465 Crenshaw Boulevard.

## 8. CONSENT CALENDAR (Continued)

### 8F. Public Works – Approve transfer of funds and agreement amendment for Fiscal Year 2009-2011 Citywide Sidewalk Ramping/Grinding, I-101 Program. Expenditure: \$90,000.

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Approve a budget transfer of General funds in the amount of \$80,000 from the Torrance Boulevard Rehabilitation, T-43/44 to the Fiscal Year 2009-2011 Citywide Sidewalk Ramping/Grinding, I-101 program; and
- 2) Approve a third amendment to the consulting services agreement with Project Partners (C2006-149) that extends the term until August 31, 2010 and increases the amount from \$252,000 to \$342,000 (a \$90,000 increase) for construction inspection services for the Fiscal Year 2009-2011 Citywide Sidewalk Ramping/Grinding, I-101 program.

### 8G. Police – Appropriate and allocate funds for 2009 Disaster Expo at Torrance Cultural Arts Center. Expenditure: \$15,000.

Recommendation of the Chief of Police and the Emergency Preparedness (E-Prep) Team that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate and allocate \$15,000 of General Fund Reserve for Security Improvement funds to the City of Torrance Disaster Expo to be held on October 10, 2009 at the Torrance Cultural Arts Center; and
- 2) Approve an expenditure not to exceed \$15,000 to cover the cost of the 2009 City of Torrance Disaster Expo that include facility rental, food service, contracting an earthquake simulator exhibit, and printing promotional handouts and signage.

## 10. PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### 10A. City Manager – Appropriate and allocate funds and approve agreement to retain business within City of Torrance. Expenditure: \$250,000.

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate and allocate \$250,000 of General Fund Reserve for Economic Development for a grant/loan agreement with the Torrance Auto Center at 204100 Hawthorne Boulevard; and
- 2) Approve an expenditure not to exceed \$250,000 to provide economic assistance in order to retain the business within the City of Torrance.

## 12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

### 12A. City Manager – Adopt RESOLUTION amending 2009-2011 Memorandum of Understanding for Torrance Police Officers Association.

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding amending Resolution No. 2009-17 setting forth hours, wages and working conditions for employees represented by the Torrance Police Officers Association (TPOA) implementing “Team Policing”.

### 12B. Public Works – Appropriate funds and approve project budget for design and construction of Western Avenue water main replacement and street repairs. Expenditure: \$1,800,000.

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council:

- 1) Appropriate \$100,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund and approve a project budget for design and construction of the Western Avenue Water Main Replacement and Street Repairs; and
- 2) Transfer \$1,700,000 from North Torrance Water Main Replacement, CIP No. I-74 to Western Avenue Water Main Replacement and Street Repairs.

## 12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS (Continued)

### 12C. Public Works – Approve agreement amendment for Fiscal Year 2009-2011 Citywide Sidewalk Ramping/Grinding, I-101 Program. Expenditure: \$330,000.

Recommendation of the Public Works Director that City Council approve third amendment to the public works agreement with Hardy & Harper, Inc. (C2006-148) that extends the term one year until August 31, 2010 and increases the amount from \$1,175,510 to \$1,505,510 (a \$330,000 increase) to construct the Fiscal Year 2009-2011 Citywide Sidewalk Ramping/Grinding, I-101 program.

### 12D. City Manager – Adopt RESOLUTION amending Torrance Professional & Supervisory Association Memorandum of Understanding. Expenditure: \$16,620.

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding amending Resolution No. 2007-56 setting forth hours, wages and working conditions for employees represented by the Torrance Professional and Supervisory Association (TPSA), adding a premium for City Yard supervision.

### 12E. City Manager – Adopt RESOLUTION regarding anticipated closure of two post offices in Torrance.

Recommendation of the City manager that City Council adopt a RESOLUTION regarding the anticipated closure of two post offices in Torrance

## 13. HEARINGS

### 13A. Community Development – Adopt RESOLUTION regarding self-certification for compliance with Congestion Management Program (CMP) and submit Local Development Report.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that the City Council:

- 1) Conduct a public hearing as required by the Congestion Management Program of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority;
- 2) Adopt a RESOLUTION to self-certify that the City of Torrance is in conformance with local Congestion Management Program (CMP) requirements; and,
- 3) Direct staff to submit the CMP Local Development Report (LDR) as required by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

### 13B. Community Development – Consider Planning Commission adoption of Negative Declaration and approve Conditional Use Permit to allow conversion of an existing industrial building for operation of church, Waiver to allow less than required setbacks, and Variance to allow church use on substandard sized lot on property located in the M-L Zone at 17811 Western Avenue.

Recommendation of the Planning Commission that City Council take the following action on property located in the M-L Zone at 17811 Western Avenue:

- 1) Adopt a Negative Declaration
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTIONS approving a Conditional Use Permit to allow conversion of an existing industrial building for operation of a church, a Variance to allow church use on a substandard sized lot; and a Waiver to allow less than required setbacks.

Recommendation of the Community Development Director that the City Council take the following action on property located in the M-L Zone 17811 Western Avenue:

- 1) Adopt a Negative Declaration
- 2) Adopt RESOLUTIONS denying a Conditional Use Permit, a Variance; and a Waiver.

**EAS09-00001, CUP09-00003, VAR09-00001, & WAV09-00007:  
Gospel Venture International Church**

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

Council order - Rhilinger Sutherland Barnett Brewer Furey Numark

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**18. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

City Council Closed Session

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR**

(California Government Code § 54957.6):

Agency Negotiator: LeRoy J. Jackson

Employee Organization/Association:

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| 1. Certain Full-Time Salaried and Hourly Employees | 11. Torrance Fire Fighters Association                             |
| 2. Certain Part-Time Hourly Employees              | 12. Torrance Fiscal Employees Association                          |
| 3. Crossing Guards                                 | 13. Torrance Library Employees Association                         |
| 4. Elected Officials                               | 14. Torrance Municipal Employees/AFSCME Local 1117 AFL-CIO         |
| 5. Engineers Association                           | 15. Torrance Police Commanders' Association                        |
| 6. Executive & Management Employees                | 16. Torrance Police Officers Association                           |
| 7. Police & Fire Trainees                          | 17. Torrance Professional Parks & Recreation Employee Organization |
| 8. Safety Management Employees                     | 18. Torrance Professional & Supervisory Association                |
| 9. Torrance City Employees' Association            | 19. Torrance Recurrent Recreational Employees Organization         |
| 10. Torrance Fire Chief Officers Association       |  |

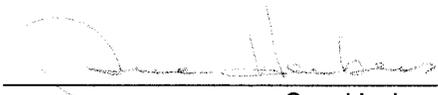
**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

(California Government Code § 54956.9[a]):

- 1) Karen Powers v. City of Torrance  
LASC Case No. YC057636

**19. ADJOURNMENT**

**19A.** Adjourn City Council to Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. for a closed personnel hearing, with regular business commencing at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

  
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Sue Herbers, City Clerk

**"It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the ones most responsive to change." — Charles Darwin**

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
B2009-29	<b>Bid to Furnish the Annual Requirement of Periodicals for the Torrance Public Library System</b> Questions may be referred to Felice Fromm at 310.618.5820.	Thursday August 27, 2009
B2009-32	<b>Bid to Provide the City's Annual Requirement for T-Shirts</b> Questions may be referred to Felice Fromm at 310.618.5820.	Monday August 24, 2009

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Friday, August 14; Friday, August 28; and Labor Day, Monday, September 7