



Memo

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert Clark, City Manager
DATE: June 18, 2015
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

Planning Contract Staff

We are now up to budget with contract planning and clerical staff. Kathleen Mallory, Katherine Leazer and Monica Sonja-Weuters are providing contract planning services, and Cheryl Davis is continuing to provide supplemental clerical support. We expect, with this staffing level, that we will be able to keep immediate projects current and start work on longer range goals.

Street Paving Schedule

As part of the Capital Improvement Plan we are proposing \$1,050,000 of street projects in FY 2015-16, and \$907,212 in FY 2016-17. If approved, this will be a major and very noticeable step forward in our effort to catch up with decades of deferred maintenance. The aggressive schedule is possible in part because of a one-time "triple flip closeout payment" of \$330,000. The "triple flip" was a scheme used by the State to balance its budget during the Schwarzenegger era. Since this is a one-time payment, we felt that it should not be used for ongoing costs, and is more appropriately used as proposed.

Water Shortage Impacts on New Building

In April the Council supported placing a discussion of changes to the Housing Element and/or a moratorium on building due to the water shortage on a future agenda. I have tentatively scheduled that item on the first agenda in July.

Office Specialist Recruitment

The City received nearly 100 applications for the full-time position. We are currently reviewing and determining which applicants to interview. We hope to have the position filled in July.

Summer Camps

The Ojai Recreation Department began its first week of summer camp, swim lessons and specialty camps. The day camp had just over fifty participants and the first two week session of swim lessons had full enrollment. Specialty camps that were offered during the first week were: horsemanship, pottery and wilderness; two of those three camps also had full enrollment. We will be offering the following specialty camps next week: Fusion soccer, horsemanship, fencing, rock n' roll band camp and another wilderness camp. The day camp and specialty camps will be offered for the next nine weeks and aquatics and public swim at Villanova High School for the next five weeks.

Arts Commission

The regular meeting of June 18 has been cancelled and in its place a special meeting will be held the following Thursday, June 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Ojai City Hall.

Parks & Recreation Commission

The regular meeting of July 2 has been cancelled and in its place a special meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8 at 6 p.m. at Ojai City Hall.

Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below:

June 22 (6:00 pm)

Weil Tennis Academy Appeal

June 23

Budget Workshop 6pm

Discussion Item (Continued from 6/9)

Second Unit Guidelines

Public Hearing

Budget Hearing (Commissions-Community Organizations)

Lighting Assessments

Signal Street No Parking Zone

Archeological/Cultural Resources Policy

Closed Session

City Attorney Appointment

Discussion

Legal Services Agreement

Closed Session

Conference with Labor Negotiator

Initiation of Litigation

June 30 (6:00 pm)

Continued Budget Workshop

Adopt Budget

Adopt Appropriation Limit

Adopt Salary Resolution

Amend Employee Handbook

Adopt Annual Investment Policy

July 2 (6:00 pm)

Transient Rental Workshop

July 14

Consent

Ground Lease with Church

Notice of completion re-roofing projects

Public Hearings

Leaf Blower Ordinance

Discussion

Libbey Park Playground Design

League of Cities Delegate

Possible moratorium on building during water shortage