

# COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

February 8, 2024

## PLANNING

**Brother Benno's Conditional Use Permit** – The 8<sup>th</sup> coordination meeting between the Industrial Business Park, Brother Bennos, City staff, and OPD took place on February 8. Topics discussed included progress reports and OPD activities/incidents, as well as an update on proposed parking restrictions.

**Cannabis Update** – City staff and the selection panel will finish evaluating proposals for cannabis consultants this week. After the evaluations are complete, staff will schedule interviews of the top scoring candidates shortly thereafter. Staff remain on-schedule to present two contracts (one for cannabis consulting and one for financial audits of cannabis businesses) for City Council consideration at its March 27 meeting.

**Planning Commission** – The next regular Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 26, at 6:00 p.m.

## ENGINEERING

**Laurel Elementary Safe Routes to School Project Design** – On February 5, the City received notification that the California Transportation Commission approved the allocation of approximately \$1.1M in construction funds towards the Laurel Elementary Safe Routes to School project. With development of construction plans completed, next steps include advertising the bid invitation, awarding the construction contract, and beginning construction during an anticipated date of Summer 2024. Staff is scheduled to attend the February 29 Eastside Neighborhood Association (ENA) meeting to provide the community with an update on the proposed project.

**Buena Vista Audubon Society Crosswalk Feasibility Study (CIP23-00019)** - Staff is in the data collection phase of this study. Additionally, staff recently met with the outside agency/project team working on the proposed Buena Vista Lagoon Enhancement Project to review and discuss various general items, including projects proposed vicinity near the study area.

**Brooks Street Swim Center Renovations** – The Swim Center has reopened; a date for the ribbon cutting ceremony is pending.

**McNeil Street Improvements Project Design** – The City entered into an on-call consultant services agreement with REC Consultants, Inc. to provide professional engineering services for the proposed McNeil Street Improvement project in the Eastside Neighborhood. The project consultant is working on data collection, which includes obtaining field topographic survey and boundary mapping along McNeil Street. Staff is scheduled to attend the ENA meeting on February 29 to provide an update on the proposed project.

## **Pier View Way Bridge & Lifeguard Headquarters**

A public scoping meeting for preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the proposed Pier View Way Bridge & Lifeguard Headquarters and Beachfront Phase II Project was held on February 7 at the El Corazon Event Center. The meeting included a short presentation on the proposed project and CEQA process, as well as topic-based stations for attendees to share comments and questions with the project team. The 30-day PEIR Notice of Preparation comment period ends on February 19, 2024.



## **Road Slurry Seal & Overlay Project ([Work Area Map](#)):**

- The project has been impacted by another week-long rain event.
- Paving work at Peacock Hills (Groups 4D, 4E, 4F) is expected to resume on Monday, February 12, 2024.
- Utility adjustments and roadway markings work continue on completed streets in Peacock Hills.



## **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Next Fire Academy to Begin** - The Oceanside Fire Department will hold Fire Academy #21 from February 19 through April 6, 2024. Eight new firefighter/paramedics will be trained to department standards for firefighting and advanced emergency medical service provision.

**Coast Guard / OFD Training Collaboration** - Oceanside Fire and Lifeguard personnel on the Marine Safety Unit out of the Oceanside Harbor are meeting monthly with the United States Coast Guard to jointly train for offshore rescues, victim hoist operations, communications, and more.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Oceanside Boulevard Roadway Repairs** - Last week, Public Works staff made large-scale roadway repairs to the #1 westbound lane on Oceanside Boulevard from Rancho Del Oro Drive to El Camino Real. Over the next few weeks, repairs will continue on the #1 and #2 eastbound lanes of Oceanside Boulevard between El Camino Real and Rancho Del Oro Drive. Staff will continue to make roadway repairs on the City's arterial streets and filling of potholes to address new damage from recent storms.



**Pier Utility Replacement Project** - The project has achieved substantial completion and is fully operational. Last week, the temporary fencing and sewer line on the south side of the Pier was removed. Disassembling of the scaffolding under the Pier has also started. Unfortunately, further rain events will slow scaffolding removal. Staff is working with the contractor to demobilize the site and open Parking Lot 29 for public use. It is anticipated that the parking lot will open February 23.

## **COMMISSION / COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- Feb 12** Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 13** ~~Cancelled.~~ Economic Development Commission. 3:00 p.m.
- Feb 26** Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 27** Library Board of Trustees. 2:00 p.m.
- Feb 27** Housing Commission. 6:15 p.m.

**Mar 5** Community Relations Commission. 6:00 p.m.

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS / EVENTS**

**Feb 10** Valentine's Movie at the Pier Amphitheater. 5:30 p.m.

**Feb 15** Ron Ortega Park Community Cleanup. 3:00-5:00 p.m. [Register](#)

**Feb 15** Public Safety Night at Sunset Market. 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Feb 24** Oceanside's Black Pioneers. OMA. [Info](#)

**Mar 5** OPD Presentation on IREX Technology at Community Relations Commission Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers.

**Mar 21** Oceanside Chamber of Commerce's "Meet the City" event. El Corazon Conference and Events Center. 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Mar 23** Chamorro Cultural Festival. Pier Amphitheater. All day.

**April 20** Mainstreet Oceanside's "Taste of Spring." [Info](#)