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

Members of the City Council

SUBJECT:  City Manager – Consideration of Proposed One-Time Funding for a
Historic Preservation Consultant for Torrance Tract and 2016 Fourth
of July Fireworks. Expenditure: $125,000.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager that City Council consider approval of:
1) One-time funding in the amount of $50,000 for a Historic Preservation Consultant
for the Torrance Tract; and
2) One-time funding in the amount of $75,000 for a 2016 Fourth of July celebratory
fireworks show.

Funding
A total of $125,000 to be funded one time from 2015-16 accumulated loan principal
repayment proceeds that are one time in nature and available for one-time purchases
and/or capital expenditures.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

Historic Preservation Consultant: On January 12, 2016, the Community Development
Department brought forward an agenda item addressing options for a Historic
Preservation Program. A funding discussion was a component of the item. For the
Program Start-up Expenditures, a cost range of $281,000 to $306,000 was presented
which consisted primarily of dedicated staffing for the program at an estimated cost of
$209,124; and, the employment of a Historic Preservation Consultant for the preparation
of a Preservation Plan and Ordinance at an estimated cost of $50,000 to $75,000.
Significant discussion ensued from the public and the Council as how to begin the
program in a modest fashion. It was determined that an initial significant component, the
employment of a Historic Preservation Consultant in the amount of $50,000, would suffice
if funding could be identified. The City Manager committed to review the budget for the
funds.

Fourth of July Celebratory Fireworks Show: Additionally on January 12, 2016, under
ORALS, Mayor Furey requested Council concurrence to seek funding for a modest Fourth
of July celebration, with the concept of having it in the City’s “backyard” behind City Hall.
The celebration would consist of a fireworks show set to music with the total cost of the
show not to exceed $75,000, significantly less than prior years. Council concurred with
the request to bring an item forward with a logistics plan and a source for funding.
The Finance Director has identified a source of funds that is generally sourced to the Capital Budget. The Water Enterprise Fund repays the General Fund approximately $90,000 annually which is returned to the Capital budget for repurposing. By June 2016, the City will have approximately $185,000 to be reallocated to Capital expenditures. City Council can consider approving $125,000 of these funds to be repurposed for funding the Historic Preservation Consultant and the Fourth of July Celebratory Fireworks Show and reducing the funding for new Capital Projects.

Separate agenda items are following this funding discussion in which Council can take action to appropriate the funds if the proposed funding concept is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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