



Memo

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert Clark, City Manager
DATE: February 12, 2015
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Telecommunications Ordinance

The Wireless Telecommunications Facility Ordinance as recommended by the Planning Commission is set for hearing and introduction at the February 24 City Council meeting. The recommended version is posted on the Telecommunications page of the City Website.

Height Limit

In order to establish a height limit for certain zones that currently do not have height limits, we must prepare an initial study and proposed negative declaration and send it to the State clearing house for a 30 day review. We have initiated that process and have tentatively set a Planning Commission hearing on March 18. If that schedule holds, the Council could hold a hearing at the April 14 meeting and have a second reading on April 28. If approved the new height limits will then take effect on May 28. The ordinance can be written so that projects in process, for which no building permit has been issued, will be subject to the new limit.

Code Compliance Inspector

Vince Parker has been hired as the City's temporary Code Compliance Inspector. We expect Mr. Parker to begin his duties next week. Most of his time will be spent in the field doing proactive code enforcement, including evening and weekend hours. We are developing a page on our website to facilitate public access and input for this function.

Acting City Manager

I will be out of town from Saturday 2/14 through Tuesday 2/17. Deputy City Manager Steve McClary will be Acting City Manager in my absence. I can also be reached by cell phone.

Libbey Park West Barranca Restoration Project

The City has just submitted the 4th annual restoration monitoring report for the West Barranca Restoration Project to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. This project was required to offset impacts the Libbey Bowl reconstruction project had on the small creek from Libbey Bowl to the Post Office. A primary focus of the project, after the initial removal of non-natives and planting additional natives, is assuring they become fully established and weeds are kept out. This requires an ongoing weeding, mulching and native plant care program. If we meet CDFW criteria, the official monitoring and reporting program will end next year.

Community Cleanup Day

The City will be holding a Community Cleanup Day in cooperation with the County of Ventura on Saturday March 28th at Nordhoff High School, from 9am to 1pm. The event will be advertised in City resident billing

notices next month, and ads in the newspaper. Provisions for this event were included in the new franchise agreement with EJ Harrison. No hazardous wastes will be accepted, but the County Pollution Prevention Control has been coordinated to be open the same day and accepting haz wastes (appointments preferred but not necessary).

Red Cross Emergency Coordination

Last week Mayor Lara and Deputy City Manager McClary met with local representatives of the American Red Cross to discuss disaster readiness and preparedness. We discussed how both entities can work together to be well prepared to handle disasters and other emergencies in the City that would involved the use of the resources of the Red Cross. We will have further discussions with the Red Cross as we continue to fine-tune the City EOC and disaster response. On Saturday, Mr. McClary will be speaking to the local chapter to share what the City has been doing to improve its emergency readiness.

Water Rate Protest Letter

The City filed a protest letter with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) this week to object to a more than 6 percent rate increase sought by Golden State Water to pay for water system improvements. We are asking the CPUC to validate that improvements are necessary and being used, and if not, to not approve the rate increase. This action is not related to the current rate case, but tied to a capital improvement contemplated and approved in a prior rate case.

Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below.

February 24 (Betsy absent)

Consent

Administrative Fees

Public Hearing

Introduction of Telecommunications Facilities Ordinance

Landmark Designation (Twice Sold Books)

Discussion Items

2nd Unit Compliance Program

Arbolada Fences: Possible Moratorium

Commission Training

March 10

Consent

2nd Reading Telecommunications Ordinance

Cemetery Fees

Libbey Park Playground Contract

Report: HPC Wall Issue

Report: Clark Zone Change Issue

Report: Public Art (OVI/Weil)

Report: ATT Cell Tower Issue

Discussion Items

Cultural Resources Procedure

RFP Building Services

Staff Workplan

Closed Session

City Manager Annual Evaluation

March 24
Consent
Public Hearing
Discussion Items
 Political Signs Policy

Upcoming Planning Commission Items

Project	Applicant/Address Assessor Parcel No. Zoning Designation	MTG DATE
(DRP 14-19) remodel historic Bookstore, addition of meeting room & pergola; Variance (VAR 14-03) for variance to set back requirements.	Twice Sold Tales Bookstore 121 E. Ojai Avenue APN: 023-0-077-080 Zone: C-1	2/18/15