

Council Meeting of
September 12, 2023

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

Members of the City Council:

**SUBJECT: City Manager and City Attorney – Reconsideration of a Council action not to ban touch and goes at Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field.
Expenditure: None.**

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the City Manager and the City Attorney that the City Council consider a Motion to Reconsider the decision to not ban touch and goes at Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field.

It is further recommended that in the event the City Council determines to reconsider the ban on touch and goes, that the matter be brought back to the City Council at a future date.

Funding

No funding is required for the requested action.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS

At the July 25, 2023, City Council meeting there was a motion made to ban touch and goes at Torrance Municipal Airport – Zamperini Field. The motion failed with a vote of 3 – Yes, 2 – No, 1 – Abstain, and 1 – Recusal. The motion failed since Section 4.8 of the City Council Rules of Order requires all motions to be carried by a majority vote. Section 4.8 provides that “a majority of the members present, if a quorum, is a majority for the passage of motions.” A Council Member that is recused does not count towards the quorum. See 2 CCR § 18707. Since there were 6 Council Members present on Agenda Item 9A, a majority is four pursuant to Section 4.8. Since the vote was only 3 Council Members in favor of banning touch and goes, the motion failed as it was not a majority of 4.

Motions for reconsider are found in Section 3.6 of the City Council Rules of Order. Motions to reconsider are a multi-step process that occurs in three meetings. A motion for reconsideration can be made at the same meeting where the action was taken or at one of two subsequent meetings. The request for reconsideration can only be made by a council member who voted with the prevailing side or by a Council Member that was absent when the motion was voted on. If there is concurrence, then an item for reconsideration is brought back at the next meeting. The agenda item for reconsideration is only for Council Members to vote yes (in favor of reconsidering the action) or no (against reconsidering the action). If the majority vote is yes, then an item is placed on a future City Council agenda for the Council Members to reconsider the matter.

Since the motion to ban touch and goes failed, the 2 Council Members that voted no are the prevailing side and they are the only ones that can bring a motion to reconsider the action on banning touch and goes. At the City Council meeting of August 22, 2023, Council Member Sheikh, a member of the prevailing side, requested an item be brought before the City Council to reconsider the item.

The item this evening is only a yes or no vote on whether to reconsider the matter. It is not a discussion of the merits of banning or not banning touch and goes. If a majority of the City Council decides to reconsider the matter, then an agenda item to consider the merits of the matter will be brought back to the City Council at a future date.

Respectfully submitted,



for: Aram Chaparyan
City Manager



Patrick Q. Sullivan
City Attorney