

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

August 13, 2020

PLANNING

Cannabis Update – Staff is prepared to accept applications for new local licenses for manufacturing, distribution and testing uses. New applications will be accepted from August 17 to October 1. The City is only accepting medical manufacturing, distribution, and testing lab applications since the license cap was reached for cultivation and non-storefront dispensaries. Staff is preparing recommendations for a fee that would cover the costs for annual inspections and local license renewals of operating facilities. This fee is authorized under the City's existing cannabis ordinance. On August 5, the City Council approved language for a cannabis business tax that would generate an estimated \$1.28 million to \$2.85 million annually. The tax will appear on the November 3 General Election ballot. If approved by a simple majority of Oceanside voters, the tax would be used to support general City services (e.g., parks, police, fire, senior and youth services) at the discretion of the City Council. The tax could also be used to fund enforcement efforts against illegally operating cannabis businesses.

Carmax – The applicant is moving forward with completing environmental studies/surveys and will hold a Virtual EIR Scoping Meeting on August 26 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Notice Of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR is expected to be mailed out and published this week.

Listed below are the public hearing items that the Planning Commission reviewed and acted on at its meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020.

LEFT COAST, LLC – Consideration of a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP19-00020) and WAIVER OF LOCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS to allow a medical cannabis manufacturing facility within an existing building located at 1629 Ord Way (APN: 162-120-91), within the Peacock Neighborhood Planning Area. ***The Commission voted 3-3 (Busk, Goodkind, Morrissey – No; Custer – Absent) on a motion to adopt the resolution, recommending approval of the project. The Commission then voted 6-0 (Custer – Absent) on a motion to continue the item to August 24, 2020 to receive more information from staff and the project applicant.***

Listed below are the public hearing items that the OHPAC reviewed and acted on at its meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020.

MISSION FLATS – Consideration of a DEVELOPMENT PLAN (D19-00017), CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT (CUP19-00022), HISTORIC PERMIT (H19-00002) and VARIANCE (V20-00004) to construct a mixed-used project at the northeast corner of Douglas Drive and Highway 76. ***The Commission adopted the resolution by a 6-0 vote (Mendibles – Absent) recommending Planning Commission approval.***

ENGINEERING

Street Overlay Project – Work commenced for the Overlay Project on August 3. The Contractor is currently working on surveying for the project. Work that will be performed this week includes pedestrian ramp improvements and pavement repairs in Rancho Hermosa area and Council District 1.

Street Slurry Seal Project – The Slurry Seal Project is anticipated to start September 2020 and be completed by Fall 2020.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Business Loan Program - Following are statistics on the COVID-19 Business Loan program as of August 12, 2020:

- Applications received: 31
- Total amount of loan funds requested: \$423,760
- Pending applications: 14 (missing one or more required documents; applicants have been unresponsive to requests for missing documents for 2+ weeks)
- Applications denied: 2
- Applications cancelled by applicant: 4
- Loan agreements awaiting applicant signature: 3
- Loans approved by CMO awaiting terms from applicant: 1
- Loans funded: 7, totaling \$120,000

FIRE

Fire Training Tower - Work has begun at the Fire Training Center for the replacement of the Fire Training Tower. The previous tower was condemned and removed in 2017. The Fire Department hopes to be using the tower for its next recruit academy in early 2021.

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Community Resource Center July 2020 Statistics - The following services were rendered between two resource centers with the exception of food distributions and Bridges to Health (BTH) partner services which were facilitated at four of the resource centers. 53 households applied for CalFresh/Medi-Cal. BTH was able to assist 58 residents with paperwork submissions and follow-up for social, medical, insurance, and transportation service needs. There were 137 households that received diaper assistance and 13 households came in for EDD financial assistance. There were 6 households that staff assisted in completing the online CENSUS and an additional 57 people needing to access computers between Chavez and Crown Heights computer labs this month. An additional 68 residents came to resource centers for the following services: translation and interpretive services, access to online forms such as tax forms and other internet-based forms, legal aid resources and referrals, faxing and making copies, immigration resources and referrals, reporting of community incidents, and access to wi-fi for school and/or job applications. Lastly, 4,353 residents received food assistance through youth hot meals (OUSD mobile and school-based Summer meals or VCC-Project REACH Feeding SD), CDBG (CARES) produce box distributions, NC Lifeline food distributions, Cause for Christ faith-based food distribution and OKC surplus produce boxes.

Oceanside Census 2020 - Oceanside's second Census 2020 Caravan took a deeper drive into the Crown Heights, Eastside, and Libby Lake neighborhoods, targeting specific census tracts with response rates below 60%. Participating groups included City of Oceanside staff from Housing, Parks & Recreation, and the Library, U.S. Census staff, MainStreet Oceanside, Save Our Streets (S.O.S.) and Vista Community Clinic's Project REACH youth. The Census staff will start to conduct non-response follow-up this week through September 30, 2020. Census staff stated they will be conducting Homeless Enumeration September 22, 2020 and September 24, 2020 and an overnight Homeless Count starting September 23 through the morning of September 24, 2020. The last day to be counted in the 2020 CENSUS is September 30, 2020.

WATER UTILITIES

Oceanside Starts Strong in the 2020 National Mayor's Challenge - The Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation is underway, and the City of Oceanside currently stands in fifth place out of hundreds of cities across the country. The Mayor's Challenge, taking place through August 31, is a competition to see which cities are the most "water-wise" in the nation. Staff continue to promote the Mayor's Challenge through bill inserts, social media posts, and direct outreach to HOAs and stakeholders. Spread the word to City residents to take the pledge to conserve water at www.mywaterpledge.com. Each pledge submitted is a point for the City and will help Oceanside get to first place!

Commercial Food Scraps Recycling Program –Waste Management and the Zero Waste Technical Assistance team, will begin delivery of food scrap collection carts, bins, and recycling starter kits, on Monday August 17. Services will be rolled out and delivered to all businesses prior to November, with limited delayed delivery options available upon request to the City's zero waste team. Staff have been working since January 1, 2020 to provide support, education, and noticing to businesses in regards to their new services and to further find right-sizing and down-sizing service adjustments for cost savings. Staff is currently rolling out food scraps recycling services to all City facilities, including recreational centers, police stations, and fire stations this week. City staff in partnership with Waste Management, The Plot, and San Diego Food System Alliance will be holding an introductory food scrap recycling workshop on August 31, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. via virtual broadcast. Businesses are encouraged to register at the following link: <https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07eh8mm9vcc0c4d93c&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Food Scrap recycling educational resources including FAQ documents, signage, and other digital training materials and videos can be found at www.business.wm.com/oceanside or www.greenoceanside.org. For questions or comments regarding service adjustments, bin deliveries or the program as a whole, or to schedule an in-person training or virtual one-on-one technical assistance appointment, please call the Zero Waste team at (760) 435-5457 or email at oceansidefoodscraps@wm.com.

Oceanside Backyard Compost Program is Currently Restocking - Since launching the program on July 27, over 450 Oceanside residents and educators have expressed interest in turning their kitchen scraps into compost by registering to receive free compost bins through the City's Backyard Compost Program. This is over quadruple the amount of participants we have ever received in a year. Never before has the City seen this level of community participation in zero waste programming. Due to the overwhelming support, current registration has been suspended while the Green Oceanside team works to restock supplies to meet the community

demand for static and vermicomposting bins. Residents who have already registered but not picked-up their bin yet will be contacted once their selected bin becomes available for pick-up. Visit www.greenoceanside.org to find additional resources on how to prevent food waste along with video tutorials and instructions on the different methods of backyard composting.

Trash Removal from Oceanside Waterways – During Fiscal Year 2019-2020 waterway cleanup contractor Urban Corps removed approximately 43,323 lbs. of debris from waterways within the City, which included areas associated with the San Luis Rey, Loma Alta, and Buena Vista watersheds. Staff continues to work on keeping Oceanside’s waterways clean and litter free. For more information visit www.GreenOceanside.org.

UPCOMING COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings follow the same format as the City Council.

- Aug 17** Harbor & Beaches Commission – 5:00 p.m.
- Aug 24** Library Board – 2:00 p.m.
- Nov 12** Brother Bennos Standing Committee

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Aug 13** North County Health & Wellness Fair. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. [Details](#)
- Aug 14** Honor the Fallen Drive Through Memorial. Noon-1pm. VANC