

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

July 11, 2019

PLANNING

Medical Cannabis Implementation – The Planning Division has received a total of 3 Regulated Conditional Use Permits for medical cannabis facilities. The three CUPs are for two locations, one location for non-storefront dispensary and the other for manufacturing and distribution. Fourteen Local Licenses were recently approved: 4 manufacturing, 3 distribution, 5 cultivation, and 2 non-storefront dispensaries. Nine project applications are anticipated, due to multiple licenses on some sites.

Zephyr/Pavilions Site - Zephyr has informally shared their concept for revisions to the approved Pavilion plan which is to develop a lifestyle destination center with a hotel anchored by a wave pool with an action sports emphasis on the majority of the site, with some residential on the outer portions. Mass grading permits were issued in June and they anticipate submitting revised development plans in late July. The mass grading activity is intended to raise the site above the existing floodplain which is a prerequisite to any future development plans.

CarMax. CarMax has been scheduled for Developer’s Conference review on July 17 at 11:30 a.m. Proposed improvements include a sales building with attached presentation area, a service area, and a non-public car wash with associated access drives, parking lots (320 spaces in sales area and 153 customer/employee spaces), landscaped areas, 2.13 acres for wetlands along Buena Vista Creek, and approx. 1.75 acres of surplus property. Following feedback received from Developer’s Conference, they will be submitting their entitlement package.

Oceanside Beach Resort. Construction is progressing quickly. DPR has poured concrete for half of level 1 for the North Hotel, pouring again Monday, July 15. Mission Avenue is poured to parking level P-1 and should start formwork to street level next week. The South Hotel has all the footings poured at the Lower parking level P-2, and are working on columns and walls. They are forming the first deck on the South Hotel at level P-1.

Inns at Buena Vista. The developer submitted an updated floodplain analysis to Carlsbad staff on July 3. Assuming that no significant additional environmental impacts are identified through this final analysis, the project will be scheduled for public hearing by the Planning Commission this fall.

ENGINEERING

Tyson Street Restroom - Staff continues to work with the contractor and meeting with the company CEO on a weekly basis to urge this project to completion. Staff continues to seek a recovery schedule as well as a corrective action plan from Bilbro. The next weekly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m. with City staff and the contractor’s CEO and staff.

Work is currently making progress, although staff has compromised on some items and will be seeking credits for work not in exact conformance with the project plans and specifications – substantial conformance is being maintained while substandard work is being rejected for replacement.

Balderrama Park Improvements - Grading work continues this week with concrete work scheduled for the week of July 15. Playground equipment is scheduled to be delivered to the site beginning the week of July 23. The shade structure will not be delivered until mid-September as a result of an issue with the vendor. Staff continues to hold regular meetings with the contractor to ensure the project moves forward in a timely manner.

Beachfront Improvements - The project was approved for bid by the City Council during its June 19, 2019 regular meeting. The project architect is addressing outstanding items to the plans, including the sewer lift station and some site coordination issues. Staff will be bringing a Professional Services Agreement to City Council in August to authorize construction support services. The project had originally been scheduled to go out to bid in August once the plans were updated to incorporate the additional comments. However, with the recent award of State grant funding to replace the Measure X funding, staff needs to understand the grant requirements and incorporate those requirements into the contract documents, plans and specifications prior to advertising the project and call for bids. A meeting with the State to discuss the grant obligations is scheduled for July 23, 2019.

El Corazon Aquatic Center -The project bidding process has commenced. It's anticipated that the awarding of a construction contract and bond authorization will be scheduled for City Council consideration on October 9, 2019. A groundbreaking ceremony will soon be scheduled for October.

Quiet Zone – The City filed a Notice of Establishment with the Federal Railroad Administration, California Public Utilities Commission, NCTD, and other train operators to set July 31 as the start date for the Quiet Zone. Staff is coordinating with NCTD to implement the Quiet Zone with as many train operators as possible beginning on the announced date.

PUBLIC WORKS

Harbor Ambassador Volunteer Program - Staff is moving forward with a new volunteer program designed to provide information to slip renters, boaters, paddle boarders, kayakers, beach visitors and the general public that comes to enjoy the Oceanside Harbor. This program will consist of volunteers on kayaks inside of the Harbor who will visit the transient docks, kayak launch areas and boat ramp while paddling a kayak. Their purpose will be to inform users of the general boating and safety rules. Many new users of the Harbor have taken up kayaking and paddle boarding without any previous boating experience. The new volunteers will be required to wear an approved floatation device at all times, take a swim competency test, obtain a California Boaters Card and have at least 5 years of boating experience. Staff believes this will provide increased safety inside the Harbor and improve customer service. These volunteers will also act as the eyes and ears for Harbor Administration and will communicate via waterproof radios regarding any important issues. The program is expected to start during the month of August and will be presented at the next Harbor and Beaches Advisory Committee meeting.

FIRE

Disaster Cost Reimbursements - The Fire Department has submitted the initial citywide Disaster Reimbursement application for the mid-February storm event. A total of 26 projects across three departments were submitted to the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), equating to an expenditure of \$341,000. These projects ranged from the standby and response of Fire and Lifeguard personnel, to debris removal from roads and beaches and repairs of wastewater facilities, storm drains and buildings. Personnel from Public Works, Water Utilities and Finance are assisting in the identification and recovery of the City expended funds. It is anticipated that up to 75% of the expended funds (\$256,000) can be recovered during the reimbursement process. Site visits and audits will be scheduled once Callous has completed their initial review of the City's submittal.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/FINANCE

Shopping Cart Ordinance Update – Council adopted an Ordinance on August 8, 2018, and it became effective January 1, 2019. The purpose of the Ordinance is to reduce blight and the prevalence of stolen or abandoned shopping carts throughout the City. The Ordinance requires businesses to have a plan to keep carts on their sites (i.e. employ a locking mechanism) or contract with a retrieval service. The Business License Inspector visited all Oceanside stores with shopping carts. There are currently four remaining stores out of 79 that are not in compliance. The remaining non-compliant stores include Party City, Kohl's, Staples, and 99 Cents Only.

The next level of citations were issued on July 9 to the four remaining businesses. To compel compliance, both the store managers and district managers are being cited when the information is known. Staff consulted with the City Attorney's Office for next steps. The Ordinance allows the City to suspend the annual business license renewal for those non-compliant stores until a shopping cart plan is properly submitted. Both Finance and Code Enforcement staff have made significant effort to reach out to these businesses and guide them through the process.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Recreation Programming Update - With the first three weeks of summer programming complete, recreation camp registration enrollment has seen an increase of 10% over the same period in 2018. Additionally, swim lesson revenue has increased by over 40% compared to the same time frame last year. Staff attribute this to updated programming options, community engagement and targeted marketing campaign utilizing social media channels.

Samoan Cultural Festival - The Samoan Cultural Festival concluded this past weekend after a week-long celebration that included traditional dancing, live music and performances, as well as food and local vendors. Additionally, the international cup stacking championship was held as part of the event. The event was moved to the Civic Center this year due to the ongoing construction of the Beach Resort, but there was no drop in attendance and organizers report to staff that all vendors sold out of their merchandise, which is a first for this event.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Jul 15** **For the Love of Literacy Event.** 11:30-1:30 p.m. Balderrama Park. (760) 435-5597
- Jul 17** **Oceanside Chamber of Commerce Awards & Recognition Luncheon.** 12:00-2:00 p.m. El Camino Country Club. [Register](#)
- Jul 19** **Concert in the Park – The Mar Dels.** 5:00-8:30 p.m. Rancho Del Oro Park. (760) 435-5041.
- Jul 20** **Movie at the Pier.** Dusk. (760) 435-5041.
- Jul 21** **Concert in the Park - Julian Roal Band & Jason Lohrke.** 4:00-6:00 p.m. Heritage Park. (760) 435-5041.
- Jul 25** **Coffee with a Cop.** 8:00-10:00 a.m. San Luis Rey Bakery. 490 N. El Camino Real. (760) 435-4440.
- Jul 26-27** **SuperGirl Pro Surf Contest and Expo.** Pier area. (760) 435-5215.
- Jul 27** **Oceanside Museum of Art Gala.** 6:00-11:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- Aug 3** **Elizabeth Hospice Regatta.** Harbor.
- Aug 8** **North County Health & Wellness Fair.** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Civic Center Plaza. [Info](#)
- Aug 8-11** **35th Annual Longboard Surf Contest.** Pier
- Aug 9** **Concert in the Park.** 5:00 -9:00 p.m. Buchanon Park.
- Aug 10-11** **So Cal Cup.** 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Buchanon Park. (760) 415-5982.
- Aug 16** **Soccer Club of Oceanside Opening Day.** 4:30-9:30 p.m. Buchanon Park. (760) 207-0264.
- Aug 17-18** **US Body Surfing Championships.** Pier
- Aug 24** **Pao Pao Outrigger Canoe Race.** Harbor.
- Aug 31** **International Drug Awareness Day.** Pier