# CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE April 4, 2019

## **PLANNING**

**Medical Cannabis Facilities Application Process** - The first round of cannabis applications have been reviewed and qualified applicants interviewed. Staff is recommending the top five scoring applicants for Cultivation Licenses be approved by the City Manager for local business licenses with the remaining four passing Cultivation businesses placed on a waitlist. The five license recommendation is consistent with prior City Council direction to limit the initial round of Cultivation licenses to five. Staff is also recommending the top three businesses for both Manufacturing and Distribution licenses be approved for local business licenses. There were four manufacturing and distribution businesses interviewed, with all but one achieving a passing score. The second round of cannabis applications are being scheduled for interviews on April 15; there are three non-storefront dispensary applicants, one Manufacturing/Distribution applicant, and one Manufacturing applicant to be interviewed during the second round.

**Inns at Buena Vista -** The project applicant is expected to complete the additional hydrological analysis requested by City of Carlsbad staff within the next two weeks. Once completed, and assuming that no significant additional environmental impacts are identified through this analysis, the project will be scheduled for public hearing by the Planning Commission.

**Revetment Emergency Permitting** – City staff received two preliminary emergency repair applications (addressing five properties) this week and is working with the property owners to provide all the documentation necessary to complete the applications, so that an informed determination can be made by the City Engineer. Once these applications are deemed complete, a determination on these requests will be made within two weeks.

**Parks and Recreation Master Plan -** The Parks and Recreation Commission will be provided an update to the Master Plan process at its April 9, 2019 meeting. The final document should be presented to the Commission at its meeting in July 2019 for a recommendation to the Planning Commission and thereafter to the City Council.

**El Corazon Specific Plan Amendment** - Sudberry continues to make progress on its pending Specific Plan Amendment application, which, among other actions, would facilitate the development of an enclosed arena. Staff met with a representative of the project applicant this week in an effort to resolve the remaining application items to be addressed prior to scheduling the item for future hearings before the Planning Commission and City Council, which are expected to occur this summer.

Listed below are the public hearing items that the Planning Commission will review at their meeting on Monday, April 8, 2019.

**600 WILSHIRE ROAD** — Consideration of a PARCEL MAP (P18-00008) to subdivide a 15.5-acre parcel (APN 122-030-53) into three lots, ranging in size from 2.5 to 9.0 acres, for conveyance purposes only. The project site is located at 600 Wilshire Road. **Staff is recommending approval.** 

**EL CORAZON SPECIFIC PLAN COMPREHENSIVE SIGN PROGRAM (CSP)**— Consideration of a CSP to allow the establishment of a sign program that guides sign designs for the 465-acre El Corazon Specific Plan Area located at the northeast corner of Oceanside Boulevard and El Camino Real and bound by Mesa Drive to the north and Rancho Del Oro Drive to the east. **Staff is recommending approval.** 

**MULLEN SUBDIVISION** – Consideration of a PARCEL MAP (P18-00003) and CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS (CUP18-00007/CUP18-00008) to allow the subdivision of a 1.29-acre site into two residential lots with panhandle access. The project site is located at 2086 Oceanview Road within the Mira Costa Planning Neighborhood. **Staff is recommending approval.** 

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING DENSITY BONUS ORDINANCE REVISIONS** — Consideration of a ZONE AMENDMENT (ZA19-00003) and LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT (LCPA19-00003) amending the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and establishing the amended text of Article 30, Section 3032 as part of the implementing document of the Local Coastal Program to revise the Affordable Housing Density Bonus Ordinance in conformance with various Senate and Assembly Bills passed between 2014 and 2018. The proposed revisions would bring the City's existing affordable housing density bonus ordinance into compliance with state law. **Staff is recommending City Council approval.** 

# **ENGINEERING**

**Quiet Zone Test Trains to Run Sunday, April 14** - Scheduled trains will not be operating from Oceanside Station during the weekend of April 13-14 due to track work south of Oceanside. Oceanside's Quiet Zone contractor will be working night and day through that weekend to switch the railroad's signal communications from the old to the new system. The railroad operates critical safety warnings devices such as crossing gates and new traffic signals on Mission Avenue. To make sure the new systems are working correctly, the City and its Quiet Zone contractor has scheduled a test train to operate continuously through Oceanside beginning at 4:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 14 and ending at midnight that day. Because the Quiet Zone is not yet in effect, train horns will be sounding throughout the day each time a train approaches a road crossing. The schedule for implementing the Quiet Zone remains end of June.

## **CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE**

**Oceanside Tourism Marketing District (OTMD) Modification** - The Oceanside Tourism Marketing District Owners' Association, Visit Oceanside, has requested modification of the OTMD Management District Plan (MDP) to increase the assessment rate on hotel/motel businesses within the OTMD. They are proposing an increase of 1%, bringing the rate from 1.5% to 2.5% for hotel/motel properties only (excluding short-term vacation rentals). The proposed modification of the OTMD assessment rate will increase funding for programs that are designed to increase overnight visitation during the off-season to the City of Oceanside.

In order to start this process, the City Council will be asked to approve a Resolution of Intent at the April 24, 2019 Council meeting. Following adoption of the Resolution of Intent, notice will be mailed to every lodging business listed in the modified MDP providing notice of a public meeting before the City Council on May 22, 2019 and a public hearing on June 19, 2019. The notice will also describe the increased assessment and who would be assessed and will provide an opportunity for the businesses to protect the modification. A protest must be in writing and presented to the City Clerk before the close of the June 19, 2019 public hearing. If there is a majority written protest, the OTMD MDP will not be modified and the assessment rate on hotel/motel businesses will not be increased. If there is no majority protest, the City Council may adopt a resolution modifying the OTMD MDP and levying the increased assessment on hotel/motel businesses at the conclusion of the public hearing on June 19, 2019. If the modification is approved, it will go into effect on July 1, 2019.

Visit Oceanside's Board of Directors has unanimously approved pursuing the modification to implement programs to increase off-peak season room nights in Oceanside, which in turn will increase hotel/motel revenue and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) revenue to the City. TOT funds general services for City residents and businesses including police and fire, lifeguards, and beach maintenance.

**Temporary Partial Closure on Pacific Street** –There will be a partial closure on Pacific Street on April 23 to April 26 for the north tower crane erecting. The sign board notifications per traffic control plan will be placed Monday, April 8. A temporary fence will be installed on Pacific Street in the area of the crane build.

Lot 23 Garage/SALT - Rain has impacted the construction schedule and the Developer (Pelican Properties) anticipates opening the project on June 15. They are currently working on stucco work along with the Cleveland Street curb and gutter



and street improvements that are outside of the staging area. There are also completing a unit of floor 2 to serve as a prototype. The building interior is being completed from floor 2 to floor 5 and from north to south. Additionally, the Developer has signed a restaurant lease with the operator of Fiesta Del Reyes in Old Town San Diego. They are working on their kitchen and restaurant design and hope to open for business by late summer or early fall.

**Community Choice Energy (CCE) Workshop May 1 -** A City Council Workshop will be held on CCE on Wednesday, May 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Oceanside Harbor Dredge** - Manson Construction has been awarded a four-year contract to dredge the Oceanside Harbor entrance. Manson Construction is currently completing a dredge contract in Ventura County and will proceed directly to Oceanside upon completion. At this time, the anticipated mobilization of equipment and vessels is expected to begin approximately April 22 with a completion date before Memorial Day weekend, depending upon weather or other factors. During the latest survey of the Harbor entrance in February 2019, Manson determined there is 300,000 cubic yards of clean material to be placed on Oceanside beaches. In addition, staff will be bringing an item to City Council on April 24, 2019, to approve an agreement with the Corps for additional dredging of the Oceanside Harbor entrance for beach nourishment if available.

**Helicopter Activity over the Harbor this week** – The military will be replacing two breakwater lights at the tip of the east and west Harbor jetties this week, which will result in helicopter flights over the Harbor water entrance to carry the necessary equipment to installation points. Staging for the operation will occur on Camp Pendleton property.





**Future Traffic Signal at Mission Avenue and Cleveland Street** - The signal turn-on for Mission Ave. and Cleveland Street is almost ready to go, but needs to be coordinated with the work being done for the Quiet Zone. Tentatively, the date for testing the Mission Avenue queue-cutter signals is Saturday, April 13, 2019. City staff plans to turn on the signal on for this location some time towards the end of April. Unfortunately, because of the complexity of coordinating the traffic signal phasing and timing plan with the Quiet Zone protocol, we will no longer be able to provide a Pedestrian Scramble at this location. Instead, we will be implementing an Exclusive Pedestrian Phase that will allow pedestrian to cross while vehicle traffic is stopped; however, with an Exclusive Pedestrian Phase, pedestrians will not be encouraged to cross at a diagonal.

**Restroom Remodel/Grand Opening April 10 at 9:00 a.m.** - The second restroom remodel at the Oceanside Harbor is expected to be completed soon. This restroom (SB2) is located near the Coffee Bean restaurant near the Village. Please join us on Wednesday, April 10 from 9:00 to 10:00am for coffee and donuts as we open this new facility to our slip renters.

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

**Weed Abatement** - Because of significant rainfall this winter, Code Enforcement has already started sending notices to property owners regarding nuisance vegetation/overgrown weeds. A comprehensive list of properties was established by Code and Fire based on location, terrain, and potential threat level. Initial notices will allow property owners 60 days to bring the parcel into compliance before being subjected to additional enforcement action. This compliance period will allow time to abate the hazard before peak fire season.

Additionally, Public Works uses a pre-emergent before rains start each year in an attempt to control weeds before they start growing, and a post-emergent when they appear. Staff is currently inspecting and treating City-owned properties that require weed abatement as well as treating City right-of-way, as needed. Staff is contacting CalTrans to make them aware of weeds in their jurisdiction around town. Public Works is reporting private areas that look particularly bad to Code Enforcement.

#### **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Apr 20

| <u>Apr 5</u>     | First Friday Art Walk. 5:00-9:00 p.m. Downtown/Artist Alley/OMA.  |
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| Apr 6            | <b>Ironman 70.3 Triathlon.</b> Harbor/Strand. 6:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (760) 420-9407.   |
| <u>Apr 7</u>     | Oceanside Yacht Club Opening Day. Noon-4:00 p.m. Harbor. (760) 722-5751.  |
| Apr 8            | <b>20</b> <sup>th</sup> <b>Anniversary Party for Mission Branch Library</b> . 3:30 p.m. (760) 435-5625.   |
| <u>Apr 10</u>    | North County Economic Summit. 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. CSUSM. Info   |
| <u>Apr 12-13</u> | <b>Ragnar So Cal 2019.</b> 3:30 p.m. start. Long-distance run on Oceanside trails and sidewalks/Alex Road Skatepark and Buchannon Park. (801) 499-5023. |
| <u>Apr 13</u>    | Salute to Wounded Warriors. 6:00-10:00 p.m. VANC. <u>Info</u>   |
| <u>Apr 16</u>    | <b>Fire Explorers Fundraiser.</b> 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Killer Pizza from Mars. 3772 Mission Avenue. (760) 277-4877.                                   |
| <u>Apr 18</u>    | <b>StartUp78 Quarterly Meetup.</b> 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Synergy Centre, Escondido. Info   |

**Buccaneer Beach Cleanup.** 8:00 a.m. – noon. Tower 14. (858) 621-2670.

- <u>Apr 20</u> **Easter Egg Hunt.** Buchannon Park. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. (760) 435-5551.
- <u>Apr 20</u> **Eastside Easter Egg Hunt.** Balderrama Park. 9:30-10:00 a.m. (760) 805-6963.
- <u>Apr 25</u> **Oceanside Chamber Business Mixer.** 5:00 7:00 p.m. VANC. <u>Register</u>
- <u>Apr 27</u> **Earth Festival.** 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m. Tremont & Pier View Way. (760) 435-5021.
- <u>Apr 30</u> **Dia Del Nino Event.** 5:00-8:00 p.m. Crown Heights Resource Center. (760) 631-5000 x 7147.
- <u>May 11</u> **Annual Mother's Day Fancy Dress Swim.** 9:00 11:00 a.m. North of Pier. (209) 770-1111.
- May 16 **Bike to Work Day.** Info
- <u>May 18</u> **Operation Appreciation.** 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Civic Center Plaza. (760) 722-1534.
- <u>May 18</u> **Libby Lake Park Resource Fair.** 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. (760) 435-3340.
- May 29 Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run. 9:00-9:45 a.m. Coast Highway. (619) 283-6197.
- <u>Jun 1</u> **US Elite Taekwondo Championship.** 8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Pier Amphitheater. (760) 712-6154.