



The Week in Review

City Manager Grace K. Leung
February 28, 2020

Upcoming Events

Friday, February 28

Witte Lecture: David Leonhardt

Friends Room, Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
7 p.m.

Saturday, February 29

Witte Lecture: David Leonhardt

Friends Room, Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
2 p.m.

Monday, March 2

Library Lecture Hall Committee Meeting

City Hall, Newport Coast
Conference Room (Bay 2E)
100 Civic Center Drive
1 p.m.

Monday, March 2

Title 17 – Commercial Marina Live-Aboard Community Outreach Meeting

Marina Park Event Room
1600 W. Balboa Boulevard
6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 3

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
6 p.m.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Update

City staff attended the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) RHNA Subcommittee meeting on February 24, 2020. The Subcommittee discussed the final refined RHNA allocation methodology. As a reminder, this methodology results in 4,832 new housing units of varied income levels for Newport Beach and impacts the entire region with a requirement of over 170,000 new housing units in Orange County.

City staff was one of seven representatives of local jurisdictions to provide oral public comment about frustration with the overall process in developing the methodology and stating support for a compromise put forward by the City of Cerritos. This compromise would add back in some level of local input to the equation. Many believe this is an important consideration, as each jurisdiction has varied constraints and challenges that are essentially ignored when local input is removed. Early rough estimates show Cerritos' proposal would reduce the City of Newport Beach RHNA allocation by approximately 971 units.

Despite the showing of support for the alternative methodology, SCAG staff expressed legal concerns with deviating from the current final methodology, which received concurrence from the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). After a lengthy public comment and Subcommittee discussion, the Subcommittee acted to recommend the final RHNA methodology for approval to the Community, Economic and Human Development (CEHD) Committee, as well as the Regional Council. As part of the recommendation, SCAG staff was directed to review the Cerritos alternative methodology in more detail prior to the CEHD and Regional Council meetings.

These meetings will take place on Thursday, March 5, 2020. City staff will continue to participate in the public process by attending both meetings. If you are interested in learning

Visit the City's website for a complete listing of meetings and events at newportbeachca.gov/events.

Thursday, March 5
Water Quality Coastal
Tidelands Committee Meeting
Muth Interpretive Center
2301 University Drive
3 p.m.

Thursday, March 5
Planning Commission Meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 6
Witte Lecture: David Wallace-
Wells
Friends Room, Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
7 p.m.

Saturday, March 7
Witte Lecture: David Wallace-
Wells
Friends Room, Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
2 p.m.

Monday, March 9
Residential Design Standards
Community Meeting
City Hall, Community Room
100 Civic Center Drive
6 p.m.

more about SCAG and its RHNA process, please visit www.scag.ca.gov/programs/pages/housing.

The City continues to firmly challenge, yet plan to comply with the RHNA allocation and State law. For the latest on the City's efforts, check out the 2020 Housing Action Plan webpage at www.newportbeachca.gov/housingactionplan.

Homelessness Update

City Net, the City's contracted social services provider, continues to assist people with accessing and navigating resources in the community. Their outreach efforts, coordinated with the City and County's resources, provide housing, health care and other opportunities for people experiencing homelessness in the community.

Last week, City Net case managers connected several people experiencing homelessness to appropriate social services agencies in Orange County, including:

- Completed Vulnerability Index Assessments (VI-SPDAT) with two men who had been resistant to assistance. The City Net team repeatedly engaged with the men near the Newport Pier in attempts to provide services. City Net utilizes the Vulnerability Index intake assessment to screen clients on a number of factors to determine proper placement in the County's Continuum of Care system. Some factors include age, health issues, and length of time being unsheltered.
- Referred a family of four living in their car to the Family Solutions Collaborative. The Family Solutions Collaborative is a coalition of the leading family service nonprofits in Orange County. The Family Services Collaborative streamlines the process for homeless families to access the services they need. The family is now on the County's Coordinated Entry System for placement in transitional housing.
- Interacted with a new client who made an appointment through the City Net hotline number. Staff referred the new client to resources in the community. The City Net hotline number is (714) 451-6198. People who call the hotline may leave a detailed voicemail message for themselves or others in need and the City Net staff will call back within 48 hours with the appropriate resources for the caller.
- Transported a veteran to an orientation on using a HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) voucher for the new Santa Ana Veterans Village permanent supportive housing complex. The Veterans Village, set to open in April 2020, features 75 units of supportive housing for veterans and their families. On-site case managers will provide job skills training, counseling, and Veterans Administration services.

- Confirmed that two people are eligible to enter the Coordinated Entry System for housing. Eligibility, or “document-ready,” includes having valid identification, authorized and signed medical paperwork, and filing a completed Vulnerability Index assessment.
- Assisted two people with processing their driver’s license applications to obtain new photo IDs.

In addition to the City Net team, the Homeless Liaison Officer and Homeless Coordinator provided street-level outreach. They interacted with two men at the Balboa Pier and motivated them to contain their belongings and remove debris. The men immediately complied and cooperated with staff. At the Newport Pier, staff interacted with five people to assess their needs and progress. One of the men agreed to tidy his belongings, then discussed his plans to relocate to The Courtyard shelter in Santa Ana at the end of the week. The Courtyard shelter, operated by the Midnight Mission, provides temporary shelter where people can stabilize and enter case management. The shelter uses a referral system that coordinates with City Net and police departments in the County.

March 26 Program with SPIN and Families Forward

On Thursday, March 26, at 7 p.m. the City will host a program to address families in need of housing security. Serving People in Need (SPIN), based in Costa Mesa since 1987, is committed to helping the homeless and working poor through quality programs and services centered on building self-sufficiency. Families Forward, based in Irvine, has been providing housing navigation, food bank items, and job training for Orange County families since 1984. Staff from both organizations will present information about their organization’s rapid re-housing resources, as well as renter’s rights and education.

Treasury Report Update

The December 2019 Treasury Report is available on the City’s website at: www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury.

As of December, the City’s portfolio totaled just over \$303 million, from all sources. Roughly, \$45 million of this portfolio was highly liquid, meaning it was available for cash flows associated with day-to-day operations and cash funding of major construction expenditures.

The short-term portfolio (\$240 million) had a weighted average effective maturity of 1.82 years. The trailing twelve months’ total return was 3.95%. This return compared favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index, which returned 3.55%. The income yield on the portfolio, a better measure of income derived from the portfolio, was 2.18%.

Coronavirus Response Update from Newport Beach Mayor Will O’Neill

On Thursday, Mayor Will O’Neill distributed an update to the community on the City’s coronavirus response. O’Neill’s message includes recent legal actions related to the proposed Costa Mesa quarantine facility, Newport Beach’s preparations, important web links, and steps the public can take to stay healthy.

“Newport Beach stands ready to assist our community and regional partners,” says O’Neill. “Our City has a robust emergency operations plan in place to guide a comprehensive response to many natural disasters and crises, including pandemics. Our staff trains regularly, both internally and with regional partners, to prepare for emergencies. Our top leaders from our police, fire and emergency services teams are conferring and reviewing the City’s plans and procedures to ensure the most timely and effective response possible. Our City Council and staff will continue to stay engaged on this critical issue through legal channels and ongoing discussions with Costa Mesa, Orange County public health officials and the state Office of Emergency Services.”

To read O’Neill’s full update, visit this link

<https://www.newportbeachca.gov/home/showdocument?id=66422>

