

CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

August 1, 2019

PLANNING

General Plan Update Phase 2 - The Planning Division is currently preparing a request for proposals (RFP) for consultant services in support of the second phase of the City's General Plan Update (GPU), which will apply policy direction outlined in the recently-adopted Economic Development Element (EDE) and Energy and Climate Action Element (ECAE) to inform updates of all of the other existing elements of the General Plan (e.g., Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Community Facilities, Conservation and Open Space). This second phase of the GPU will include a Smart and Sustainable Corridors Plan (largely funded by a Caltrans Sustainable Communities grant) and a Community Plan for the South Morro Hills area. Staff intends to issue the RFP within the next week and select consultant partners in October.

Cannabis Update - Of the total 14 licenses issued to date, two have submitted CUP applications (one manufacturing business and one non-storefront delivery business that has also submitted a State license application). Staff will be presenting an update to City Council on August 21 to include current licensing status, a Resolution to formally cap the Cultivation license, discussion of the next steps and the potential for a tax measure to be placed on the 2020 November ballot.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan - Staff has the final document and is distributing for final staff reviews to place the item on the Parks & Recreation Commission agenda. The schedule is as follows:

- September 10 - Present document to Parks & Recreation Commission
- October 8 - Parks & Recreation Commission recommendation
- October 28 - Planning Commission recommendation
- November 6 - City Council adoption

Staff will provide copies of the document to City Council prior to the September 10 Parks & Recreation Commission meeting and schedule briefings with Councilmembers.

DOWNTOWN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (DAC)

Listed below are the items that the DAC reviewed and acted on at their meeting on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

DECK AND TRELLIS AT 817 N. PACIFIC STREET – Review and Recommendation to permit a 455-square foot, attached deck and trellis to an existing multi-family residence located at 817 N. Pacific Street. ***The Committee voted 8-0 (O'Doherty – Absent) recommending approval to Community Development Commission.***

LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM AMENDMENT – Review and Recommendation of a Local Coastal Program Amendment/CityCode/Zoning Ordinance Amendment and Transit Overlay District Map Amendment, Amending Chapter 14C of the City Code and Amending Article 12 D-Downtown District of the Zoning Ordinance. ***The Committee voted 8-0 (O’Doherty – Absent) recommending approval to Community Development Commission.***

ENGINEERING

Quiet Zone Update - The City received the Federal Railroad Administration’s (FRA) inspection report late yesterday. All items, except one, are easy construction fixes, and most were already in the process of being fixed by August 7, the date of a scheduled formal inspection by CPUC (California Public Utilities Commission). The exception is a request by FRA to the City and NCTD to address trespassing along the railroad tracks between the station platforms and Mission Avenue. The problem is solvable, but requires an amendment to the City’s CPUC permit and a re-notification of the Quiet Zone.

CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE

Hotel Development Status Update - Oceanside continues to receive a high level of interest in hotel construction. Below is a list of projects currently in the pipeline and their current status. There are a total of 1,618 new rooms in the pipeline; 397 under construction; 273 new rooms approved but not yet under construction; 648 new rooms in the entitlement process; and 300 rooms subject to an exclusive negotiating agreement. Additional projects have been proposed but have not been formally submitted for entitlements.

- Beach Resort Hotel, 387 rooms; Under Construction
- 408 Pier View Way, 10 rooms; Under Construction
- Marriott Residence Inn (Rodeway Inn redevelopment) 117 rooms - 37 net new rooms; Approved
- 1010 Oceanside/Belvedere, 124 rooms; Approved
- Fairfield Inn, 99 rooms; Approved
- Candlewood Suites (Super 8/Marty’s Valley Inn redevelopment) 120 rooms - 13 net new rooms; Approved. Building Permit under review with plan check comments provided to the applicant on 6/3/2019. Awaiting applicant’s resubmittal of revised building plans.
- Inns at Buena Vista Creek, 426 rooms; In Process. On July 3, 2019 the applicant’s Civil Engineer submitted a revised hydrology analysis to Carlsbad staff at their request. The analysis indicates that the hotel project can be built without risk of flooding from the adjacent Buena Vista Creek. Carlsbad staff expects to complete their review of the revised analysis by August 7. Assuming Carlsbad staff has no further comment on this issue, it’s anticipated that the project will be scheduled for Planning Commission consideration in Fall 2019.

- Hilton Home 2 Suites at El Corazon, 136 rooms; In Process. A developer-hosted community meeting to share the project has been scheduled for August 1 (6:15 p.m.) at the Residence Inn located at 3603 Ocean Ranch Boulevard. It's anticipated that the Development Plan for the hotel will be scheduled for Planning Commission consideration in Fall 2019.
- Airport Hotel, 86 rooms; In Process, Project is scheduled for Planning Commission consideration on August 12 with a staff recommendation for approval.
- El Corazon Hotel, 300 rooms; Proposed

Status of new Fire Station #1 - Staff finished the interview process and is negotiating a contract with the recommended architectural team for design of new Fire Station #1. Staff anticipates bringing a contract to Council at the first meeting in September and commencing work immediately thereafter. New Fire Station 1 will be funded with Measure X monies.

POLICE

New Homeless Outreach Team funded by Measure X - The new HOT Officers started this week and they will go through a two-week training program with the existing HOT Team #1. Staff is currently recruiting the net-new Social Worker who will be embedded with the second HOT. Police and Public Works staff are working on the purchase of the second HOT vehicle that will be used by the new team.

FIRE

North Zone Medical Director - As part of the North Comm JPA, a North Zone Medical Director has been selected and an employment contract has been let. This is an important medical adjunct for the OFD and its neighboring fire departments. Selected to serve as the North Zone Medical Director are two physicians working in partnership. Doctor Gary Vilke and Doctor Christopher Stone are physicians based in San Diego and affiliated through UCSD Medical Center.

Update on EMT Program and New Deployment Model under Measure X - 282 applications for EMT positions were received. 149 applications were qualified by HR. 118 applicants participated in the physical testing. 60 applicants went through the Chief's interview process. 30 applicants were offered a job on July 29 (15 full time and 15 part time). 20 applicants remain on the eligibility list.

Current time line (depending on background checks):

- Flex academy runs August 26 - September 7
- Full-time EMT 3rd person ride-a-long runs September 8 - 13 (2 x 24-hour shifts)
- 24-hour BLS ambulance in service September 15
- Part-time EMT 3rd person ride-a-long runs September 22 - September 28 (2 x 24-hour shifts)
- 12-hour BLS ambulance in service September 29

Deployment model changes, addition of engine, up-staffing of the truck, and staff positions will not go into effect until the EMTs are assigned to the ambulances.

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 was 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 only two remaining stores out of 79 that are not in compliance. The remaining non-compliant stores are Party City and Kohl's.

This week, both 99 Cent Only and Staples submitted their cart retrieval contracts and related documentation. The two remaining stores, Kohl's and Party City, will be issued the next level of citation and property owners or property managers will also be issued warnings. Suspension of the stores business license remains an option when the licenses become due for renewal. Both Finance and Code Enforcement staff have made significant effort to reach out to these businesses and guide them through the process. Code Enforcement also spoke with one of the cart retrieval contractors to advise them of locations with a high prevalence of carts in an effort to remove more carts from public view.

WATER UTILITIES

Grants - Two Water Utilities projects were selected to present and interview for the Integrated Regional Water Management San Diego grant selection process. On July 30, staff presented the Pure Water and Recycled Water Lower projects in two separate interviews. The panel of approximately 20 people was made up of countywide water agency and special interest group representatives. Only 10 projects were selected to interview and the City of Oceanside and its partners were the only agencies to have multiple projects selected to move forward to this round. Water Utilities has requested a total of \$4.75 Million between the two projects. Awarded projects will be announced in the next few months.

HD 29: 1 lb. Refillable Propane Cylinder Program - On July 25, the Green Oceanside team held a one-pound propane cylinder exchange event for City employees. 94 employees participated in the event and took the pledge to say no to single-use propane cylinders, to help mitigate litter in our community. In exchange for their pledges and commitment for zero waste, 94 refillable cylinders were handed out. This program is made possible through a competitive grant from CalRecycle.

"Be Disposable-Free" Campaign - In July, the Green Oceanside team launched the "Be Disposable-Free Campaign" to connect and engage with the Oceanside community through outreach, social media, publications, and events to reduce the use of single-use plastics and other disposable materials, and to receive input on potential policy solutions in Oceanside. To date, the Green Oceanside team, along with a large group of volunteers, have held several pop-up events at numerous locations, including but not limited to the Oceanside Farmers' Market, Loose Leaf Tea, Super Girl Pro, and Knockout Pizza. To date, the campaign has received over 800 pledges to be disposable-free for a Zero Waste Oceanside!

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

National Night Out – National Night Out has become a tradition of neighbors gathering together and sharing an evening across the nation to become familiar with each other, engage local law enforcement in a non-emergency forum, and improve the safety of their neighborhoods. Neighborhood Services is sponsoring two separate National Night Out (NNO) events on Tuesday, August 6, 2019. The City is partnering with the Crown Heights Neighborhood Group and North County Lifeline at Crown Heights Resource Center at 6:00 pm and partnering with the Eastside Neighborhood Association and Vista Community Clinic's Project REACH at Balderrama Park at 6:30 pm to host National Night Out events. Each event will have a few safety booths, music, and food for all in attendance, and end the evening with a Movie in the Park. Crown Heights will be showing the movie *Wonder Park* starting at 7:00 p.m. and Eastside will be showing the movie *Aquaman* starting at 7:30 pm.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Aug 3** **Vista Community Clinic Fundraiser.** 4:00-8:00 p.m. Rancho Guajome Adobe.
- Aug 4** **Concert at Heritage Park.** 4:00-6:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- Aug 8** **North County Health & Wellness Fair.** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Civic Center Plaza. [Info](#)
- Aug 10-11** **35th Annual Longboard Surf Contest. Pier.** 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. (760) 535-0431. [Info](#)
- Aug 9** **Concert in the Park.** 5:00 -9:00 p.m. Buchanon Park. [Info](#)
- 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 16** **MiraCosta College Alumni Association Inaugural Event.** 6:00 p.m. Oceanside Campus. [Info](#)
- Aug 16-17** **Miracle Crusade.** Civic Center.
- Aug 17-18** **US Body Surfing Championships.** Pier. 6:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 310-924-5111.
- Aug 18** **Concert at Heritage Park.** 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. [Info](#)
- Aug 24** **Pao Pao Outrigger Canoe Race.** Harbor. 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Harbor. (808) 268-8534.
- Aug 31** **International Drug Awareness Day.** 6:30-8:00 p.m. Candlelight Pier Walk.

- Sept 14** **Concert in the Park.** 5:00-8:30 p.m. South Oceanside Elementary. (760) 533-6161. [Info](#)
- Oct 5** **Taste of Oceanside.** 2:00-5:00 p.m. Downtown locations. (760) 754-4512.
- Oct 11** **Boys & Girls Club Gala.** 5:30 -10:00 p.m. 401 Country Club Lane. (760) 433-8920.
- Oct 12** **Pride by the Beach.** 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Civic Center. (760) 213-1267.
- Oct 27** **Dia de los Muertos.** Mission San Luis Rey. 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (844) 653-4363.
- Nov 28** **Oside Turkey Trot.** 6:00 a.m. – noon. City Hall to Pier Amphitheater. (760) 434-5255.