



Memo

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert Clark, City Manager
DATE: May 7, 2015
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

City Council/School Board Workshop

The Mayor and City Manager met with the School Board President and Superintendent to discuss the timing and format of the joint workshop meeting of the two bodies. We agreed to schedule the meeting on Tuesday, June 16. Each body will propose two discussion items. We also discussed having some social time immediately before the meetings to get acquainted with one another. The workshop will be held in the City Council Chambers.

Golden State Water General Rate Case

City Staff and attorneys for Ojai FLOW are participating in the settlement discussions regarding the Golden State Water general rate case before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). As the discussions are confidential, we can't report on those, other than to say the negotiations have just begun and are expected to last through next week. The settlement discussions are a typical step in the rate case process; issues not resolved in the discussions would be addressed in later proceedings.

Libbey Park Trees Stressed

City staff are working with a specialist arborist to help several stressed live and cork oaks and pines in upper Libbey Park survive the drought. Essentially the trees need more water, but additional work is being done as necessary to expose trunk crowns, trim deadwood, etc. The trees will require routine, monthly watering (1 to 2 feet deep); this can sometimes take a couple days depending on soil type and weather. The City is working with this arborist to review other stressed trees throughout the City as well.

CMAQ Grants Approved

Good news, both of our recent CMAQ applications were approved!

1. For Streets: The City was awarded a \$500,000 grant with a \$57,000 match for Ojai Avenue and Maricopa Highway pedestrian crossing improvements.
2. For Transit: The City was awarded a \$200,000 grant with a \$25,000 match for trolley shelters. New shelters are being considered at/near the Park n' Ride (refurbish, or possibly new on Ojai Ave), Bank of America, Hospital, Grand at Montgomery, and Whispering Oaks. The grant also provides for possible amenities at other stops (e.g. – trash cans, benches, lights, etc.).

The Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program is jointly administered by FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to support transportation projects and related efforts that improve air quality and relieve traffic congestion.

Recreation Department Open House

On Saturday, May 16 from 11:00am to 2:00pm, the Ojai Recreation Department welcomes the Ojai Community to the Second Annual Open House event. The day will include jump houses, lunch, free raffles and give-aways, instructor demonstrations and information, summer registration, open game room, pull-up competition and gymnastics free play in the gymnasium.

Amgen Tour

The Amgen Tour of California will come through the city next Thursday, May 14. The race is expected to enter the city on the west end at approximately 1:10 PM and leave the city on the east end at 1:20 PM. The Ojai Police Department will be managing traffic control within the city using Deputy Sheriffs, Ojai Police Explorers and Ojai Volunteers in Policing. Amgen will reimburse the city for costs associated with paid Sheriff's personnel.

Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below:

May 12 (Betsy Clapp and Scott Howard absent)

Presentation

VRSD-Mark Lawler

Budget Presentation

Consent

Second Reading M-1 Zone

2015 Paving Consultant

Plaza Maintenance Assessment

Facilitator for Transient Rental Workshop

Appointment to Area Housing Agency

Discussion

Leaf Blowers

City Council Goals

Crime Statistics

Summer Meeting Schedule

May 26

Joint Meeting with Planning Commission (5:30 pm)

Planning Commission Protocols

Presentation

Lifetime Achievement Award

Lavender Month Proclamation

Consent

Accept Donation

Public Hearing

Intent to Levy and Collect Assessments

Appeal: Weil Tennis Academy

Discussion

Transient Rental Enforcement Measures

Libbey Park Community Build

Second Unit Compliance Guidelines

Legal Services Agreement

Closed Session

Employee Compensation

May 30

Neighborhood Planning Workshop (9am to noon) (Council attendance optional)

June 9

Budget Workshop 6 pm

Consent

Library Tax Assessment

Plaza and Lighting Assessments

Transit Grant Application

Lake Casitas Trolley

Public Hearing

Budget

HPC Recommendation: Historic Preservation Fees

PRC Recommendation: Capital Improvement Plan

Community Organizations

Discussion

Signal Street No Parking Zone

Archeological/Cultural Resources

June 16

Workshop with School Board (Social time 5:30-Workshop at 6:00)

June 23

Budget Workshop 6pm

Discussion

Budget Adoption

June 30 (If needed)

Budget Review and Adoption