

COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

February 22, 2024

PLANNING

Cannabis Update – Next week, staff is scheduled to conduct interviews of the top scoring cannabis consultants that responded to the Request for Proposals. Award of a Professional Services Agreement to the recommended consultant is tentatively scheduled for City Council consideration at its March 13 meeting.

General Plan Update Phase 2 – An update on the proposed project is scheduled for the April 10 City Council meeting as a General Item discussion. Staff is in the process of scheduling Council member briefings during the mid-March timeframe.

Planning Commission – The next regular [Planning Commission meeting](#) is scheduled for February 26 at 6:00 p.m. The following items will be considered:

- Regular Coastal Permit requesting a 760 square foot addition and remodel of an existing 418 square-foot studio over a two-car garage. The proposed project would add 380 square feet to each of the two stories as well as a 114 square foot balcony on the western side of the addition. The site has a General Plan land use designation of Urban High Density Residential (UHD-R), a Local Coastal Program designation of Coastal Residential High Density (C-RH), and a Zoning designation of Medium Density Residential – Coastal (R-3). – 1628 S PACIFIC ST ADDITION AND REMODEL – APPLICANT: GULZAR HUNJANG
- Development Plan and Conditional Use Permit to allow the construction and operation of an approximately 5,000 square foot carwash, including a carwash tunnel and vacuum stalls, located at 2190 El Camino Real. The 1.28-acre project site, which is currently vacant, has a General Plan Land Use and Zoning Designation of Community Commercial (CC) and is within the Mira Costa Neighborhood Planning Area. 2190 EL CAMINO REAL – DOLPHIN GREEN CAR WASH PROJECT- APPLICANT: METRO PROPERTY GROUP, LLC

ENGINEERING

Cleveland Storm Drain – Staff is working to expedite project construction to the extent feasible. At its March 27 meeting, the City Council is scheduled to consider an amendment to the Dokken Engineering's contract to revise the plans and specifications for project bidding.

College Blvd. Widening (Barnard Dr./Waring Rd. to Old Grove Rd.) – Staff met with the consultant to review proposed storm water improvements, which include changes to the existing storm drain system. Because these changes were not included in the original scope of work, staff is preparing to bring a proposed amendment to the consultant contract for City Council consideration as soon as possible.

Laurel Elementary Safe Routes to School Project – As previously reported, 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.

McNeil Street Improvements Project – 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 the development of construction plans to widen McNeil Street. Staff is scheduled to attend the ENA meeting on February 29 to provide an update on the proposed project.

South River Village Affordable Housing Project – Staff issued the Land Development Permit (grading) to the project developer for the proposed affordable housing project at South River Village. Issuance of the permit will allow construction activities to begin, pending a pre-construction meeting. The developer is being conditioned to distribute a flyer to surrounding residents and businesses in the area within a 500-foot radius, notifying them of upcoming construction.

Rancho Del Oro/Mesa Drive Traffic Signal Improvements Project – Staff has completed the development of the construction plans and specifications for the removal/replacement of the overhead and underground traffic signal equipment at the Rancho del Oro/Mesa Drive intersection. The project will also provide surface improvements to the street asphalt pavement and concrete pedestrian curb ramps to meet current American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Staff is anticipating advertising the invitation to bid by Summer 2024.

Pier View Way Bridge & Lifeguard Headquarters and Beachfront Phase II Projects
The public scoping meeting for the preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) was held on February 7. The associated Notice of Preparation comment period ran from January 19, 2024, to February 19, 2024, and is now closed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Academy 21 started this week with seven recruit firefighter/paramedics. The academy will last seven weeks to include fire, EMS, and rescue training, and to ensure the recruits understand Oceanside's equipment and procedures.

PARKS & RECREATION

Brooks Street Swim Center Renovation Celebration – Parks and Recreation is hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the renovation of Brooks Street Swim Center on Monday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m. Oceanside High School swimmers will be present from 3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

MLK Park Playground Equipment – Parks and Recreation is starting to gather community input for the playground replacement at MLK Jr. Park. A survey is available until March 24, and presents three different types of playground options:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HHJ9K88>

Senior Citizens Workshop - Senior Services is hosting a Senior Scam Awareness Workshop on Monday, March 11 at 10:00 a.m. at the Country Club Senior Center.

Facility Rental Packet Revision Meetings – Staff has updated the schedule for the public meetings for the revision of the Facility Rental Packet. The February meeting has been cancelled. The new schedule includes meetings on:

- Monday, March 18
- Thursday, April 11
- Monday, May 13

The meetings are being held in person from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, and will also be available via Zoom.

Coffee in the Park March 19 – Parks & Recreation Director Manuel Gonzalez is hosting a “Coffee in the Park” at Oak Riparian Park on March 19 from 4:00 to 5:30 pm. This informal gathering aims to foster a positive dialogue between park lovers and the Parks and Recreation Department. The community is invited to come and express their ideas, concerns, and vision for our parks.

The Spring Activity Guide is scheduled to go live on Monday, February 26. Registration starts on March 4 and classes begin on April 1.

COMMISSION / COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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.
Mar 7	Postponed to Mar. 19. Manufactured Home Fair Practices Commission.
Mar 11	Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.
Mar 12	Water/Sewer Committee. 3:30 p.m.
Mar 14	Parks & Recreation Commission. 6:00 p.m.
Mar 19	Utilities Commission. 3:30 p.m.
Mar 19	Special Meeting Manufactured Home Fair Practices Commission. 6p.m.
Mar 21	Measure X Citizen Oversight Committee. 2:30 p.m.
Mar 21	Police and Fire Commission. 4:00 p.m.
Mar 25	Planning Commission. 6:00 p.m.
Mar 26	Library Board of Trustees. 2:00 p.m.
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COMMUNITY MEETINGS / EVENTS

- Feb 22-24** Oceanside International Film Festival. [Info](#)
- Feb 22** Eastside Mural Project Community Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Balderrama Recreation Center.
- Feb 24** Oceanside's Black Pioneers. OMA. [Info](#)
- Feb 27** Pizza with the Police. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Buchanon Park.
- Feb 28** OPD Swearing-in Ceremony. 10:00 a.m. Coastline Baptist Church.
- Feb 29** Coastal Rail Trail Community Workshop. 6:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- Mar 5** OPD Presentation on IREX Technology at Community Relations Commission Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers.
- Mar 9** Pet Palooza Fair. 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. John Landes Park.
- Mar 14** Eastside Mural Project Community Meeting. 6:00 p.m. Balderrama Recreation Center.
- Mar 21** Green Oceanside Community Cleanup. Airport Road. 3:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- 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.
- Mar 30** Parks and Recreation Spring Egg Hunt. Buchanon Park. 8:45 a.m. – noon. [Info](#)
- Mar 30** Balderrama Park Egg Hunt. 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- Mar 30** Landes Park Egg Hunt. 10:00 a.m. – noon.
- Apr 5-6** IRONMAN 70.3 Oceanside. [Info](#)
- April 20** Mainstreet Oceanside's "Taste of Spring." [Info](#)