

2018: Year of the Harbor

NB City Council Planning Session
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Areas We'll Cover

Harbor Operations

What we are doing now
Where we could go next

Harbor Capital Issues

Dredging the right way

A "Port Master Plan"

How to process more permits and activities locally



Harbor Operations – Where we Are

Reminding Where We Are

Harbor Operations – Phase I

Now separate from Harbor Patrol

Has a larger focus than before – includes:

Friendly approach to customer service

More interactions with all Harbor users

Code enforcement – noise, nuisance abatement, regular supervision of activities

Environmental improvements – trash removal, containment of spills, checking of vessels, more



About Code Enforcement

Approximately 115 cases since about August of 2017:

- 100 warning notices

- 35 citations

- 1 mooring permit going to revocation in February

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So What's Next?

Harbor Operations – What's Next

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2 - Items coming to City Council:

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B - Purchase of a work boat (\$150K) for:

Bailing out vessels

Minor oil containment

Small fire suppression

Trash removal

more

C – Harbor Ops class specification and salary schedules update

D - Fee adjustments – short-term guest rentals, inspection fees for some vessels



Harbor Operations – Is there more?

Could always be a **Phase III** and **Phase IV**

Phase III - Increased law enforcement presence by City

Phase IV – Increased fire suppression ability by City

Funding is an issue for both

Dredging Alternatives (Public Works)

City currently pursuing this plan:

1 - Get Federal and other dollars to clean out as much material as possible, including material not suitable for beach disposal.

Involves Federal lobbyist and more

2 – If that is completed, get permits to have a regular, routine dredging program that:

Costs less than a 1x every 10 year program based on ocean disposal

Allows us to place materials on beaches

A Port Master Plan

Q: Is there a way to gain greater control over basic harbor capital efforts, both public and private?

A: Maybe.

- ❖ Coastal Act allows some areas to manage waterways locally, like a Water LCP
- ❖ City could attempt legislation to include Newport Harbor in the Coastal Act
- ❖ Assemblyman Matt Harper interested in carrying this for us.
- ❖ Would likely require a Coastal advocate to help as well.
- ❖ *A fairly expensive endeavor, but could save private resources eventually.*

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Comments and Questions