

# CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

October 22, 2020

## PLANNING

**General Plan Update Phase 2** – In last week’s City Council Update, it was stated that the South Morro Hills Community Plan (SHMCP) will be brought before the City Council for formal adoption in early 2021. In fact, while staff will seek the City Council’s preliminary approval of the SMHCP at that time, the document will not be formally adopted until the Environmental Impact Report for the second phase of the General Plan Update (Phase 2) has been certified. It is anticipated that the entirety of Phase 2, with the sole exception of the Housing Element Update, will be brought forward for formal adoption in early 2022.

The Planning Division will conduct [virtual forums](#) with owners of non-residential property located within the study area of the Smart and Sustainable Corridors Specific Plan (SSCSP). These forums will solicit input from property owners that will inform subsequent outreach to the community at-large, including a community workshop on the SSCSP anticipated in early 2021. Owners of non-residential property can RSVP for the virtual forums [here](#). Others interested in the SSCSP are invited to schedule one-on-one or small group discussions with Planning Division staff.

**Carmax** – Third Submittal review has been completed and the project has been deemed “Substantially Complete” with only some minor comments needing to be addressed. The first screen-check Draft EIR was recently submitted and will be transmitted to staff for initial review and comment. Once the Draft EIR screen-check is completed, staff will coordinate an Electronic Submittal to the State Clearing House for a 45-day Public Review Period.

## ENGINEERING

**Overlay Project:** Work commenced for the Overlay Project in early August. Utility adjustments are now being performed in Rancho Hermosa area. The contractor started full depth reclamation (FDR) in the Industry Street area on 9/23/20. Paving operations for the Industry Street area were anticipated to be completed last week, however, operations were halted due to unforeseen subgrade issues. Therefore, eastbound Industry Street from approximately Garrison Street to the NCTD parking lot is still not paved. This area is outside of the one-way westbound detour and is not impacting traffic. Staff and the contractor are working to remedy the situation and it is anticipated the paving work will be completed by the end of next week (10/30/20). Due to the continued need, on-street parking is still restricted.

**Slurry Seal Project:** The Slurry Seal Project started 8/24/20. The Contractor finished slurry sealing operations. Striping and pavement markings are being installed this week.



**San Ramon/Rancho Del Oro Traffic Signal** – Cross gutter and two ramps on the east side of Rancho Del Oro have been installed. Push poles for the push buttons were installed on the landing of each new ramp. The pole for the pedestrian signal was installed. Proposed work for the coming week include re-potholing the foundations where the remaining poles will go, setting the cages and pouring the foundations.



## **WATER UTILITIES**

**Late Payment Penalty Fees** - Customers will be receiving updated information regarding late payment penalty fees in their utility bills. The City has not turned off water or charged late payment penalty fees since the start of COVID-19 in March 2020. Staff has been actively reaching out to customers and encouraging them to stay as current as possible on their water bill to avoid accumulating a large balance. Starting November 18, 2020, the City will begin to charge late payment penalty fees for customer who do not make payments toward their current water bill. The late fees will not be applied to past due bills generated prior to November. If customers are having difficulty paying their water bill they can contact utility billing at (760) 435-3900.

**Green Oceanside Staff to Present Virtual Water Use Lessons to OUSD Classes** - Green Oceanside staff created a water use lesson plan for teachers to engage their classes on the value of water in honor of “Imagine a Day Without Water”, a national education campaign. Staff will be administering the lesson plan in a virtual presentation for six 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes, four at South Oceanside Elementary and two at Libby Elementary, during the week of October 26. The Zoom presentations will encourage students to think about how they use water in their daily lives and include discussions on water footprints and water efficiency.

**Green Oceanside and Genentech Repurpose Over 30 Recycling and Landfill Bins** - In alignment with the City’s zero waste and reuse goals, the Green Oceanside team worked with Green Oceanside Business Network member, Genentech, to repurpose over 30 dual-stream recycling and landfill bins, valued at close to \$10,000. As Genentech is updating their interior bins to include a third stream for food scraps recycling, they wanted to ensure that the dual-stream bins did not go to waste. Staff connected with local organizations and businesses across San Diego County to facilitate bin donations in support of proper recycling and zero waste education.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**Oceanside Fountain Patio** – Staff is partnering with MainStreet Oceanside to provide an outdoor dining spot for “to-go” customers of downtown restaurants for a six-month pilot period beginning Friday, Oct. 23. The dining area will be located along the Coast Highway side of the Civic Center fountain and will be open Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (weather permitting).

Many downtown restaurants have limited or no outdoor seating, which has affected their ability to serve customers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Providing this additional outdoor dining area is intended to entice more restaurant customers and Farmers Market patrons to order “to-go” meals, knowing that they have a clean, safe, shaded, attractive and well-managed place to sit nearby. Activating the space is also expected to introduce a dynamic use for a traditionally underutilized space.

The “Oceanside Fountain Patio” will be staffed by a MainStreet Oceanside employee who will clean and monitor the space during open hours. Tables, chairs, umbrellas and other equipment will be removed and stored when not in use. For questions, please contact Michelle Geller, Economic Development Manager, at 760-435-3351 or [mgeller@oceansideca.org](mailto:mgeller@oceansideca.org).

## **LIBRARY**

**Pumpkin Patch Storytime Online** - Please join us for a special Pumpkin Patch Storytime online, featuring interactive songs, fingerplays and read-alouds. Pumpkin Patch Storytime is geared for children 0-7 years and their caregivers. The storytime will be held via Zoom, and pre-registration is required for the Zoom link. Please register at <https://forms.gle/HJNKpFdHguaG2sJWA>. Make sure to check out the Library’s other [online storytimes](#) too! The Library offers an abundance of online programs for all ages including book clubs, all-ages game nights, art classes for children and teens and more. For more information and to sign up, visit the Library’s [online programs page](#).

## **UPCOMING COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

- Oct 26** Planning Commission – 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 27** Library Board of Trustees – 2:00 p.m.
- Nov 12** Brother Bennos Standing Committee – 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 17** Utilities Commission. 3:30 p.m.
- Nov 17** Housing Commission. 6:15 p.m.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- Oct 28-29** Commercial & Industrial Property Owner Forums. [Details](#)
- Oct 29** Coastal Rail Trail Project Virtual Community Meeting. 5:00 p.m. [Details](#)