

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

June 26, 2020

PLANNING

Listed below are the Public Hearing items that the Planning Commission reviewed and acted on at their meeting on Monday, June 22, 2020.

Vehicle Miles Traveled CEQA Guidelines – Consideration of an UPDATE TO THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE’S CEQA GUIDELINES FOR THE REVIEW OF TRANSPORTATION IMPACTS BASED ON VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED (VMT) – The updated California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines would replace the prior CEQA standard of “level of service” (LOS) for the review of a proposed project’s transportation-related impacts with a new CEQA standard based on “vehicle miles traveled” (VMT). 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. ***The Commission adopted the resolution by a 7-0 vote recommending City Council approval of the Guidelines with one revision: to utilize the State Office of Planning & Research exemption for small projects. Planning staff will rely on the Planning Commission recommended Guidelines as of July 1, 2020 (the effective date of SB 743). City Council consideration of the new Guidelines is scheduled for August 5 and Council will have the opportunity at that time to further revise the guidelines if desired.***

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the term ending on April 30, 2021.

- Selected Commissioner Rosales for Chair
- Selected Commissioner Balma for Vice-Chair

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Following are statistics on the [City of Oceanside COVID-19 Business Loan program](#) as of June 25, 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: 4
- Applications currently under review by SBDC: 2
- Loan agreements awaiting applicant signature: 4
- Loans funded: 5 totaling \$80,000

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

County Grant - The City has received a grant award from the San Diego County Department of Behavioral Health Services for the provision of sobering services in an annual amount of \$166,000 for three years not to exceed \$498,000. The County's grant matches the City's allocation of \$500,000 from Measure X funds toward homeless services and public safety. The City has executed a contract with McAlister Institute of San Diego to provide services which includes receiving intoxicated individuals, provide clean clothing, a cot for up to 24 hours, and monitoring during sobering as well as follow up counseling, assessment, and referrals for continued services. The program will only accept individuals as referrals directly from the Oceanside Police Department to assist in public safety as well as assist in providing navigation for homeless individuals. This program is one more step in the City's resolution to unsheltered homeless. Acceptance of the County's grant funds is scheduled for the August 5, 2020 City Council meeting.

Additional Recreational Activity Opportunities - Following the County guidelines for youth days camps released a few weeks ago, Parks and Recreation will be resuming additional programming in July. Programs that will be returning are tiny tots camps, skate camps, multiple sports camps and enrichment camps such as youth dance and hula. Additionally, swim lessons will also return. Registration for all programs is expected to begin June 26. Parks and Recreation staff are closely monitoring activities to ensure all guidelines are being followed, including those provided by contract instructors.

WATER UTILITIES

Update on Reusable Bags and the State Bag Ban (SB 270) - Governor Gavin Newsom's Executive Order N-54-20, which temporarily suspended the State Bag Ban and the associated charges with the purchasing of single-use plastic bags, expired on June 22, 2020. As grocery stores will now be charging customers for the purchase of single-use bags, customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable bags and bag their own groceries, to save money and reduce the need for single-use plastic.

CAL/OSHA has issued Health and Safety Guidelines for the grocery industry, providing guidance for both employees and customers to follow when utilizing reusable bags. These guidelines can be viewed at the following link on page

three: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/Coronavirus/COVID-19-Infection-Prevention-in-Grocery-Stores.pdf?eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=77f0ecd5-92cc-447a-9968-e0a061eac2ef>

Brunch in a Crunch FREE Virtual Workshop – Sunday, June 28 @ 12pm - Join the Green Oceanside team for "Brunch in a Crunch" – a FREE virtual workshop that teaches you the basics of creating a zero-waste meal that's tasty and delicious. On top of all the cooking fun, the Green Oceanside team will also be announcing their new Residential Backyard Composting Program. [Register today](#)

Virtual Landscape Design Workshop - On Saturday, June 20, Green Oceanside hosted its second water-wise landscape workshop on Zoom. Over 50 resident attendees learned strategies for designing a functional, climate-appropriate landscape and tips for creating a design that fits one's personal vision. Three additional workshops taking place this summer are open for registration at www.greenoceanside.org.

2020 WaterSmart Landscape Contest Winners Announced - The City received nine beautiful entries this year in the annual WaterSmart Landscape Contest, which recognizes sustainable, water-wise landscapes throughout North County. Green Oceanside awarded gift certificates from Evergreen nursery to the top three contestants: Leslie Rush, Lindsay Worden, and Wendy Prester, whose exemplary landscapes incorporate WaterSmart irrigation practices and exhibit the diversity of climate-appropriate plants. The winners will also receive yard signs to display their accomplishment and promote the contest to passersby. Photos of the winning landscapes will be shared on the Water Utilities social media pages and Green Oceanside's website.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Available - The 2019 Water Quality Report will be available beginning July 1st. This annual report shows that Oceanside's drinking water continues to meet or exceed all state and federal drinking water standards for over 90 substances that are monitored throughout the year. The report contains important health information, source water assessments and a summary of analytical testing results and how they compare to federal standards. The report will be posted at www.greenoceanside.org or may be requested by calling 760-435-5800.

UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETINGS

All meetings follow the same format as the City Council.

- 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.