

COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

November 30, 2023

PLANNING

General Plan Update Phase 2 – A recent online survey on local climate mitigation efforts generated over 450 responses. Most respondents agree that climate change and associated impacts warrant a conscientious response at all levels of society and government. The survey results indicate that more community outreach on climate change and climate mitigation strategies would contribute to local emissions reduction. A summary of survey responses will be posted to the project webpage by December 5.

Downtown Advisory Committee (DAC) - A special DAC Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, at 9:00 a.m. to adopt the 2024 meeting calendar and to elect a vice-chair before the end of the year. A downtown project update will be presented.

Planning Commission meeting – The Commission considered the following items at its November 20 regular meeting (Commissioners Morrissey and Ogden absent):

- Regular Coastal Permit for 116 Eaton St. - Steele Residence (Approved 5-0)
- Development Plan for Loma Alta Slough Wetlands enhancement project (Approved 5-0)
- Municipal Code Amendment to amend Chapter 24 to preclude permitting additional short-term rentals in single-family residential zoning districts outside of the Coastal Zone (Motion to deny/reject Resolution 2023-P29 Approved 5-0)

The Planning Commission meeting on December 4 has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, December 18 at 6 p.m.

ENGINEERING

Road Slurry Seal & Overlay Project – Work continues this week: ([Work Area Map](#)):

- Weed kill efforts began November 27, in the remaining groups.
- Paving operations resume on December 4. Notification efforts (doorknockers, no-parking signs, etc.) will take place prior to paving as appropriate in the remaining ten groups include 1C, 2B, 2D, 2F, 3A, 3G, 4C, 4D, 4E, 4F.
- All project-wide concrete work has been completed.

Brooks Street Swim Center Renovations - Concrete work is now complete at Brooks Street Pool. The contractor is preparing to plaster the pool on Saturday, December 2. The Swim Center is expected to re-open to the public early January 2024. The remaining items consist of curing of the pool plaster, completing the electrical/plumbing on the wading pool equipment and pool heater, installing new gates and fencing along portions of the facility, installing a shed around the chlorine tank, re-stripping the parking lot, and other miscellaneous items.

Beachfront Improvement Feasibility Study Phase II – The project requires geotechnical investigations (borings) and testing. Efforts are being coordinated with the Pier View Way Bridge Project team, which also requires geotechnical investigations; staff will submit the proposed work under one boring permit submittal with the California Coastal Commission. Additional work includes a 3D laser scan of the Junior Seau Beach Community Center for existing condition modeling purposes, scheduled this week.

Pier View Way Bridge & Lifeguard Headquarters – In addition to the borings and testing work described above, staff and the consultant team continue work on the pending Notice of Preparation for the Programmatic EIR. [Pier View Way Bridge and Lifeguard Headquarters | Oceanside, CA](#)

Landes Skatepark Improvements - The task order for an independent analysis of the existing concrete slab foundation's condition has been executed with Dokken Engineering. The investigation, which requires taking small coring samples, is scheduled to commence soon.

CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

North River Farms Project Traffic Impacts to Begin – Construction on the North River Farms site began in early 2023. Grading activities require equipment to cross North River Road at regular intervals from 9am – 4pm, Monday - Saturday. These crossings are scheduled to start the week of December 11 and are anticipated to last approximately 10 weeks (weather permitting). The speed limit will be reduced to 35 miles per hour through the construction zone. Construction/installation of additional circulation improvements in the project area will begin in the coming months.

WATER UTILITIES

Grant awarded for the Loma Alta Slough Wetlands Enhancement Project – On November 29, the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) published its funding announcement for the [2023 National Coastal Resilience Fund](#) grant cycle. The City has been selected for a \$500,000 award to supplement existing State and Federal funds for construction of the wetland restoration. This is the second NFWF grant awarded to the City for the project, following an award of \$175,000 for engineering design in 2020. To date, the planning and design of the project has been entirely funded by State and Federal grants, with over \$2 million in grant funds reserved for construction.

The project is located in South Oceanside north of Buccaneer Park and includes restoration of six acres of coastal wetlands with new pedestrian trails that will connect to future improvements of the Coastal Rail Trail and Buccaneer Lift Station projects. The first phase of construction is expected in mid-2024 pending final acquisition of permits and agency approvals. For questions, please contact Justin Gamble, Environmental Officer in the Water Utilities Department at jgamble@oceansideca.org.

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Sweeping Program - As part of its normal vehicle replacement program, the City has procured six new Tymco Street Sweepers. The street sweeping program is an essential function towards achieving our clean water goals. The street sweeping program sweeps every residential street twice a month. It also provides street sweeping to the downtown three times per week, and has weekly and monthly sweeps to the commercial and industrial areas of the City. The program removes thousands of tons of litter and organic matter from our roadways every year that would otherwise go into our rivers, creeks, lagoons and ocean. To date this year, 2,689 tons of litter and organic matter have been captured, and 21,908 curb miles have been swept.



FIRE

Fire Department Recognition Ceremony – The Fire Department’s annual Recognition, Retirement, and Badge Pinning Ceremony will occur on Thursday, December 14 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at El Corazon Senior Center. We hope you’ll join us!

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- Dec 4** Arts Commission. 3:00 p.m.
- Dec 4** ~~Cancelled.~~ Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 5** ~~Cancelled.~~ Community Relations Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 12** Economic Development Commission. 3:00 p.m.
- Dec. 13** Special Meeting: Downtown Advisory Committee. 9:00 a.m.
- Dec 14** Measure X Citizen’s Oversight Committee. 2:30 p.m.
- Dec 14** Special Meeting: Housing Commission. 6:15 p.m.
- Dec. 18** Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 2** Community Relations Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 9** Water & Sewer Committee. 3:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS / EVENTS

- Dec 7** Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony. Harbor Fishing Pier. 9:30 a.m.
- Dec 7** Downtown Tree Lighting Ceremony. 5:00 p.m.
- Dec 9** County Public Health Town Hall Mtg. 10:30 a.m. 3708 Ocean Ranch Blvd.
- Dec 9** Parade of Lights. Oceanside Harbor. 6:00-9:00 p.m.
- Dec 11** Downtown Menorah Lighting. 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 13** RE:BEACH Final Workshop. 4:00-7:00 p.m. Beach Rec. Center. [Info](#)
- Dec 13** Lived Experiences Gala. 5:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- Dec 14** Excellence in North County Economic Dev. Awards. 11:30 a.m. [Info](#)
- Dec 14** Chamber of Commerce Annual Holiday Mixer. 5:00-7:00 p.m. El Camino Country Club. [Info](#)
- Dec 16** Green Oceanside Libby Lake Community Cleanup. 9:00 -11:00 a.m.
- Dec 16** 19th Annual Hiyas Awards & Christmas Gala. 5:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- Dec 19** Community Blood Drive. OPD. 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Jan 16** Coast Highway Corridor Design Informational Meeting. 5:00-7:00 p.m.
- Jan 25** Point in Time Count. [Info](#)