



Memo

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert Clark, City Manager
DATE: April 30, 2015
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Redevelopment News

The City of Ojai, along with a number of other cities have been contesting the way the State Department of Finance (DOF) has handled the interest due on loans being repaid by their successor agencies. In Ojai our loan was reduced by \$3 million. Recently the City of Glendale won a case in Superior Court on this issue. If this ruling survives the appeal process our loan will be restored to the original value set by our successor agency.

Fee Resolutions

A number of issues have come up with a few of the recently adopted fee schedules. In selected cases I have suspended implementation of the new fees pending further review with the City Council, probably in conjunction with the budget. In particular some of the deposits for minor planning items seem too high. Since these are handled on an actual cost basis, charging the old lower deposit and requesting additional funds if needed is fairer than charging a higher rate and then providing a refund. Another example is live scan fees which are needed for youth employment. These have been significantly discounted in other jurisdictions, and should be here as well.

Golden State Water/CPUC

The City filed a protest letter in March regarding planned water rate increases as a result of Golden State Water not meeting revenue projections due to declining water use (conservation). The City protested the increase based on the fact this discourages conservation and exacerbates already high water rates. Golden State responded by stating that "Golden State expects Advice Letter 1595-WA to get processed based on the provisions in the current authority, which is Decision No. 12-04-048. Golden State Water submitted workpapers with its Advice Letter 1595-WA for the Commission to conduct a thorough and prudent review of its request. The workpapers are subject to data requests, if Commission staff needs additional information/justification for the proposed surcharge." The CPUC has asked for more information on the filings, and until that is resolved, the CPUC will not grant the increases sought in the advice letter. These actions do not directly pertain to the current rate case, as these rates were established in the previous rate case.

Concerning the current rate case, a settlement conference has been scheduled and City staff will be participating in substantive discussions that could affect the Ojai area. The City is continuing to work with Ojai FLOW on the current rate case in our response to the CPUC.

Disaster Preparation

The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Operations put on a half day workshop for the employees who are involved in operating our Emergency Operations Center (EOC). We have training and practice drills a

couple of times a year. Under the terms of the Council approved Emergency Operations Plan, we follow the standard emergency management system which must be used in order to be eligible for State and Federal disaster assistance. First responders who are appropriately trained and equipped manage the incident. Our EOC performs support functions. We were also joined in the exercise by the Red Cross and HAM radio operators.

Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below. (The white paper on cultural resources has been held over to the April 28 meeting to provide more time for review of the preliminary draft.)

May 6

Continued Special Meeting-Closed Session City Attorney Appointment

May 12 (Betsy Clapp and Scott Howard absent)

Presentation

VRSD-Mark Lawler

Budget Presentation

Consent

Second Reading M-1 Zone

2015 Paving Consultant

Accept Donation: Ojai Valley Directory

Appointment to Area Housing Agency

Discussion

Transient Rental Enforcement Measures

Second Unit Compliance Guidelines

Crime Statistics

Summer Meeting Schedule

May 26

Joint Meeting with Planning Commission (6 pm)

Planning Commission Protocols

Presentation

Lifetime Achievement Award

Lavender Month Proclamation

Public Hearing

Intent to levy and collect assessments

Appeal: Weil Tennis Academy

Discussion

HPC Recommendation: Historic Preservation Fees

PRC Recommendation: Capital Improvement Plan

Leaf Blowers

City Council Goals

Closed Session

Employee Compensation

May 30 (Council attendance optional)

Neighborhood Planning Workshop

June 9

Budget Workshop 6pm

Consent

Library Tax Assessment
Plaza and Lighting Assessments
Transit Grant Application

Public Hearing

Budget
Tree Ordinance

Discussion

Signal Street No Parking Zone
Archeological/Cultural Resources
Leaf Blowers

June 23

Budget Workshop 6pm

Discussion

Budget Adoption

June 30 (If needed)

Budget

Planning Commission Upcoming Meetings
Future Agenda Items - Tentative

May 20 (Wednesday)

CANCELLED

June 3 (Wednesday)

DRP 14-02

California Solar Electric, 302 N. Montgomery Street, additional parking

Pending Projects

(NOTE: Not all projects have been deemed complete)

- Landscape Ordinance Guidelines (handout)
- DRP 13-17 & CUP 13-08, Emerald Iguana Inn, 108 Pauline Street, modification to existing CUP
- DRP 14-20, 409 Fox Street, Ojai Valley Athletic Club, Carport for PV system and microturbine project in P-L zone
- DRP 15-01, 706 Daly Road, second-story addition
- CR 15-01, 601 Pearl Street, multi-unit development

- DRP 15-03, LLA 15-01, T 15-12, Hospital, Continuing Care Center replacement
- CR 15-02, 410 W. Ojai Avenue, New commercial studio at rear of B-P zoned property
- DRP 15-04, 1105 N. Signal Street, Demo and rebuild existing house and pool