

# CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

September 24, 2020

## PLANNING

**Carmax** – The Notice of Preparation comment period on the project Environmental Impact Report ended on September 15, 2020. All comments are being reviewed and the Draft Environmental Impact Report is in preparation. Once all surveys have been completed, the document will be released for a 45-day public review period. A re-submittal of project plans to address staff comments is anticipated by the end of the month.

The September 28, 2020 Planning Commission meeting has been canceled.

## ENGINEERING

**El Corazon Aquatics Center** – The instructional pool is starting to take shape with tile work and grout work. The competition pool has received its concrete base coat in preparation of plaster and other work. The East and West Buildings are moving along. Site work continues in preparation of concrete flat work.



**Quiet Zone Update** – NCTD continues to evaluate the incorporation of their Sprinter pedestrian crossing at the south end of the Oceanside Transit Center (OTC). NCTD has provided final comments to the design of the walkway for Mission to the north end of the OTC. The Mission/Myers signal is being incorporated into the Railroad Safety Improvement Project because of the necessary queuing with the crossing gates. The phasing of the signal is being evaluated for the potential to accommodate the removal of the eastbound Mission Avenue to northbound Myers Street left turn pocket. A Council agenda item will be forthcoming regarding this project.

**San Ramon/Rancho Del Oro Traffic Signal** – The construction of the San Ramon and Rancho Del Oro traffic signal is being coordinated with the City's annual overlay project in the Rancho Hermosa neighborhood. The City's paving project will be substantially completed this week. As a result, work on this traffic signal has been rescheduled and will commence on Monday, September 28.

**Street Overlay Project** – Work commenced for the Overlay Project on 8/3/20. The Contractor is adjusting utilities on recently overlaid streets. The Contractor is finishing work in the Rancho Hermosa area, which will be paved by the end of the week. The Contractor will start full depth reclamation (FDR) in the Industry Street area on 9/23/20. This work will last several weeks, will impact on street parking (24/7) due to the extent and scope of work, and will also require a one-way westbound detour on Industry Street. This information is posted on the [City website](#).

**Street Slurry Seal Project** – The Slurry Seal Project started 8/24/20. The Contractor finished routing and sealing cracks in advance of the slurry work. Slurry seal work is scheduled in Districts 1,3, and 4 this week. The slurry seal project is approximately 50% complete. Weekly project schedules, day by day, are posted on the [City website](#).



## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**City of Oceanside Small Business Loan Program - Status as of 9/23/20:**

- 14 applicants have gone dark (i.e. submitted an incomplete application and have not responded to requests for missing documents)
- 3 were approved several months ago, but have not returned their signed loan agreement and have gone dark
- 8 applicants either cancelled voluntarily, were ineligible, or not recommended by SBDC
- 8 applicants have been approved and funded for a total of \$130K

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Beach Sand Replenishment/Retention Devices Feasibility Study** – Public Works staff hosted a virtual public information session last Tuesday evening to present the six preliminary concepts being analyzed by our consultant (GHD). The event was well attended by the public with approximately 90 participants. A panel consisting of our consultant and City staff addressed over 50 questions and comments during the presentation and several poll questions were asked of the participants as well. Going forward, the project team will continue to conduct virtual meetings with interested stakeholders and resource agencies and a multi-criteria decision matrix will be performed on each concept to consider downdrift impacts, surfing impacts, nearshore reef impacts, environmental impacts, aesthetic impacts, sea level rise resilience, construction costs, life cycle costs, public access and public safety. These concepts will eventually get narrowed down to one option from each category (retention and replenishment) and then further analysis/numerical modeling will be performed. Staff anticipates holding another public workshop early next year and then bringing a draft report to City Council in Spring 2021 for more discussion before issuing a final report.

**Harbor Dredging** - As of Tuesday, September 22, Manson Construction had dredged 140,000 cubic yards of sand and plans to dredge an additional 40,000 cubic yards by today in order to meet the contract minimum of 180,000 cubic yards. Dredging operations should be completed today. Demobilization will begin on Friday, and Manson staff expects to have all equipment, pipe and vessels removed by Friday, October 2.



**Civic Center Tree Trimming** - Tree trim work was completed Saturday, September 19. The work consisted of pruning all the palms/various trees. Two rubber trees in the raised planters near the City Hall North entrance will be removed September 26 due to improper spacing and a high root damage potential to the surrounding hardscape and landscape walls. In addition, dead trees will also be removed outside City Hall East and outside the Library on Civic Center Drive.

## **WATER UTILITIES**

**U.S. EPA WIFIA Loan for Water Infrastructure Awarded** – Commemorating the recent closure of a \$69 Million EPA WIFIA loan, the City of Oceanside held a press conference with officials including Deputy Mayor Jack Feller, U.S. Representative Mike Levin, U.S. EPA Assistant Administrator for Water David Ross, and Oceanside Water Utilities Director Cari Dale. The combined project total costs of Pure Water, Upper Recycled Water and Lower Recycled water is \$158 million. The WIFIA loan covers \$69 million, and only includes a portion of the Upper Recycled Water costs at this time, due to its early design stage. The remaining Pure Water Oceanside project funds will come from a combination of grants, water system revenue backed obligations, and system funds. The WIFIA loan and the 1.2% interest rate will save the city an estimated \$24 million compared to typical market financing. Project construction and operations are expected to create 622 jobs and the project is on track to be completed at the end of 2021.

**Waterway Cleanup Activities** – Healthy waterways are important for the environment, specifically for our local beaches and ocean. During fiscal year 2019-2020, the City contracted with Urban Corps for extended waterway cleanup. Urban Corps was able to remove approximately 55,442 lbs. of debris from waterways within the City of Oceanside (San Luis Rey, Loma Alta, & Buena Vista). For more information on watershed protection and upcoming activities visit [www.GreenOceanside.org](http://www.GreenOceanside.org).

**“Waste Less, Enjoy More” Virtual Workshop for Oceanside Residents September 30 at 5:00 p.m.** - The Green Oceanside team will be hosting a virtual workshop for residents interested in learning how to stretch their grocery budget and supplies while preventing food waste in the kitchen. In connection with Hunger Action Month, the Green Oceanside team is directly distributing materials through 300 food distribution boxes in partnership with several



Oceanside food distribution agencies. Workshop registration and call-in information can be found on the [Green Oceanside Events webpage](#).

**Oceanside’s Food Scraps Recycling Program** has been implemented at over 326 businesses since the initial program roll out on August 17. Staff has been working with Oceanside businesses since January 1, 2020, to provide education, support, and opportunities for cost savings through the right-sizing/down-sizing of solid waste and recycling services. To date, the current businesses participating in the program are recycling close to 338.64 cubic yards of organic material each week, which will represent thousands of cubic tons diverted from the landfill and converted into renewable energy by year end. For the next several months, Waste Management and the Zero Waste Technical Assistance team will continue to deliver food scraps services to all remaining Oceanside businesses, and provide support with employee trainings and service evaluations with right-sizing/down-sizing to find potential cost savings.

**Zero Waste Plan Public Workshop/Webinar Series** - The Green Oceanside team will be hosting two virtual workshops to solicit public feedback as the City updates the Zero Waste Strategic Management Plan (Zero Waste Plan). Local businesses are encouraged to attend the Business Sustainability Workshop, held on Monday, October 5 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., to learn about the City’s zero waste progress and participate in an interactive discussion on future programs, regulatory impacts, service enhancement needs and the impacts of litter from single-use food service ware with a proposed Marine Debris Reduction Ordinance. On Tuesday, October 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the community is invited to attend the Public and Community Workshop to discuss the evolution of the City’s zero waste goals and progress the community has made towards reaching a 75-90% diversion rate. The workshop will also address service enhancement needs and the impacts of litter from single-use food service ware with a proposed Marine Debris Reduction Ordinance. [Workshop Registration](#)

Staff will be presenting their findings and the updated Zero Waste Plan before Council in December of 2020. For questions, contact [GreenOceanside@oceansideca.org](mailto:GreenOceanside@oceansideca.org).

## **UPCOMING COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

*All meetings follow the same format as the City Council.*

- Oct 1** CANCELLED - ~~Manufactured Homes Fair Practices Commission – 6:00 p.m.~~
- Oct 12** Planning Commission – 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 12** Brother Bennos Standing Committee – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 13** Parks and Recreation Commission - 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 27** Library Board of Trustees – 2:00 p.m.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- Oct 5** Virtual Workshop. 12:00 p.m. Business Sustainability Zero Waste Plan
- Oct 6** Virtual Workshop. 12:00 p.m. Community Zero Waste Plan Virtual Workshop