

COUNCIL WEEKLY UPDATE

February 22, 2013

Planning Division

Listed below are the public hearing items that the Planning Commission will review at their meeting on Monday, February 25, 2013:

INCORP SERVICES INC. RESIDENCE – Consideration of a REGULAR COASTAL PERMIT (RC12-00007) pertains to the demolition of a single-family dwelling and construction of a new two-story over basement residence on a beachfront lot at 1837 South Pacific Street. ***Staff is recommending approval.***

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE – Consideration of GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA12-00002) to update the Housing Element of the City of Oceanside General Plan for the state-prescribed 2013 – 2020 planning period. ***Staff is recommending approval.***

Neighborhood Services

Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator Funding Award: The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has notified the City of an award of \$137,360 to pay the salaries of two Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinators in the Neighborhood Services Department for Calendar Year 2013. The FSS Program has been available to households participating in the City's Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Program since 1993. Families in the program execute a contract that specifies goals and services; the contract requires that all members become independent of welfare and maintain suitable employment. The FSS Coordinators ensure that the program participants are linked to the supportive services they need to achieve self-sufficiency.

Potential Sequestration Impact to Section 8 Funds: The City receives funding on a calendar year basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to administer a Section 8 (Housing Choice Voucher) Rental Assistance Program comprised of 1,361 households. In addition, 270 households have opted to transfer their voucher from another jurisdiction to Oceanside. The program assists low-income families, seniors and persons with disabilities to pay their rent. Participants are responsible for an affordable portion of their rent based on their income, and the balance is paid directly to the rental owner by the Neighborhood Services Department.

Separate amounts are allocated by HUD for housing assistance payments to rental owners and administrative fees. In 2012, revenue for housing assistance payments for the Housing Authority's 1,361 vouchers was \$12,457,290 and expenditures were \$14,130,019; the \$1,672,729 balance was paid from program reserves as required by HUD. In the past, HUD has provided funding based on housing assistance payments (HAP) expenditures the previous calendar, plus an inflation factor, so adequate HAP funding is expected if the same funding formula is used as in years past.

In 2012, revenue for administrative fees was \$1,400,217 (including administrative fees for the vouchers from other jurisdictions) and administrative costs totaled \$1,465,571; the \$65,354 balance was covered by program reserves. As of January 31, 2013, the housing assistance payment reserves totaled \$771,964 and the administrative fee reserve totaled \$355,511. In mid-2012, one of the Section 8 staff left city employment and the position has not been filled, resulting in a reduction in the administrative fee reserve of only \$808 since July 1, 2012.

Should Congress not act upon the Budget Control Act of 2011 before March 1, 2013, and a Sequester of Federal Funds occur, the 2012-2013 Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program Budget will be impacted. The impact would be absorbed by utilizing program reserves as described above to cover the revenue deficiencies. The reserves are estimated to be adequate to cover program operations through the end of the current fiscal year. However, if the funding cuts are made permanent, program costs will need to be reduced by decreasing assistance payments to participants or reducing the number of program participants or a combination of both. Housing assistance payments are expected to increase gradually during 2013. If the program is funded at the 2012 level and sequestration occurs, there would not be enough funding to assist 60 to 70 currently assisted households. In addition, ongoing funding cuts will likely require a reduction in staff.

Potential Sequestration Impact to HOME Funds: HOME provides formula grants to States and localities that communities use, often in partnership with local nonprofit groups, to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people. The City's HOME grant decreased from \$800,496 in FY 2011-12 to \$398,300 in FY 2012-13, due to a change in the allocation formula. The city has used HOME funds for a variety of affordable housing projects including the 80 unit Lil Jackson Senior Housing. An additional reduction in HOME funds may further delay the construction of Mission Cove, a 288 unit affordable housing project for families and seniors on City owned land.

Potential Sequestration Impact to CDBG Funds: Should Congress not act upon the Budget Control Act of 2011 before March 1, 2013, and a Sequester of Federal Funds occur, the 2012-2013 CDBG Budget will be impacted. The majority of the impact would be absorbed by the Administration and Planning allocations which have primarily been offset by a mid-year staff retirement. Due to the fifteen percent cap that may be used toward public services, the public service agencies that are funded for the FY would also be impacted. Letters to those agencies (Angel's Depot, the Oceanside Senior Citizens Association Senior Nutrition Program, Vista Community Clinic Teen Reach, and Lifeline Community Services Club Crown Hts.) are being sent out to notify them of the potential impact should sequester occur.

Senior Mini Grant Allocations - Per City Council Resolution, staff submitted an application for senior transportation funds from the Senior Mini Grant Program funded by TransNet. SANDAG has released its funding recommendations, which the SANDAG Board will take action on March 22, 2013. The City of Oceanside is recommended to

receive an allocation for FY 14-15 of approximately \$47,000; less than 25 percent of the City's grant request. SANDAG did not recommend funding to the City of Oceanside for FY 15-16. Staff is looking into other funding options and will keep the City Council updated to that progress. The program is funded through the TransNet grant for the upcoming FY 13-14.

Upcoming Little League Events

Oceanside National Little League - ONLL will host its Opening Day on Friday, February 22 at 5:30 p.m. at Martin Luther King Field. Reserved parking for dignitaries will be marked with orange cones.

Vista American Little League-VALL will host its Opening Day on Friday, March 1 at 6:00 p.m. at the Vista Sports Park. Reserved parking for dignitaries will be marked with orange cones.

Oceanside American Little League - OALL will host its Opening Day on Saturday, March 2 at 9:00 a.m. at Ron Ortega Field. It is the 60th Anniversary Year for OALL. Reserved parking for dignitaries will be marked with orange cones.

Oceanside Valley Little League - OVLL will host its Opening Day on Saturday, March 2 at 1:30 p.m. at Melba Bishop Park. Reserved parking for dignitaries will be marked with orange cones.

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Feb 23 - 24 **Scholastic Surf Series.** 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Oceanside Pier. (760) 439-0863.

Mar 2 **Law Enforcement Torch Run/Polar Plunge for Special Olympics.** 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Junior Seau Amphitheater. (619) 283-6100.

Mar 2 **Scholastic Surf Series.** 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Harbor – South Jetty. (760) 518-3739.