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The Civil Service Commission is an advisory body to the City Council that meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers and on other Mondays as required. All meetings are open to the public except for those portions related to personnel issues that under law may be considered in closed session.

**TORRANCE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AGENDA
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2025
REGULAR 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 Adelman, Hamada, Kohus, Lohnes, Sasaki, Chair Herring

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 Wednesday, March 5, 2025.

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 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

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 1 minute per speaker. Speakers please turn off or leave your cellular phone when you come to the podium to speak.

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. Appeal of Discipline of a Torrance Police Officer (13).

(Confidential under Penal Code 832.7 and Copley Press v. Superior Court 39 Cal. 4th 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.

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 (13).

10. COMMISSION ORAL COMMUNICATION

11. ADJOURNMENT

- 11A.** Adjournment of Civil Service Commission Meeting to Monday, March 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.



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

Honorable Members:

SUBJECT: CONDUCT CLOSED HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF DISCIPLINE OF A TORRANCE POLICE OFFICER (13). Confidential under Penal Code 832.7 and Copley Press v. Superior Court 39 Cal. 4th 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 closed hearing to consider the appeal of discipline of a Police Officer (13), unless the employee requests to have the hearing in public session and that the Civil Service Commission's deliberation of this matter shall occur in closed session.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On July 25, 2024, Civil Service staff received an appeal of discipline for Police Officer (13). 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.

The Civil Service Commission commenced the hearing on August 5, 2024, and continued on September 23, 2024. The hearing is scheduled to continue on January 27, March 10 and 17, 2025, as needed. Counsel for the employee requested a closed hearing at the pre-hearing conference on November 4, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Brianne Cohen

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Civil Service Manager

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 (13).

Respectfully submitted,



Brianne Cohen
Civil Service Manager