



Memo

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert Clark, City Manager
DATE: December 4, 2014
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Audit/Budget Committee

The Committee met with the independent auditor on December 2 and reviewed the annual audit for FY 2013-14. In addition the Committee unanimously recommended that the City Council approve a trust agreement to begin funding retiree medical benefits, and unanimously recommended that the City Council support a transfer of \$249,232 from the General Fund to the Lighting District fund in order to accurately reflect the status of those two funds. These matters are scheduled for consideration by the City Council at its December 9 meeting.

CPUC Meeting

The Administrative Law Judge who will preside over the general rate case setting water rates for 2016, 2017 and 2018 held public participation meetings in Ojai on Wednesday. Residents were very articulate in describing their concerns about the service and proposed rates. The case is expected to take 12-18 months before a decision is approved.

Holiday Schedule

We will be closing City Hall on Friday, December 26, even though some employees will be working, because most employees are requesting vacation days. We will be open the day after New Years. All essential functions will be covered during the holidays.

HERO Program

We met with the representatives of this program which provides financing for environmentally friendly home improvements to discuss kicking off the program in Ojai. Our main effort is going to be a seminar for local contractors. Contractors who are accepted into the program are the main source for locating participants through their networks of customers. The seminar will be scheduled in late January. Recently the City Council approved a 50% reduction in building permit fees for projects eligible for this program. The HERO representatives said that some of the other participating cities are considering following our lead. A link to this and other environmentally friendly programs has been added to our website.

New Lighting at Trolley Shelter

Solar lighting was recently installed at the trolley shelter at the Y Memorial Garden stop, which is one of the main transfer points between the trolley and Gold Coast Transit. With trolley service hours running at night and early in the morning this upgrade will provide safety and allow the drivers to see waiting riders. Staff will continue to look for ways to improve amenities for the trolley system.

Skate Park Lights

The Planning Commission unanimously approved the skate park lighting plan at this week's meeting. The next step will be engaging potential donors for the project.

Falling Trees

There were several trees that fell due to the last rainstorm: a pepper tree at El Paseo Road and Bristol Road; a large limb of an Acacia tree at Palomar and Tico Road; a large limb of a Brazilian pepper tree at Red Hill Road and White Oak Circle; and an old, large oak down on Cuyama that damaged the phone/cable lines and pole the day after the storm. The fallen oak on Cuyama caused the road to be closed for several hours. See the picture below.



Hearing Loop System

A hearing loop system has been added to our PA system in the council chambers. Hearing loop systems take sound straight from the source and deliver it right into the listener's hearing aid without extraneous noise or humming. To them, it sounds like the speaker is right in their head. It turns their hearing aids into wireless earphones that broadcast sound customized for their hearing loss. Hearing Loops are the only assistive listening system to send clear, pure sound directly to hearing aids. They are the international standard for universal hearing access. Hearing loops are also known as audio loop, induction loop, t-loop, teleloop and audio frequency induction loop.

Cemetery Clean Up

The American Legion is cleaning up the western portion of the cemetery on Saturday in preparation for the placement of wreaths on Veterans plots through Wreaths Across America.

Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below.

December 9

Announcement of Election Results

Reorganization of City Council

Presentation

Jeff Palmer (Sanitary District)

Steve Wickstrum (Casitas Water District)

HPC Award (Tim Andrews)

Consent

MOU: Ventura River Algae Monitoring

2nd Reading Trash Franchise

Retiree Medical Trust Fund

Cal Recycle Grant

- Arts Commission Award
- Acceptance of Art Donation
- Commissioner Attendance Report
- Lighting Fund (Accounting Adjustment)
- Web Design Contract
- Public Hearing
 - Water Well Moratorium-Potential Extension
 - Skate Park Security Ordinance (Confiscation)
- Discussion
 - Final Audit Report
 - Encroachment Fees

December 23 (Cancelled-Happy Holidays)

January 13

- Consent
 - 2nd Reading Skate Park Ordinance
- Discussion
 - City Attorney Recruitment Process
 - Council Assignments to Regional Boards
 - 2nd Unit Compliance Program
 - Pennant Policy
 - Traffic Mitigation Fees

January 20 (6pm)

- Telecommunications Workshop

January 27

6:00 pm: Arts Commission Joint Workshop

- Public Hearing
 - Tree Trimming Ordinance
- Discussion Items
 - Directors Exemption/Zoning Clearances/Cultural Resources/General Plan Conformity
 - Development Fees/Building Fees
- Successor Agency: Discussion
 - ROPS 15-16 A
- Housing Successor Agency
 - Affordable Housing Options

February 10

6:00 pm: HPC Joint Workshop

- Public Hearing
 - Introduction of Telecommunications Facility Ordinance
- Discussion Items
 - Political Signs Policy
 - Grading and Drainage Fees
- Successor Agency: Discussion
 - ROPS 15-16 A
- Housing Successor Agency

Affordable Housing Options

February 24

Consent

Adoption of Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance

Public Hearing

Discussion Items

City Council Goals/Budget Schedule

Administrative Fees

Planning Commission Upcoming Meetings
Future Agenda Items - ***Tentative***

Pending Projects (NOTE: Not all projects have been deemed complete)

December 11 Thursday 5:00 p.m.	December 17 Wednesday	January 7 Wednesday
Joint Meeting with Historic Preservation Commission Ojai Valley Inn & Spa Renovations		206 N. Signal Street Signal Street LLC Increase size of shed in the VMU Zone

Pending Resubmittal from the Applicant

- Emerald Iguana Inn, 108 Pauline Street, modification to existing CUP
- DRP 14-02, California Solar Electric, 302 N. Montgomery Street
- Landscape Ordinance Regulations
- 310 Fox Street, exterior work in the VMU zone
- 914 S. Ayers Court, add second story
- 821 W. Ojai Avenue, Topa Mtn. Winery, Phase 2
- 409 Fox Street, Ojai Valley Athletic Club, Carport for PV system and microturbine project in P-L zone