

## **COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE**

May 27, 2021

### **ENGINEERING**

**Quiet Zone Update** – The traffic signal at the Mission/Myers intersection was put into operation on Tuesday, May 25. The City’s consultant continues to reach out weekly to both Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) staff in the Southwest Region and Washington, DC for an update on the Quiet Zone application review and response timelines. The individual charged with the review remains behind in nationwide quiet zone application reviews, and has offered no definitive date as to when the Oceanside review will be complete. Staff has contacted Congressman Levin’s staff to discuss a collaborative approach to obtain a response to the Quiet Zone application. Following approval of the application, a minimum 21-day Notice of Establishment to activate the Quiet Zone will be issued to North County Transit District and other railroad stakeholders.

**Overlay Project** – Mission Avenue paving from I5 to Clementine is substantially complete. Traffic striping was performed on Monday night, May 24. Survey monuments will be reset this week and punch list items remain.



### **CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE**

**Covid-19 Testing at Civic Center Plaza** –360 Clinic will reduce their Covid-19 testing operating days/times to twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. beginning June 1. 360 Clinic provides drop-in or by appointment, no-cost tests with an approximate turnaround time of 24 hours.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

**HUD Emergency Housing Vouchers** - The City of Oceanside Public Housing Authority (PHA) has been awarded 42 federal Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to help pay rent for Oceanside residents experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. The vouchers are among 70,000 nationwide authorized through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The Oceanside PHA has asked to accept these EHV and requested an additional 42 EHV, upon re-assessment by HUD, for a total of 84 EHV.

The vouchers are intended to assist Oceanside residents who (1) are experiencing homelessness, (2) are at risk of experiencing homelessness, (3) are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking, or (4) who recently experienced homelessness, and for whom rental assistance will help prevent their homelessness or at high risk of housing instability.

The vouchers awarded to the City of Oceanside PHA will take effect July 1, and collectively have an initial annual value of \$626,472. The EHV will work similarly to other federal rental assistance programs administered by the Oceanside PHA. Households will pay a predetermined portion of their income toward rent and Oceanside PHA will pay the balance, up to the applicable "payment standard" directly to the landlord. The payment standard is the maximum subsidy payment the voucher would pay for an apartment or rental house minus the portion of the contract rent that the tenant pays. It is based on the number of bedrooms approved for the family's size and the community to which the family moves. Households that receive an EHV will also receive help with their housing searches.

Eligible households will be identified through the Coordinated Entry System, administered by the Regional Task Force on the Homeless, which helps identify the most appropriate housing resource for each individual or family experiencing homelessness, based on their needs. This is a mandate and requirement in order to facilitate the EHV assignments. The EHV program does not allow Oceanside PHA to reissue the vouchers to new households after Sept. 30, 2023.

**Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Award** - The Oceanside Neighborhood Services Department has been awarded a Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) grant in the amount of \$194,830 for grant period June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 (13 months) through the Regional Taskforce on the Homeless (RTFH). It will ensure continuation of the Housing Social Worker program implemented to assist people experiencing homelessness eligible for a Housing Choice Voucher to obtain permanent housing. This program was originally funded by RTFH with the Homeless Emergency Assistance Program (HEAP) grant funds, which ends May 31, 2021. The HHAP grant will fund the two Social Workers in the Housing Division, as well as provide limited flex funds for rental applications and security/utility deposits, and cover user fees for data systems. Referrals will continue to come through the previously identified referral agencies to include, but not limited to OPD HOT, Mental Health Services, Interfaith, McAlister Institute, and other partnering agencies. For questions regarding the HHAP grant, please contact Maria Yanez, Housing Program Manager at (760) 435-3393 or Salvador Roman, Management Analyst at (760) 435-3394.

**CDBG-CV Food Distributions** - The City has subcontracted with Botanical Community Development Initiatives (BCDI), umbrella organization for Community Roots Farm, located at 5410 North River Road. BCDI started their Fresh Produce and Dry Goods food box distribution on Friday, May 14 in Libby Lake and Crown Heights, and on Thursday, May 20, in the Eastside and Tri-City neighborhoods. The program provided food boxes to over 150 families between the two distribution dates. They will be rotating distributions again to Libby lake and Crown Heights on Friday, May 28 and to Eastside and Tri-City on Thursday, June 3. The rotation schedule will continue every other Friday and Thursday. BCDI hopes to distribute over 100 boxes of fresh produce and dry goods at each distribution through September 30, 2021.



**CalHOME Grant Application Update** - The City was not awarded a Cal HOME grant this year for the August 2020 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The City received notification on March 10, 2021, that the application had received a score of 72/100. During the application process, staff worked with the grant writer, Global Urban Strategies, Inc. which recommended a self-score of 92. The Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) deducted 10 points due to the project not being in an Opportunity Zone and deducted an additional 10 points due to lack of documentation for a Self-Help Labor program.

Cal HOME allowed for applicants to appeal the score. Staff worked with the grant writers to submit an appeal that included the Self-Help Labor Program to earn the 10 points on the final score. The City received notification that the appeal had not been approved, and the original score of 72 was final, and not competitive to the minimum 81-point score requirement. Another round of Cal HOME funding will open in Fall 2021 and staff will submit a more competitive application at that time.



**Senior Nutrition Program** – Staff has been notified by Serving Seniors, our Senior Nutrition provider, that they have clearance to resume our congregate senior nutrition meal program effective Monday, July 26. The congregate program has been suspended throughout the pandemic. While no senior in the program has gone without meals, (having been served via the Home Delivered Meal program or through a drive-through service), the opportunity to return to Country Club Senior Center for a nutritional lunch will provide the benefits of socialization and interaction with friends and acquaintances.

**Oceanside Senior Center Table Tennis Coming Soon** - The Country Club Senior Center will begin offering indoor ventilated Thursday Table Tennis starting May 27, 2021. Thursday play will also be offered through June. It will be restricted to Thursdays only for this initial rollout. Access to the tables is by reservation.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Street Sweeping Parking Enforcement to Resume** - Cities in San Diego County have transitioned back to street sweeping with parking enforcement. For Oceanside, street sweeping with parking enforcement will resume on June 21, 2021. Between now and the 21st, staff is issuing warnings notifying residents with vehicles that street sweeping with parking enforcement will resume. In addition, information has been placed on the City website, social media, the Oceanside Tide for the past three months, a water bill flyer insert, and on the water bill envelope.



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**North River Road Repairs** - Last week, Public Works staff made roadway repairs to the #2 westbound lane on North River Road from Avenida Descanso to Douglas Drive. Next week roadway repairs will be made to the #2 southbound lane on Vandegrift Boulevard from Granite Place to East Parker Street.



## **WATER UTILITIES**

**Oceanside Takes First Place in the Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation** - Oceanside placed first in the 2021 Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. This nation-wide competition promoting water efficiency is especially important as we enter our second year of dry weather in the Southwest. The City should be extremely proud, as it had the most pledges and highest participation in the EcoChallenge activities, proving that Oceanside residents are committed to using water efficiently and took actions all month long to reduce water waste, including fixing leaks, taking shorter showers, updating their landscape to include California native plants, and using reusable water bottles. Residents who pledged have been entered to win thousands of prizes, and one Oceanside-based charity will be entered in a raffle to win a 2021 Toyota Highlander Hybrid. The winners will be announced in August on the Wyland Foundation website, <https://www.mywaterpledge.com/>. Our community showed the nation that Oceanside, California is a leader in sustainability by saving over 33,000 gallons of water in the April EcoChallenge and collecting over 10,000 pounds of debris during clean up events.

**Buccaneer Lift Station and La Salina Wastewater Treatment Plant Decommissioning** - In a December 2020 memo, staff anticipated the Buccaneer Lift Station construction to be completed in 2025, allowing the La Salina Wastewater Treatment Plant to be decommissioned. As staff proceeds through the planning/design efforts to complete the endeavor of centralizing the City's wastewater flows, the schedule has adjusted. The proposed FY 2021/2022 CIP budget (anticipated adoption June 2, 2021) currently shows construction of the Buccaneer Lift Station being completed in FY 2025/2026 with decommissioning of La Salina beginning in calendar year 2026. Staff will continue to progress with the design of the project and provide updates to Council and the community.

**Spring 2021 Landfill Weeks: June 7 to June 18** – The Green Oceanside team and Waste Management will be hosting the first of two Landfill Weeks from June 7 to June 18. Oceanside residents can schedule a large item landfill pick up of an unlimited number of items (excluding household hazardous waste and construction materials) by calling Waste Management at (760) 439-2824 two days before their normal service day. This does not impact residents' three complimentary large item landfill pick-ups, of up to five items that they can utilize throughout the year. Further information may be found on the [City website](#).

**Roja Lift Station Improvements** - The Contractor has completed the construction improvements of the Roja Lift Station. Having been originally constructed in 1972, the original lift station had reached the end of its useful life. The project provided replacement pumps with improved safety measures to allow safe access to the wet well and pumps for Sewer Collections staff. Additional improvements included civil, mechanical, structural and electrical upgrades.



**Recycled Water Lower Phase 1** - The contractor has completed the repaving of North River Road and Douglas Drive after the installation of two pipelines. City Standards require a trench patch after pipeline projects. However, due to the length of the pipeline and in an effort to increase the quality of the road after the work is complete, the Project will be repaving in full lane widths. This will help improve the overall pavement quality index and help alleviate future overlay projects from the Development Services Department as trench repairs tend to degrade faster than full lane repaves. This effort will be made for the entire pipeline alignment across the City.



**Pure Water Oceanside Injection Well on Alipaz Ct.** – Development of the injection well on Alipaz Ct. is nearing completion. The final testing has been completed and crews began to demobilize this week. Sound walls will be completely removed by the first week of June. Additional work for the injection well will need to be completed once the sound walls are removed including a vault, piping, and electrical conduits. The pipeline work is expected to occur on Rio Vista and Alipaz in the next couple of months. Staff will update the neighborhood once the schedule for the next phase of work is finalized.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Annual Tourism Event June 22** - The Oceanside Tourism event hosted by Visit Oceanside will take place from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22 at Civic Center Plaza. A symbolic ribbon-cutting ceremony with the Mayor and City Council members will launch the reopening of tourism and the summer season, versus the traditional kick-off to the summer season. Other activities include Shane Hall singing “The O,” along with a year-in-review, networking, and happy hour atmosphere.



## **UPCOMING COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*\*Meetings are open to the public with a limited capacity, attendees can participate via Zoom or in-person*

- June 1** Special Housing Commission meeting. 6:15 p.m.
- June 3** ~~Cancelled: Manufactured Home Fair Practices Commission. 6:00 p.m.~~
- June 7** Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- June 8** Economic Development Commission. 3:00 p.m.
- June 22** Library Board of Trustees. 2:00 p.m.
- July 15** Police and Fire Commission. 4:00 p.m.

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS / EVENTS**

- June 5** Friends of the Library Huge Moving Book Sale. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- June 9** Virtual CEQA Scoping Meeting. 6:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- June 15-19** Race Across America. Racers start at Pier. [Info](#)
- June 24** Heroes of Oceanside/Camp Pendleton Chamber event. [Registration](#)
- June 30** Sand Retention Public Workshop – Virtual. 6:00 p.m.
- July 3** Fireworks display over El Corazon. 9:00 p.m.
- Aug 21** Armed Forces Operation Appreciation. 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. [Info](#)