

## CITY COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

February 7, 2014

### Planning Division

The Planning Commission meeting on Monday, February 10, 2014, has been cancelled.

### Development Services

#### **Mission Avenue Improvement Project Phase 1**

**Construction:** Work on the Mission Avenue Improvement Project continues as planned. On the north side of Mission Avenue between Ditmar and Coast Highway, the demolition of sidewalk, curb, gutter and asphalt have been completed. A portion of rough grading has been completed. Work continues on the water line relocation between Ditmar and Coast Highway. Work will continue east of Ditmar during this period preparing infiltration basins and planter areas to receive future landscaping this spring. After the second week of February, after the new water main is in place, conduit for street lights and traffic signals will be installed west of Ditmar to Coast Highway. After this task has been completed, grading and forming work for curb, gutter and sidewalk placement west of Ditmar will take place.

**Business Relations:** City staff along with Arcadis and the contractor attended the Main Street Oceanside Meeting on Tuesday, February 4. Staff provided a project update and let the attendees know additional business patron parking is available at Saint Mary Star of the Sea Parish parking lot, located on the southwest corner of Pier View and Freeman Street. The parking lot is intended for customer parking only, and is regulated 2 hour parking with no overnight parking allowed.

### Water Utilities

**Plant of the Year:** The San Luis Rey Water Recycling Facility was recently recognized as the California Water Environment Association Medium-Sized Plant of the Year for the San Diego Section. Facilities are competitively judged based on environmental compliance, innovation, management systems, cost effectiveness, cost reduction and superior plant operations for the prior three years. The facility will compete against 17 sectional winners for California Plant of the Year; winners will be announced in April. The San Luis Rey facility treats approximately 80% of the wastewater generated within the City and was originally constructed in 1972.

**Zero Waste Symposium:** Oceanside staff and Deputy Mayor Esther Sanchez were among 30 speakers at a Zero Waste Symposium in San Diego on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Speakers discussed zero waste strategies including recycling, composting, green building, plastic bag bans, marine pollution, and compliance with the State of California's commercial recycling legislation [Assembly Bill 341](#). The City of Oceanside's Recycling Manager, Colleen Foster, was interviewed by PBS following her presentation at the [Symposium](#).

**Zero Waste Business Certification Program:** Greening our business community is a major objective of our Zero Waste Strategic Resource Management Plan. The goal is to launch a Zero Waste/Green Business Certification program by Green Week 2014. The Solid Waste and Recycling program is planning several key stakeholder workshops for the development of this program. Workshop details will be coming shortly.

**Drought Conditions:** On January 17th, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency in California due to current drought conditions. While different parts of the state are being affected in different ways, San Diego County (including Oceanside) currently remains at a level 1 drought watch. We are asking residents and businesses to remain diligent in their water use and to continue using water wisely and efficiently. For more information about how residents and businesses can save water, please visit [www.savewateroceanside.com](http://www.savewateroceanside.com). Water Utilities staff will be keeping our website and City social media outlets updated with current drought information and water saving tips.

### **Library**

**Library spring concert series** - The Library's World Music Concert Series begins Saturday February 8 at 2:00 p.m. with a performance by Zimbeat, a San Diego-based ensemble that performs the dynamic village music of Zimbabwe, Africa. The series is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

**The Big Read 2014 – February 1 through March 1** - The Big Read is a community-wide reading program in which everyone enjoys and discusses the same book. This year's Big Read features the quintessential detective novel, *The Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett. Special events include a concert of Film Noir Music featuring Laura Ellis on February 8 at 7:30 pm at the Sunshine Brooks Theatre.

### **Neighborhood Services**

Lincoln Financial Media Co. (LFM) produces three radio station concerts annually at the Junior Seau Beach Community Center and Amphitheater. Due to increased costs and not selling all of the tickets, LFM approached staff and requested city sponsorship of the venue rental and parking fees. In exchange, LFM will provide the City with basically an equivalent value of city sponsor tickets which will be sold, and the proceeds will be used to provide youth sponsorships to participate in city Parks and Recreation programs.

### **Community Events:**

**Feb 14 Art After Dark: Vintage Pop. An (un) Valentine's Day avante-garde party.** 7:00 – 10:00 p.m. OMA. (760) 435-3721.

**Feb 15 Little League opening Ceremonies.** 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Martin Luther King Park.