

# CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

June 18, 2020

## **PLANNING**

**Draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)** - The SANDAG Board is scheduled on June 26 to review the appeals by four cities of the RHNA. The four cities are Coronado, Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove and Solana Beach. The appeals and other RHNA information can be reviewed at <https://www.sandag.org/index.asp?projectid=189&fuseaction=projects.detail>. The appeals could result in a higher RHNA share for Oceanside. Oceanside's anticipated RHNA share is 5,443 units, including approximately 40% for lower-income households. The appeals have no effect on the mandate for Oceanside to have an updated Housing Element adopted by Council by April 15, 2021. However, a few regional planning agencies, including SANDAG, SCAG and SACOG recently submitted a joint letter to the Speaker of the Assembly and Senate Pro Tem requesting the April 2021 deadline be extended by at least six months, due in part to challenges COVID-19.

*Listed below are the Public Hearing items that the Planning Commission will review at their meeting on Monday, June 22, 2020.*

**CEQA TRAFFIC IMPACT GUIDELINES** – Consideration of an Update to the City of Oceanside's CEQA Guidelines for the Review of Transportation Impacts Based on Vehicle Miles Traveled– The updated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines would replace the prior CEQA standard of level of service for the review of a proposed project's transportation-related impacts with a new CEQA standard based on vehicle miles traveled. This update is necessary to establish local CEQA thresholds of significance and local control over implementation of California Senate Bill 743 (SB 743), which takes effect on July 1, 2020 – **Staff is recommending City Council approval.**

## **ENGINEERING**

**El Corazon Aquatics Center** – The East Building Columns are taking shape this week. The Competition Pool work continues. Site work is nearing completion with the focus on pool completion and building construction in the coming months.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Following are statistics on the [City of Oceanside COVID-19 Business Loan program](#) as of June 18, 2020:

- Applications received: 29
- Total amount of loan funds requested: \$430,760
- Pending applications: 13 (missing one or more required documents; staff is working w/applicants to get complete loan packages)
- Applications denied: 1 (applicant did not meet eligibility requirements)
- Applications cancelled by applicant: 2
- Applications currently under review by SBDC: 6
- Loan agreements awaiting applicant signature: 2
- Loans funded: 5 totaling \$80,000

## **NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

**City Resource Center Updates** - The City's Resource Centers remain open in compliance with Public Health Order protocols and provided service touch points in the last week to include Bridges to Health services by Vista Community Clinic, CalFresh/Medi-Cal applications, diaper distributions, and computer lab access. The computers are also being utilized by transitional homeless individuals registering for qualified benefits and working toward housing plans.

Donated perishable food distributions were made to 58 families or individuals through City and partner food distribution programs. Project REACH, in coordination with Resource Centers, provided 1,512 hot meals to youth. BCDI-Community Root Farms distributed local farm-fresh produce to a total of 200 families at our resource centers combined which is a program paid for by the City. The City's Restaurants To-Go program will end June 26. Staff have contacted receiving agencies and each has a plan going forward with the reopening of local businesses.

**Homelessness Update** - The month of May 2020 demonstrated more progress in providing persons experiencing homelessness with services and housing. The Police HOT and Housing Social Workers assisted a combined 138 homeless individuals for a total of 301 services provided. Homeless prevention efforts assisted four individuals that were at risk of becoming homeless. A total of 21 unsheltered homeless were sheltered in the Bridge Housing Program and Bridge Motel set up as a response to COVID-19, with three of those individuals permanently housed in May.

**Census 2020 Update** - The City's current self-response rate is 68 percent. Staff is working on a ramped-up campaign to include an additional water bill insert, new banner, face masks, and instructional flyers for the hard-to-count populations. The community is encouraged to continue to respond either on-line at <https://my2020census.gov/>, by phone (1-844-330-2020), or by mailing in the response survey. The self-response options will run the duration of the Census 2020 campaign which is extended through October 31, 2020.

**Summer Camp** - With very short notice, the Parks and Recreation team opened summer camp registration, altered procedures to comply with new county guidelines, and trained staff to ensure safety for all participants. The effort was validated by four camps running at full capacity and a fifth camp nearly full in the first week; camps opened June 15 to enthusiastic and excited campers and parents. The Summer Camp forecast is looking good with the first four weeks nearly full. Since the online registration opening on June 1, over \$60,000 in revenue was received to offset camp costs. Staff are in the process of working with contract instructor camps to assist their return in early July.

**Swimming pools reopen** - Brooks Street and Marshall Street Swim Centers reopened on Friday, June 12 for lap swimming. New check-in and safety procedures are in effect at both facilities, as well as increased cleaning and sanitation. Staff are working with the Oceanside Swim Club on plans to resume the organization's training programs Monday, June 22 under the guidance of the County of San Diego *Game on San Diego* initiative. Staff will continue to monitor the County Health Order and increase programming where possible. Staff are developing plans for swim lessons in accordance with new guidelines with the hope of offering lessons in early July.

## **WATER UTILITIES**

**Waste Management Buyback Center Reopening: Friday, June 19** - The City has worked with Waste Management to finalize the reopening of the Waste Management Buyback Center (2880 Industry St.), after being closed due to COVID-19.

To ensure public safety and compliance with current State and County requirements, residents who visit the buyback center are asked to adhere to the below guidelines:

- 6-foot separation between customers and staff
- Three customers in the facility at one time
- Customers will be required to wear face coverings while onsite
- Transactions will be done with a money tray to avoid person-to-person contact

Buyback Center hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 12:40 p.m. For questions, please call Waste Management’s customer service line at (760) 439-2824.

**Virtual Water Wise Landscape Workshop on Design** – On Saturday, June 20, Green Oceanside is hosting its second virtual water-wise landscaping workshop for homeowners on design. Seventy residents will attend the three-hour session and receive live instruction from a local landscape professional as well as opportunities to ask questions and interact with staff. Participants will learn how to plan for the functionality of their space ensuring their new landscape is well-integrated into their own personal lifestyle. Interested residents may join a wait list for this Saturday’s workshop or register for three additional virtual workshops taking place over the summer at [www.greenoceanside.org](http://www.greenoceanside.org).

**“Brunch in a Crunch” – FREE Virtual Zero Waste Workshop, June 28 @ 12:00 p.m.** Join the Green Oceanside team for a zero-waste brunch. This free virtual workshop will teach you the basics of creating a zero-waste meal, with fun and useful tips to incorporate sustainability into your cooking and household. Chef Vallie Gilley from O’side Kitchen Collaborative will be featuring recipes and zero waste kitchen hacks for both novices and experts for a quick, yet sustainable feast. Reserve your spot today at <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=aorigg6ab&oeidk=a07eh5bwwra489c0f98>.

**California Resource Recovery Association COVID-19 Resources Webinar– June 18.** Green Oceanside’s Environmental Officer Colleen Foster presented at the California Resource Recovery Association’s COVID-19 Resources Roundtable: “Planning for Re-Entry” virtual webinar today. Colleen discussed the City’s Food Scraps Recycling Program as a case study for other jurisdictions, highlighting the City’s efforts to transition the program roll-out in such a way that can foster economic and technical assistance support to the business community post COVID. For more information on the webinar please visit <https://crra.wildapricot.org/event-3856364>.

**League of Women Voters– Saving Food from Waste in North County Webinar** - The League of Women Voters of North County will be hosted their June Climate Change Webinar, “Saving Food from Waste in North County” today. Speakers featured Carol Parker: League of Women Voters Natural Resources director, Nita Kurmins Gilson: Co-founder of ProduceGood, and Colleen Foster from the City’s Green Oceanside team. The webinar included information on Senate Bill 1383 and how it impacts food recovery in North County, and featured the City’s efforts through the development of the Green Oceanside Kitchen, and the City’s Harvest

Oceanside program. For more information on the webinar please visit [https://bit.ly/FoodWaste20\\_LWV](https://bit.ly/FoodWaste20_LWV)

**UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS** – All meetings follow the same format as the City Council

**June 21** Utilities Commission – 3:30 p.m.  
~~**June 22** Library Board – 2:00 p.m. **Cancelled**~~  
**June 22** Planning Commission – 6:00 p.m.  
~~**June 23** Housing Commission – 6:15 p.m. **Cancelled**~~  
**July 7** Oceanside Historic Preservation Advisory Committee – 6:00 p.m.  
**July 13** Planning Commission – 6:00 p.m.

**July 27** Library Board – 2:00 p.m.  
**July 27** Planning Commission – 6:00 p.m.  
**July 28** Housing Commission – 6:15 p.m.  
**Aug 17** Harbor & Beaches Commission – 5:00 p.m.

**UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**June 25** North San Diego Business Chamber “Celebration of Business” Online Event. [Info](#)