



The Week in Review

City Manager Grace K. Leung

October 19, 2018

Upcoming Events

Sat., Oct. 20

OASIS Health & Resources Fair

OASIS Senior Center
801 Narcissus
9 a.m. - noon

Tues., Oct. 23

Ribbon Cutting

Newport Elementary Playfield
1327 W Balboa Blvd
3 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 23

City Council Mtg.

City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Dr.
7 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 25

Zoning Administrator Mtg.

City Hall, Corona del Mar
Conference Room (Bay1E)
100 Civic Center Dr.
3 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 27

Fall Program Drill the Skills/CERT Graduation

Fire Station # 7
20401 Acacia St.
9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Clever Buoy Pilot Project Now Underway

On October 10, City staff assisted Smart Marine Systems (SMS), with a launch and media event for its Clever Buoy pilot project. The two-month project will demonstrate and test the technologically advanced marine-monitoring system just off the coast, near the Balboa Pier. The system uses a combination of sonar technology and identification software to scan the water and detect and identify objects swimming within a 500-yard area. If the item detected exhibits shark-like movements, the system autonomously transmits information, in real-time, to our lifeguards via a mobile application. The buoy also collects wind and weather data. There is no cost to the City for the pilot project, but staff from Community Development, Fire/Marine Operations, Public Works and the City Manager's office have assisted SMS with its mobilization efforts.

On Sunday, October 14, the buoy became detached from its mooring. SMS personnel and City lifeguards retrieved and stored it until the company was able to put it back in place this week. The shark detection component of the system was not affected and remained operational.

City Updates Coastal Commission on Western Snowy Plovers

On October 10, 2018, the City's Coastal Consultant, Don Schmitz updated the Coastal Commission on the City's efforts to protect the threatened Western Snowy Plover population and habitat on the Balboa Peninsula. Mr. Schmitz gave a slide presentation showing advisory signage, protective fencing and a summary of

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Sat., Oct. 27
Halloween Spooktacular
Grant Howald Park
3000 Fifth Ave.
4 - 7 p.m.

Wed., Oct. 31
Halloween Extravaganza
Central Library Children's Room
1000 Avocado Ave.
4 - 5:30 p.m.

enforcement actions, City multi-departmental training, intra-agency collaboration and community outreach designed to protect the plovers and their habitat.

Accessory Dwelling Units

On October 12, 2018, the Coastal Commission reviewed and approved the City's Local Coastal Program (LCP) Amendment adding provisions for the regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) to the LCP Implementation Plan for properties located in the Coastal Zone. This amendment brings consistency between the City's Zoning Code regulations and the LCP. The Coastal Commission's action also included suggested modifications to the proposed ADU regulations to incorporate recent changes in state legislation that went into effect in January 2018. Next steps involve staff returning to the City Council for a future study session and getting direction on any further updates before final adoption.

First rain of the season

Last Friday's and Saturday's rain storm produced approximately 1-inch of rain and produced minor roadway flooding and various power outages across the City. Early forecasts had a low probability of rain. However, it quickly turned into a larger rain event. Utilities and Public Works staff mobilized quickly and responded to pump areas especially during the Saturday's high tide event where tide valves were closed to prevent the tide from flooding streets. The Utilities Storm Drain division regularly tracks weather in preparation for rains and tides.

Santa Ana Winds Activate Emergency Operations

High winds on Monday and Tuesday morning this week resulted in about 60 incidents of downed trees, fallen limbs, and debris throughout town. Public Works activated its emergency Department Operations Center (DOC) to monitor and respond to the high volume of calls and reports of wind impacts and damage. City and contract crews jumped in quickly assessing damage, cleaning up trees and debris, and keeping city areas clean and safe. Landscape staff also intentionally trimmed certain wind sensitive species in advance of wind season, which resulted in fewer than expected major tree issues – 25 to 30 downed trees and 20 to 30 fallen limbs.

FCC Imposes Limits on City Authority

On October 15, 2018 the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) published a Declaratory Rule and Order (WT Docket No. 17-79 and WC Docket No. 17-84), which will go into effect on January 14, 2019, and impose certain limits on state and local governments' ability to regulate the deployment of small cell wireless telecommunications facilities. The Declaratory Rule and Order limits the type and amount of fees the City can collect for private use of public property; it will impose new time limits on entitlement applications and permit review processing timelines; and it will limit the City's ability to regulate design aesthetics for the small cell facilities on public property. Staff is studying the Order to determine if regulations and/or policies need to be modified to ensure compliance with the new rules.

Notice of Recreation Contract Instructor Payments

Recreation & Senior Services programs continue to be in high demand, in particular surf classes and summer camps. City Council Policy F-14 specifies written notice to City Council when instructor fees exceed \$120,000. Instructors are paid a contracted percentage of revenues generated from participant registration fees resulting in five vendors reaching the noticing threshold as explained in the attached memo.

Eelgrass Survey

The City's 2018 biennial eelgrass survey is nearly complete. This diver-based survey is a requirement of the City's "Newport Specific Eelgrass Plan" which allows for measured impacts based on the eelgrass population as a whole – a true ecosystem approach. A final report is expected to be available in November.

Uptown Newport Planned Community Update

The Uptown Newport Planned Community is located on Jamboree Road west of Fairchild Road in the Airport Area. Most of the infrastructure has been installed and the framing of the first 462 apartments is nearly complete. A one-acre public park behind the first two apartment buildings is ready for construction. The property owner, Shopoff Realty Investments, is meeting with staff to review the next phase of construction, consisting of 158

condominium units and approximately 3,000 square feet of retail space in two separate buildings around the planned park. The conceptual plans are consistent with the previously approved Planned Community Development Plan and Development Agreement. Staff will be working with Shopoff in the coming months to finalize the plans to ensure consistency with all applicable policies and regulations before building permits are issued. The next phase of construction should begin Summer 2019 and be completed Spring 2021.

Water Main in Finley Tract Undergoing Replacement

Water main replacement work is underway on Short Street to replace the existing cast iron water main that was installed in the 1930's. The new 6-inch PVC water main, extending from 36th Street to the alley west of Newport Boulevard, will improve system reliability for years to come. This work was accelerated to take advantage of a scheduling break for the Orange County Sanitation District's sewer construction work taking place on Newport Boulevard. The Short Street water main project includes about 400 feet of new pipe, two fire hydrants, and multiple reconnections to the existing water main system and is expected to be completed in 3 weeks.

West Coast Highway Median Landscaping

With new plants and trees in place, median enhancements on West Coast Highway are nearly complete for this phase of the project. The City has received positive feedback from the community on the new look featuring California drought friendly plants. Next up, the contractor will apply a decorative color stain on the existing concrete, monitor plant growth, and adjust the irrigation system as needed.

Community Outreach on Construction Parking

Community Development Department staff held two separate public outreach meetings with Balboa Peninsula Point Association members and Corona del Mar residents at Oasis Senior Citizens Center to gain their thoughts and feedback on street parking impacts due to residential construction. Both meetings were well attended by the public. Staff presented proposed code changes to assist with the parking situation. The biggest take away from both meetings is the need for additional City enforcement on parking violations. Staff is launching a pilot parking

enforcement program in November to gain input and data on the affects and costs of additional enforcement. Staff will return to City Council for further consideration on possible codes changes at a future meeting.

Motorized Paragliders in Newport Beach

The City has received complaints about motorized paragliders operating around the area of the Santa Ana river mouth. The motorized paragliders are creating environmental and safety concerns by using the beach for take offs and landings. The launch and landing are very close to protected habitats, residential homes, and the general public. The Code Enforcement Division has reached out to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) about the motorized paragliders using the city beaches for taking off and landing. The City is in the process of filing a formal complaint about the paragliders and creating a working relationship with the FAA inspectors on this issue.





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SUBJECT: Recreation Contract Instructor Payments F-14 Notice

In accordance with City Council Policy F-14 noticing for Independent Instructional and Recreation Contractors, written notice to the City Manager is given when contract instructor payments exceed \$75,000, and to City Council when payments exceed \$120,000. The close out of summer programs indicate that the following vendors have reached noticing thresholds for City Council. Payments are based on a percentage of revenue generated from participant registration fees.

Vendor	Vendor Name	Contract Start Date	Date Exceed	Payments	Revenue
16665	OCEAN ADVENTURE PROGRAM	01/01/18	08/10/18	\$136,875	\$185,061
19314	ENDLESS SUN SURF SCHOOL	01/01/18	08/10/18	\$125,288	\$163,512
16479	NEWPORT SURF CAMP	01/01/18	08/10/18	\$132,862	\$177,254
17270	TUMBLE-N-KIDS INC	01/01/17	08/10/18	\$121,661	\$219,072
16489	SKYHAWKS SPORTS ACADEMY	01/01/17	08/31/18	\$120,439	\$184,622