

COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

April 1, 2021

PLANNING

Cannabis Update - Based on City Council direction provided on March 24, staff is preparing necessary text amendments to the City Code and Zoning Ordinance that would allow cannabis manufacturers, distributors and non-storefront delivery services to handle adult-use product. Staff expects to present the proposed text amendments to the Planning Commission in April and City Council in June.

The April 5 Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

ENGINEERING

El Corazon Aquatics Center – The final Closing Change Order and Notice of Completion for the project will be brought to the City Council for review on April 7, 2021. Furniture, fixtures, equipment and IT items provided by the City are being purchased and installed. Minor corrective work is being finalized by the contractor.

Overlay Project – Pedestrian ramp improvements are complete at the intersection of Mission Avenue and Pirates Cove Way. Work is currently on hold and will resume the evening of Monday, April 12 to allow time for the new concrete at the ramp locations to cure prior to commencing the next phase of work. It is anticipated the remaining work for the project will be completed at night (Sunday evenings through Friday mornings; 9:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m).

Quiet Zone Update – Some minor median curb and paver removal and replacement occurred last week to better align the existing asphalt lanes to the new concrete lanes constructed for the Oceanside Beach Resort project. The Quiet Zone 21-day Notice of Establishment is still pending Federal Railroad Administration Risk Index approval by staff in Washington D.C.

WATER UTILITIES

Community Choice Energy (CCE) Update – County to Pursue Membership in Existing CCE - On March 30, the County of San Diego's Energy & Sustainability Program notified City staff that the Board of Supervisors will be directing County staff to negotiate membership with the region's two existing Community Choice Energy programs. This is a change of course for the County, which was previously exploring the formation of its own CCE program with the possibility for Oceanside and other North County cities to join. At the upcoming April 6 Board of Supervisor's meeting, County staff will be given direction under a new set of guiding principles to return with a recommendation of which CCE program the County should join (Clean Energy Alliance, or San Diego Community Power). City staff will coordinate with the consultant team updating the 2019 CCE Feasibility Study financial forecast to modify the update, as membership in a new CCE spearheaded by the County no longer appears viable. The update will, however, explore risks and benefits should the City choose to join one of the existing CCEs.

Recycled Water (Lower 1) Conveyance Construction – Repaving of North River Road and Douglas Drive is scheduled to begin Monday, April 5, and be completed by the end of the week. There will be two days where the Douglas Drive driveways to businesses (CVS, Carl's Jr., AMPM/Arco) will be closed during work hours as paving is performed. The North River Road driveway will provide access to businesses during the closures, and Douglas Drive access will be reopened in the evenings.

North River Road and Douglas Drive will be repaved in full lane widths beyond the City's standard trench repair requirements, to ensure that the road is in great condition for years to come.

Staff has updated all businesses in the area of the upcoming work and the need to close the driveways. Staff will also notify them as the actual date of closures are finalized. Additionally, a construction update [email blast](#) was distributed on March 31 for all components of Pure Water Oceanside and Recycled Water Lower 1 work beyond the paving work.

Residents and businesses can register for email updates and see the most current construction information on the City's [construction website](#).

The 2021 Mayor's Challenge for Sustainability - Throughout the month of April, Mayor Sanchez is challenging Oceanside to be more sustainable by taking action for our planet at home and in our community. There are two ways to participate in the Mayor's Challenge, which can earn our City points to take home the first-place title in this national contest.

- 1) [Take the Pledge from April 1-30](#) - Oceanside residents who pledge are also eligible to win exciting prizes.
- 2) [Log sustainable actions](#) – Points can be earned for Oceanside by completing sustainable activities at home and around the neighborhood.

PUBLIC WORKS

Harbor Dredge Update - The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Manson Construction, and Harbor staff had their initial dredge kick-off meeting on March 31, 2021. The Corps is placing significant focus on safety and has made specific requests of Manson Construction to ensure a safe project. Mobilization of equipment and personnel will begin on Monday, April 5. Fencing to protect wildlife will also be installed on that day. Dredging will begin around April 15 and the contractor expects to complete the work and remove all equipment in early May dependent on weather conditions. Parking lot #12 will be fenced and closed for the entire dredge cycle. A separate fence will be installed on the southern portion of the river bed to delineate storage for pipe and heavy equipment. A 50' wide pathway will be delineated along the entire beach to identify where tractors and equipment will be moving. Caution signs will be installed along the pathway to notify pedestrians and beach users. All equipment moving along this pathway will be led by a lighted ATV, and equipment will move no faster than 5mph. Due to the narrow width of the beach fronting North Coast Village and the need to place dredge material in that location, this area will be fenced off for approximately 2-3 days. North Coast Village management has been informed and will be notifying their residents and guests. Beach access from Breakwater Way and to the south will not be affected.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Station 3 - Fire Department personnel moved back to the permanent Fire Station 3 on March 29. The repairs from the fire and the additional remodel work has improved the working and living conditions considerably. There remain a few punch-list items on the interior and exterior. Re-pavement will be completed in April/May. The public was notified of the re-occupation through the Fire Department's social media accounts.

UPCOMING COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS VIA ZOOM

- Apr 1** Manufactured Home Fair Practices Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 5** Arts Commission. 3:00 p.m.
- Apr 5** ~~Cancelled Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.~~
- Apr 5** Harbor & Beaches Advisory Committee Special Meeting. 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 6** ~~Cancelled Oceanside Historic Preservation Advisory Commission. 6:00 p.m.~~
- Apr 13** ~~Cancelled Economic Development Commission. 3:00 p.m.~~
- Apr 19** Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Apr 20** Utilities Commission. 3:30 p.m.
- Apr 27** Library Board of Trustees. 2:00 p.m.
- Apr 28** Downtown Advisory Committee Meeting. 9:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS / EVENTS

- Apr 10** Vietnam Veterans Day Celebration. 10:00 a.m. VANC.
- Apr 13** North County Economic Summit. 9:00 a.m. [Info](#)
- Apr 17** Oceanside Harvest. Crop off extra backyard produce. 8:00 a.m. – noon. El Corazon Senior Center.
- April 24** Prescription Drug Take Back Day. 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Tri-City Medical Center