



The Week in Review

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November 22, 2019

Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 23
[Supervisor Michelle Steel's Public Safety Town Hall](#)
Community Room, City Hall
100 Civic Center Drive
10 a.m.

Saturday, November 23
Build a City
Friends Meeting Room, Central Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Tuesday, November 26
Cornucopia of Crafts
Crean Mariners Branch Library
1300 Irvine Avenue
4 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday, November 28 & Friday, November 29
[Thanksgiving Holiday](#)
City Hall and Most City Facilities Closed

Monday, December 2
Civil Service Board Meeting
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 3
[Open House: Civic Center & Community Room](#)
100 Civic Center Drive
4:30 p.m.

Homeless Update

Success Story - Two people have been moved into permanent housing after a year of living in their car in Newport Beach. The mother, 97 years old, and the daughter, 67 years old, signed a lease for an apartment in Tustin last week. The mother and daughter worked with the Homeless Liaison Officer, staff from Our Lady Queen of Angels church, and City Net to locate housing and facilitate their move into the apartment.

General Plan Update - Listen and Learn Workshops

In the evenings of Thursday, November 14, and Wednesday, November 20, we held our second and third *Listen & Learn* workshops related to the future General Plan update. They took place at the Back Bay Science Center and the Newport Coast Community Center, respectively. Those in attendance listened to presentations focused on an overview of the General Plan, as well as the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) determination of 4,832 units for the City of Newport Beach and what it means for the General Plan and Housing Element. At the November 20 workshop, Mayor Pro Tem O'Neill provided some information regarding the County's potential golf course project at the Coyote Canyon Landfill site (the area west of Newport Coast Drive, south of the State Route 73 Freeway) to attendees from Council District 7.

At both workshops, community members participated in digital live polling and hands-on activities. One activity involved a discussion on community values where each table had to prioritize its top five values and report out to the larger group. The second activity invited the attendees to determine where the current State-mandated 4,832 units should go in the City using Legos and a citywide map. Overall, the evenings were very productive with a lot of information shared. This is only the beginning of a community outreach and engagement program.

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

**Tuesday, December 3
Parks, Beaches & Recreation
Commission Meeting**
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
6 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 3
General Plan Update Listen &
Learn Workshop
Council District 5**
Friends Meeting Room, Central
Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
6 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 4
Newport Harbor Dredge &
CAD EIR Scoping Meeting**
Friends Meeting Room, Central
Library
1000 Avocado Avenue
6 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 4
General Plan Update Steering
Committee Meeting**
City Hall, City Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive
6 p.m.

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

Community members are invited to attend any of the remaining workshops or to participate [online](#). The upcoming schedule is as follows:

- December 3, 6-8 p.m., Central Library Friends Meeting Room (Herdman, Council District 5)
- December 11, 6-8 p.m., Bonita Creek Community Center (Muldoon, Council District 4)
- December 12, 6-8 p.m., Marina Park Community Center (Dixon, Council District 1)

For more information and to get involved, please visit www.NewportTogether.com!

Community Development Department Nominated for the Orange County Business Council - Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Award.

The Community Development Department was nominated for the *Turning Red Tape into Red Carpet Award* presented by the Orange County Business Council. The award is given to local public agencies that can demonstrate how their organizations are reducing “red tape” by streamlining processes, eliminating burdensome regulations, and overall supporting Orange County’s economic growth. This year, the Community Development Department submitted the *iPermit*; our online permitting service that enables homeowners and contractors to pull basic “over the counter” permits without the need of visiting the Civic Center. Staff attended the awards ceremony on November 20, 2019 as a nominee in the “*Incorporating Innovative Technology*” category. Although we did not receive an award, staff was honored for nomination and the opportunity to promote our services.

Newport Village Mixed-Use Project EIR Scoping Meeting

On November 20, 2019, City staff and their environmental consultant, Psomas, conducted a scoping meeting in the Civic Center Community Room to discuss an application under review for the proposed 9.3-acre Newport Village Mixed-Use Project located at 2000-2244 West Coast Highway and 2001-2241 West Coast Highway in Mariners’ Mile. Scoping meetings are required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose is to explain the proposed project and invite interested persons to comment on what should be studied in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Approximately 40 residents attended the event and several residents shared their comments related to potential environmental impacts that should be studied. Many comments related to views, project height, and transportation/traffic resulting from the project. Staff will continue to receive written comments from interested community members and agencies leading up to the conclusion of the 30-day Notice of Preparation comment

period on December 9, 2019. Written comments can be emailed, mailed, or hand delivered to Makana Nova, Associate Planner, at mnova@newportbeachca.gov, Community Development Department-Planning Division, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Treasury Report

The September and October 2019 Treasury Reports are available on the City's website at: www.newportbeachca.gov/treasury.

As of September, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$267 million, from all sources. Roughly \$34 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 (\$219 million) had a weighted average effective maturity of 1.90 years. The trailing twelve months' total return was 4.50%. This return compared favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index, which returned 4.36%. The income yield on the portfolio, a better measure of income derived from the portfolio, was 2.12%.

As of October, the City's portfolio totaled just over \$264 million, from all sources. Roughly \$35 million of this portfolio was highly liquid.

The short-term portfolio (\$220 million) had a weighted average effective maturity of 1.91 years. The trailing twelve months' total return was 4.80%. This return compared favorably to our benchmark for the same period, the ICE BAML 1-3 Year Treasury index, which returned 4.54%. The income yield on the portfolio, a better measure of income derived from the portfolio, was 2.15%.

EOC Emergency and Disaster Training

Over the last several months, training has been conducted on the City's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which is located at the Civic Center. The City EOC is a dedicated facility that is ready 24/7 for any large disaster or emergency. There are over 150 key and management City employees from all departments who have been pre-identified as EOC responders. During the training, EOC responders have been taught how to activate the EOC, learned basics for their section and position, and concluded with a mini drill simulating a disaster. The final training will be on Thursday, December 12 and will include all City Department Directors. For any questions on the City's EOC or Emergency Management program, contact Emergency Services Coordinator Katie Eing (keing@nbpd.org).

OPC Grant Award

The Ocean Protection Council has awarded \$529,000 to the Newport Bay Conservancy (NBC) for the preparation of a design to restore the freshwater lake area adjacent to Back Bay Drive in Big Canyon. The target area is approximately 10 acres and owned by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). NBC will coordinate the design effort with CDFW and City. With subsequent grant funding for construction, the restoration could potentially be implemented in 2021 or 2022.

Storm Preparations

Field Maintenance staff is once again prepared to hand out sandbags to the public on Fridays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Filled and unfilled sandbags are available for pick up at the Corporation Yard on Fridays, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m., from now until April.

In addition, sandbags will also be available to Newport Beach residents from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the day before and the day of a storm event.

Sandbags are limited to 10 per Newport Beach resident. An ID showing a Newport Beach address or utility bill is required to pick up the sandbags. Sandbags must be loaded by City staff.

Quick Thinking – Crisis Averted

On Friday November 15, a contractor was excavating a footing for a new street lamp located in the median at 1900 W Balboa Boulevard, next to a City Palm Tree. During the excavation, the soil began undermining the roots of the palm tree, causing it to subside. Despite attempts to shore up the tree, it continued to lean and threaten traffic and an adjacent building.

Thinking quickly, the Public Works Inspector and the Contractor immediately attached rigging to the tree, securing it to the contractor's truck.

All traffic in the vicinity on Balboa Boulevard was rerouted away from the location. The Police Department assisted with the traffic closure while the City Arborist and the Tree Trimming Contractor Great Scott Trees Services (GSTS) were dispatched to see if the palm tree could be saved.

GSTS removed the tree, eliminating the threat to the public. As the palm removal progressed, traffic was allowed to safely proceed through the job site and was soon restored in both directions.

Lower Newport Dredging – Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) Facility Construction Project: Notice of Preparation and Public Scoping Meeting

On Monday, November 18, 2019, the Public Works Department released a notice of preparation and initial study for the Lower Newport Harbor Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) Facility Project (PA2019-020). The proposed Project consists of constructing a CAD facility as a solution for sediment dredged from within Lower Newport Harbor not suitable for open ocean placement or nearshore disposal.

The notice of preparation includes an invitation for public input regarding what should be studied in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The 60-day public comment period runs from **November 18, 2019 through January 17, 2020**. An electronic copy of the notice of preparation and project summary are available online: www.newportbeachca.gov/cega and hard copies are available to view at City Hall and public libraries. All comments or other responses to this notice should be submitted in writing to: Chris Miller, Public Works Manager, City of Newport Beach, Public Works Department, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, California 92660, cmiller@newportbeachca.gov, 949-644-3043.

The City will also conduct a public scoping meeting where attendees can learn more about the proposed project and the EIR process. The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in the Friends Room of the Newport Beach Public Library, 1000 Avocado Avenue, Newport Beach, CA 92660**.

Rain and High Tides

Next week (November 24 -29) begins another series of High "King" Tides. Utilities Department Staff are closely monitoring the weather as the forecast is currently trending towards showery conditions Tuesday evening through Friday. King Tides peak on Tuesday morning and then slowly subside throughout the week. With rain in the forecast, coupled with the high tides, Utilities and Public Works staff will be skipping their Thursday morning turkey cooking and Black Friday shopping and will be scheduled to pump at up to several locations to mitigate potential localized flooding when the tide valves are closed.

