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**TORRANCE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AGENDA  
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026  
ADJOURNED MEETING  
6:00 P.M. IN LeROY J. JACKSON COUNCIL CHAMBER  
AT 3031 TORRANCE BL.**

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MAY TAKE ACTION ON ANY ITEM  
LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**ROLL CALL:** Commission members Adelsman, Hamada, Herring, Kartsonis, Kohus, Sasaki,  
Chair Lohnes

**2. FLAG SALUTE:**

**3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Bl. and on the City's Website on Tuesday, April 14, 2026.

**4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS**

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited up to a 30-minute period)**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for comment on items under the Consent Calendar or items that are not on the agenda. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Commissioners cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 2 minutes per speaker.*

**6. 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 by a Commissioner from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.*

No Business to Consider.

**7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

No Business to Consider.

**8. HEARINGS**

**8A. Conduct Hearing on the Appeal of Discipline of a Torrance Police Officer (14). Confidential under Penal Code 832.7 and Copley Press v. Superior Court 39 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 1272 (2006). Consideration of public employee discipline will be conducted in closed session per California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1), unless the employee requests to have the appeal conducted in public session. The deliberation of this matter by the Civil Service Commission will occur in closed session.**

Recommendation of the Civil Service Manager that the Civil Service Commission conduct a hearing to consider the appeal of discipline of a Police Officer (14), in public session as requested by the employee and that the Civil Service Commission's deliberation of this matter shall occur in closed session.

**9. CLOSED SESSION**

**9A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING DISCIPLINE (California Government Code §54957(b) (1)):**

- 1) Appeal of Discipline of a Torrance Police Officer (14).

**10. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATION**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

- 11A.** Adjournment of Civil Service Commission Meeting to Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.



Honorable Members  
of the Civil Service Commission  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Honorable Members:**

**SUBJECT: CONDUCT HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF DISCIPLINE OF A TORRANCE POLICE OFFICER (14). Confidential under Penal Code 832.7 and Copley Press v. Superior Court 39 Cal. 4<sup>th</sup> 1272 (2006). Consideration of public employee discipline will be conducted in closed session per California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1), unless the employee requests to have the appeal conducted in public session. The deliberation of this matter by the Civil Service Commission will occur in closed session.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the Civil Service Manager that the Civil Service Commission conduct a hearing to consider the appeal of discipline of a Police Officer (14), in public session as requested by the employee and that the Civil Service Commission's deliberation of this matter shall occur in closed session.

**BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

On April 09, 2025, Civil Service staff received an appeal of discipline for Police Officer (14). Under the provisions of Torrance Municipal Code Section 14.47.9, upon written request filed by an employee who has been disciplined under this Article, the Civil Service Commission shall set a date for and hold a hearing.

Counsel for the employee confirmed the request for an open hearing at the pre-hearing conference on July 31, 2025.

The Civil Service Commission commenced the hearing on April 14, 2025, and continued the hearing to August 25, 2025, then November 3, 2025, though the matter was heard earlier on October 27, 2025, then continued to December 15, 2025. The hearing is scheduled to continue on January 12, February 9, February 23, March 2, March 9, April 13, April 20, May 18, June 8, and July 13.

Respectfully submitted,



Brianne Cohen  
Civil Service Manager

Attachment A: Hearing Exhibits (Available via Electronic Link)

Hearing exhibits for the appeal of discipline of a Torrance Police Officer (14) are accessible via the following link: <https://bit.ly/PO14Exhibits>

Honorable Chair and Members  
of the Civil Service Commission  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Honorable Members:**

**SUBJECT: CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION CLOSED SESSION**

The Civil Service Commission will meet in Closed Session for the following purpose:

a. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING DISCIPLINE (California Government Code §54957(b) (1)):

- 1) Appeal of Discipline of a Police Officer (14).

Respectfully submitted,



Brianne Cohen  
Civil Service Manager