
No response to multiple requests for meeting

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Hon Mayor, City Council Members and City Manager:

I am astonished and disappointed that my Mayor, City Council Members and City Manager would not respond to requests from a 50-year Torrance resident and voter seeking information about an issue that appears to be malfeasance in our government.

- Shoddy maintenance resulted in failure of the airfield lighting at our airport prior to 2022.
- A bid by Elecnor Belco to repair the lighting was rejected in June 2022.
- A contract was awarded to them in April 2023.
- The Contractor agreed to start work 21 days after award.
- The Contractor agreed work would be completed 60 days after award.
- Work actually did not start until early January 2024.
- Work is still not completed--due, I am told, to the rainy weather.
- City Council, just weeks ago, extended the contract until December 2024 (20 months after award) without any discussion.

I shared this information with the Airport Commission. This left the commissioners and me with some questions that I had hoped you would answer:

- Why was the work not authorized to begin during the dry season so it could be completed by the end of July, as the bid required?
- Why did the city delay authority to proceed for 8 months until after 11/25/2023?
- Who authorized the delay?

I felt I should get your side of the story, but I now get the feeling that the true answers would reveal that malfeasance.

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