CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE
December 19, 2019

PLANNING

CarMax Auto Superstore – An application for this project was submitted on December 18. The project includes a dealership for pre-owned automobiles, service building and non-public car wash located on a currently vacant 9.4-acre site at Thunder Drive and Plaza Drive.

Brother Benno's Standing Committee – The City inter-departmental staff team reviewed the Committee's comments from the December 2nd meeting and is drafting changes to the staff recommended revisions of the conditions of approval. The next Committee meetings have been rescheduled one week later to February 18 and April 21 due to scheduling conflicts with use of the Council Chambers.

Cannabis Update – The ordinance amendment that would provide for adult cannabis cultivation is tentatively scheduled for Council review on February 5, concurrent with the scheduling of the pending cannabis taxation strategy. The first cannabis conditional use permit is scheduled for Planning Commission review and recommendation on January 27 and involves a medical cannabis non-storefront dispensary on San Luis Rey Road.

**The December 23, 2019 Planning Commission meeting has been cancelled.

ENGINEERING

El Corazon Aquatics Center – Site mitigation is scheduled for completion by the end of this year. The swimming pool contractor is preparing to being construction in January 2020.

Balderrama Park Improvement Project – The project is complete and in use. Minor deficiencies identified in the final punch list are being corrected. The playing field grading, irrigation and sod/seed project is anticipated to start the week of April 27, 2020.

Tyson Street Restrooms – The project is essentially complete. A few minor deficiencies identified in the punch list are being corrected. The Contractor is scheduled to remove construction fence this week.

WATER UTILITIES

High Water Users in Oceanside's Lower Income Neighborhoods to Benefit from New Programs - The City's Green Oceanside staff applied for and has been awarded funding in the amount of $100,000 through the San Diego County Water Authority and Metropolitan Water District for two new programs designed to target single-family high-water users in census-defined low-income neighborhoods. The first of two programs to take effect in 2020 will be the Residential Rain Barrel Distribution Event, providing 300 residents in lower-income areas with a free rain barrel for collecting rainwater to use in their landscapes. The second program, the Weather-Based Irrigation Controller Direct Installation Program, will provide 80 residents in lower-income areas who have an existing in-ground irrigation system with the installation of a free weather-based irrigation controller by a professional contractor, along with a brief training course to ensure proper operation of the system and maximum benefits in water savings.

Used Oil Filter Exchange Event at O'Reilly Auto Parts - In partnership with O'Reilly Auto Parts at 3840 Plaza Drive, the Green Oceanside team performed a free used oil filter exchange event on Saturday, December 14. With 47 Oceanside residents participating, City staff collected and properly recycled 90 used oil filters and 18 gallons of used motor oil, which helps to prevent the potential leaching of more than 2 million gallons of oil into the environment.

Habitat Restoration Event - Green Oceanside sponsored a volunteer habitat restoration day at Garrison Creek at El Corazon on Saturday, December 14. Volunteers removed trash and invasive vegetation while planting native shrubs within the restoration area off Mesa Drive east of El Camino Real. The event is part of a larger, long-term effort to improve native habitat in Garrison Creek and is a joint effort with nonprofit organizations Nature Collective and Friends of El Corazon. The next volunteer planting event is scheduled for January 11, 2020. Sign up here.

AB 341 (Mandatory Commercial Recycling) Compliance Notices - This week, staff sent compliance notices to Oceanside businesses and multi-family complexes in regards to CalRecycle Mandate AB 341, Mandatory Commercial Recycling. Per AB 341, the City is required to notify impacted businesses that they must arrange for recycling services. This notice informs businesses of this requirement, along with services and programs to assist with compliance. If businesses or multi-family complexes have any questions or concerns regarding these letters, please direct them to oceansiderecycles@oceansideca.org.

Holiday Service Update and Tree Recycling - As a reminder, solid waste and recycling services will be delayed by one day following December 25. Christmas trees will be collected for recycling for the three weeks following December 25, on the customer's regular collection day. For proper recycling, please place trees in the green waste bin. Trees may also be dropped off directly at the El Corazon Compost Facility, 3210 Oceanside Blvd. Flocked trees cannot be recycled, and must be placed in the landfill bin for disposal.

PUBLIC WORKS

Oceanside Transit Center (OTC) Parking Structure Parking Guidance System - The camera based parking guidance system within the OTC parking structure has been completed. The system provides real time data on parking counts within the structure. The real time parking count data allows drivers to quickly determine where to park within the structure. Signage has been installed to inform drivers where parking is available and how many spaces are available. The system will also allow staff to track historical occupancy counts and push data to other web-based parking systems in the future.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Dec 23 **Lighting of the Menorah.** 5:30 p.m. Regal Cinema Plaza.

Jan 4 **Adrenaline Lacrosse Tournament.** SoCal Sports Complex, El Corazon.

Jan 8 **Garrison Creek Trail Bird Walk.** 7:30-9:00 a.m. El Corazon. (760) 724-3887.

Jan 11 **Invasive Plant Removal.** 9:00-10:30 a.m. Garrison Creek Trail.

Jan 18 **Cal South Soccer Championships**. SoCal Sports Complex, El Corazon.

Jan 23 **North San Diego Business Summit.** 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Palomar College. Info.