



# The Week in Review

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## Upcoming Events

**Saturday, January 25**  
**City Council Planning Session**  
City Council Chambers / Civic  
Center Community Room  
100 Civic Center Drive  
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Monday, January 27**  
**Aviation Committee Meeting**  
Civic Center Community Room  
100 Civic Center Drive  
5:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 28**  
**City Council Study Session**  
City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
4 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 28**  
**City Council Meeting**  
City Council Chambers  
100 Civic Center Drive  
7 p.m.

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**Wednesday, January 29**  
[The Mental Health Forum](#)  
Civic Center Community Room  
100 Civic Center Drive  
6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, January 30**  
**Zoning Administrator Meeting**  
City Hall, Corona del Mar  
Conference Room (Bay1E)  
100 Civic Center Dr.  
3 p.m.

## Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Update

As previously reported, on November 7, 2019, the Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) approved a new draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation methodology. For Newport Beach, this draft methodology resulted in a RHNA allocation of 4,832 dwelling units that the City must plan for in the October 2021-October 2029 Housing Element planning period.

Subsequently, SCAG submitted the draft methodology to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for a 60-day review period to determine whether or not the methodology furthers statutory objectives described in state law. On January 13, 2020, HCD issued a letter to SCAG finding that the draft SCAG RHNA methodology does comply with state law.

Next, SCAG staff will proceed to recommending final approval and adoption of the Draft RHNA Methodology through the various SCAG committees with the Regional Council adoption scheduled on March 5, 2020.

For anyone interested in learning more about this process and next steps, SCAG staff will be holding a workshop on Monday, February 3, 2020, at 10 a.m., to preview the RHNA appeal procedures and provide a brief report on the recommended final RHNA methodology. A webcast of this workshop will be made available through the SCAG website at [www.scag.ca.gov/rhna](http://www.scag.ca.gov/rhna).

## Homeless Update

Success Stories: Case managers from City Net, the City's contracted social services provider, assisted a Newport Beach homeless man with completing and submitting an application for housing at the new Veterans' Village in Santa Ana. The facility, scheduled to open this Spring, features 75 units of permanent supportive housing for veterans and their families, with Veterans Administration services, case managers, and mental health providers on-site. This model

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of supportive housing allows residents to access services and care in an efficient and timely manner to ensure stability and success in their lives.

City Net case managers assisted another Newport Beach client experiencing homelessness with an application for the Housing Disability Assistance Program (HDAP). This program allows qualified clients to obtain Social Security benefits, including permanent supportive housing, with on-site services such as Social Security case managers and medical personnel.

These are just two recent examples of how City Net is connecting people experiencing homelessness to housing opportunities and resources in the community.

### **Insider's Guide for the Newport Beach City Council Meeting on January 28, 2020**

Our next City Council meeting is Tuesday, January 28. Items that may be of interest are highlighted below. The entire agenda, and all reports, can be viewed [here](#).

Study session begins at 4 p.m. for a discussion on pedestrian and bicycle access within the Newport Heights area. This area has been the focus of safety and access for pedestrians and bicyclists, particularly for the students traveling to and from schools. Staff will discuss current conditions and additional improvements that may be considered for the neighborhood.

The regular session begins at 7 p.m. and the following are items of note:

- On the consent calendar is the introduction of an ordinance establishing lobbyist registration, reporting and disclosure requirements. This item was heard by City Council in November 2019 and it was determined to seek additional public input. Following the additional input, the proposed ordinance now includes revisions, such as registration with the City Clerk rather than the Orange County Campaign Finance and Ethics Commission and increased penalties for violations.
- Also on the consent calendar is acceptance of a \$175,000 grant from the State for the Surrendered and Abandoned Vessel (SAVE) Program. The City has received grant funds for the last several years and with an increase in dollar amount this year, we will be able to continue our efforts to clean up the harbor.
- As directed by Council, a resolution opposing the modified RHNA allocation methodology, which allocates 4,832 housing units that Newport Beach must plan for, is on the consent calendar. As noted earlier, the methodology has been approved by the state, and per our housing action plan, we will be appealing our number.
- For public hearing is the introduction of a Cottage Preservation Ordinance. This amendment was initiated by City Council in May 2019, in response to the growing community concerns related to the loss of small residential cottages and the mass associated with new single and two-unit dwelling developments in the City. Following community outreach and Planning Commission review, the proposed ordinance is now before Council. The amendments would allow larger additions without providing the minimum code-required parking when the project would result in the preservation of the cottage character and building envelope that is representative of traditional development patterns in the City.
- On current business is the update of Title 17 – Harbor Code. The City Council requested the Harbor Commission review Title 17 in February 2018. This significant and comprehensive effort, led by a subcommittee of the Harbor Commission, included extensive public outreach and a detailed review of the code. The proposed changes reflect all chapters of the Harbor Code with the exception of the section on Marine Activity Permits, which will be provided to City Council at a future date. The update of Title 17 is an important and noteworthy milestone in the development of the City's Harbor Department and ensuring the safe and effective operation of activities in the harbor.
- The second item on current business is award of contract for the maintenance and refurbishment of the wooden benches and trash cans on Balboa Island. After two unsuccessful bidding advertisements, we have received one proposal. Due to the high cost

to maintain these items, staff is seeking direction on the long-term maintenance level and refurbishment plan for the wooden benches and trash cans.

