

# COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

August 19, 2021

## PLANNING

**General Plan Update Phase 2** – A draft Community Vision, outlining organizing themes and guiding principles that will inform the updating of the General Plan will be released for public review on Wednesday, August 25.

**Cannabis Update** – The City's annual local license application window will open August 17 to October 1. The City is only accepting manufacturing, distribution, and testing lab uses. Inspections of the City's three operating facilities by HdL, the City's cannabis business consultant, are scheduled for early September.

The August 23 Planning Commission has been cancelled.

## ENGINEERING

**Street Overlay Project** – The Contractor is continuing work in the Vista Oceana neighborhood (Vista Oceana, Vista Rey, Vista Campana, Vista Bella). Excess soil was removed last week. This week the area will be cement treated, recompacted, and graded in preparation of the new pavement section. The streets at the Oceana site will continue to have vehicle traffic access over the dirt surfaces. The contractor started the overlay in the District 2 area and will continue this operation during the next two days.

**Buccaneer Park Project** – The consultant has completed tabulation of the survey responses and has begun preparing three conceptual designs for a new restroom building. A community stakeholder meeting will be held late September or early October to present the results of the survey and present the conceptual designs for the new restroom building.

**Beachfront Improvements** – Work on the maintenance building will continue this week with the installation of the wooden beam roof. Additional inspection and testing of the sewer lift station is required and will continue this week.

**Beachfront Improvement Feasibility Study Phase II** – The first study advisory committee meeting was held on Tuesday, August 3 in the City Council Chambers. The advisory committee meeting was open to the public and attendees provided comments on the presentation and the consultants' initial findings and observations. The first general public outreach meeting will be held on August 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Library Community Rooms. For more information please refer to

<https://www.ci.oceanside.ca.us/gov/dev/eng/news/beachimprov2/default.asp>

**Neptune Stairway Repair** – Staff, structural engineers, and the City's contractor completed an assessment of the stairs and determined that they are unsafe for public use and cannot be repaired. The contractor placed fence panels at the top and bottom of the stairs to prevent access. The contractor also posted signs that warn the public to stay off the stairs. The contractor has begun dismantling the stairs and salvaging as much as of the original structure and hardware as possible. The work is being done as quickly as practical; however, COVID has impacted material availability. Currently, staff anticipates the repair process could take up to three months to complete.

## WATER

**Oceanside Ratepayer Relief Program** - August 2 marked the launch of the [Oceanside Ratepayer Relief Program](#). In the first two weeks, 36 customers submitted applications, and the City's partners at the non-profit Home Start are reviewing applications and working with customers to submit the required documentation for consideration. Thus far, 14 applications have been approved for a total debt relief to customers of \$3,961. An additional \$6,249 in past-due debt has been set up on payment plans as a result of these approvals. Of the applications that have not yet been approved, some are in progress as we wait to receive required supporting documents to complete the application. Home Start is also providing information to customers regarding possible additional relief through the County Rent & Utilities Assistance Program.

## HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

**Homeless Shelter** - The San Diego Rescue Mission (SDRM) is completing its due diligence for the proposed renovation of the former Ocean Shores school site as a shelter for the City's homeless residents. SDRM and its contractors have recently drafted the proposed scope of work needed for functionality of the site as a shelter and is meeting this week with City staff to finalize. It is anticipated that the scope and cost estimates will be completed by the end of August. Staff, in turn, is drafting a property use and operation agreement for consideration by Council, along with the proposed costs and financing for its development.

**City Efforts to Support Increased COVID-19 Vaccinations** - City staff partnered with Oceanside Unified School District (OUSD) and several providers, including Sharp, TrueCare (formerly North County Health Services) and Vista Community Clinic to host vaccination clinics during eight OUSD registration events at Oceanside High School, Jefferson Middle School, Lincoln Middle School, Martin Luther King Middle School, and Chavez Middle School from August 4 – August 11, 2021. Parents and youth ages 12 years and older were invited to receive the no-cost COVID-19 vaccine. Providers scheduled follow-up appointments for the second dose of the vaccine and/or made arrangements to return to their sites. Staff continues to work with providers to host community-based COVID-19 vaccination clinics and COVID-19 testing events at various locations throughout Oceanside. For question, contact Program Specialist Adrian Mendoza at (760) 435-3340 or Housing Program Manager Maria Yanez at (760) 435-3393.

**Oceanside Moderate-Income Homeownership Program** - The City is accepting pre-applications for the Oceanside Moderate-Income Homeownership Program from August 9 through August 31, 2021. As part of the pilot phase, three applicants will be selected through a random draw from a list of pre-qualified hopefuls. Those selected will be invited to complete a full application and seek financing. Potential applicants will be provided with a list of pre-approved lenders trained on the pilot program. The program enables moderate income participants to borrow up to \$120,000 or 20% of the sales price for a down payment on a home. Purchase price limits for a single-family home are \$600,000 and \$450,000 for a condominium, townhome, or duplex. More information: [Homebuyer Programs](#)

Thus far, forty applicants appear to meet the minimum income, residency, employment and other criteria and will be included as a part of the random drawing. The remaining applicants did not meet one or more of the requirements of the program, such as minimum income or residency/employment in Oceanside for the past two years. For lower income residents, staff are referring them to the CalHome First-time Home Buyer program. For questions, please contact Housing Specialist Suzanne Harder at (760) 435-3378 or [SHarder@oceansideca.org](mailto:SHarder@oceansideca.org) or Housing Program Manager Maria Yanez at (760) 435-3393 or [MYanez@oceansideca.org](mailto:MYanez@oceansideca.org).

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

**El Corazon Aquatics Center Grand Opening** - Oceanside Parks and Recreation are excited to host the Grand Opening Ceremony of the El Corazon Aquatics Center on Saturday, August 21. The event will commence at 9:00 a.m. with speeches by elected officials and staff and a ribbon-cutting. Following the ceremony, demonstrations will be provided by local aquatic organizations in activities such as water polo, diving and swimming. The facility will be open to the public to tour and enjoy complimentary food and beverage.

**Fall Surf Camp** - After being hugely successful last year, Parks and Recreation is excited to once again be offering the fall Surf Camp program. This year, campers will meet twice a week in our regular location North of the pier. Residents will have two scheduling options in order to provide access to as many participants as possible. Based on the demand, we anticipate available spots to go fast. Camp sessions begin Monday and Tuesday, August 23 and 24.

## **LIBRARY**

**Library Extended Hours** - To make Library resources more accessible to the community, the Oceanside Public Library has expanded its hours at both Library locations and added new bookmobile stops. [Details](#)

## **UPCOMING COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- Aug 19** Harbor & Beaches Advisory Committee. 5:00 p.m. Postponed
- Aug 24** Library Board of Trustees. 2:00 p.m.
- Aug 24** Housing Commission. 6:15 p.m.
- Sept 2** Manufactured Home Fair Practices Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Sept 14** Parks & Recreation Commission. 6:00 p.m.
- Sept 16** Police & Fire Commission. 4:00 p.m.
- Sept 21** Utilities Commission. 3:30 p.m.

## **COMMUNITY MEETINGS / EVENTS**

- Aug 19** Dog Facilities Study Pop Up Meetings. Day/Evening Markets. [Flyer](#)
- Aug 21-22** World Body Surfing Contest. 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Pier.
- Aug 21** Grand Opening Ceremony for the El Corazon Aquatics Center. 9:00 a.m. – Noon. [Details](#)
- Aug 21** Armed Forces Operation Appreciation. 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- Aug 24** Pier View Way Bridge/Lifeguard Headquarters Project. 6:00 p.m. [Flyer](#)
- Aug 28** Write On, Oceanside Literary Festival. [Info](#)
- Aug 28** Final Used Book Sale at current site – Friends of Library. [Flyer](#)
- Aug 31** Beachfront Improvements Feasibility Study Phase II Meeting. 6:00 p.m. [Flyer](#)

- Sept 6** Labor Day Pier Swim.
- Sept 9-12** US Adaptive Surfing Championships
- Sept 11** 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony by OFD. 9:00 a.m.
- Sept 16-19** SuperGirl Pro. Pier area.
- Sept 18-19** Harbor Days. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- Sept 25** City-Hosted Job Fair. Civic Center Plaza. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- Sept 30** Oceanside Chamber of Commerce “Meet the City” event. 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. [Details](#)