



Memo

TO: City Council
FROM: Robert Clark, City Manager
DATE: September 5, 2014
SUBJECT: Weekly Update

City RDA Loan

The City lent substantial sums of money to its redevelopment agency starting in 1979. Now that redevelopment is being eliminated, the State Department of Finance (DOF) is attempting to limit the amount of interest cities can collect for such loans. This would reduce the value of our loan from \$5.2 million to \$2.2 million. At the request of the City of Glendale we have sent letters of support for AB 1582 which will clarify that interest payments are to be paid based upon the interest rates that existed historically. If approved the loan still must be paid out in small increments over an extended period of time.

Candidate Forums

The League of Women Voters will host two candidate forums in Ojai for our school board candidates and city council candidates. The city is providing the venue, the Boyd Center, 510 Park Road, and will tape and live-stream the programs on Channel 10.

The events are scheduled for:

- School Board - Wed., Oct. 8 at 7 pm - 8:30 pm (we have 9 candidates for 3 openings)
- City Council - Thur., Oct. 9 at 7 pm - 8:30 pm (we have 5 candidates for 3 openings)

Regional Water Control Board (RWB) Inspection

In response to inspection concerns from the RWB, public works crews constructed a series of de-siltation berms and check dams to improve suspended solid (i.e.- silt, etc.) removal from stormwater runoff draining from the Public Works Corporate Yard. Staff also updated the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and began electronic submittal of annual reporting (vs. previous hardcopy submittals).

Skatepark Security

Staff is currently drafting a confiscation ordinance and looking into webcam costs as options for the City Council to consider concerning skatepark security. This matter is scheduled for the October 14 city council meeting. It appears that efforts to better inform the community about the rule prohibiting scooters and bikes are having a positive effect, and there are reports of fewer bikes and scooters in the park. This matches with staff's observations, though not using all proper safety gear remains a frequent issue among those using the park.

Ventura River Algae/Nutrient TMDL Update

Public Works staff met with other responsible agencies (OVSD, City of Ventura, County of Ventura, VC Watershed Protection District, VC Farm Bureau, Caltrans) this week to discuss the next steps in implementing the California Regional Water Quality Control Board's (RWB) TMDL (Total Maximum

Daily Load) adopted last year. The required Comprehensive Monitoring Plan was submitted June 28, 2014. We are now waiting for the RWB response. When approved, we will need to begin monitoring within 90 days. Some TMDLs in the region were approved in months, others are still not approved after years. Meanwhile we have requested proposals for monitoring and reporting services, with costs of roughly \$120,000 per year divided equally among the 6 parties, so \$20,000 per year for our City.

An implementation plan is due June 2015. We have received proposals, with the preferred and lowest cost from Geosyntec Consultants at \$52,000. Cost sharing is based on tributary land area within the river basin, which is 22.5%, so the proposed City share is \$11,700. This Plan will model the impact of various nutrient inputs to the river (i.e. – horse and livestock manure, municipal stormwater, agricultural, septic), with practical measures to reduce them. Limits set in the TMDL must be achieved within 5 years. We already meet the limits set for the heavy wet weather flows, but meeting the limits set for the concentrated summer low flows will be the challenge. The initial years of implementation will be focused on less costly best management practices to reduce inputs, with the potential for more costly measures in later years if necessary to achieve limits.

Ojai Day

The deadline for vendor application submission without receiving a late fee was on Tuesday. Applications are coming in at roughly the same rate as in 2013. This is excellent news, as the event sold out of booth spaces last year. The Ojai Day poster art will be selected by a committee next Wednesday after a brief public input period that will be held on the Ojai Day Facebook page. The newly redesigned Ojai Day website, www.ojaiday.com, was recently launched and has been well received.

Upcoming Agendas

The tentative upcoming agendas are listed below. Currently the September 23 meeting is overloaded, but I expect to push some of those items to October 14.

Sept 9 (Cancelled)

Sept 23

Presentation

- School Bond Measure (Hank Bangser)

- Ojai Day Poster

Consent

- Form 700 Review

- Paving Notice of Completion

- Records Retention

- Stuart Consulting Contract

- Planning Consultant Contract

- Pearl Street Easement

- Skate Park Repairs

Public Hearing

- Leaf Blower Ban Ordinance (Ban)

Discussion

- Neighborhood Planning Consultant

- Adopt Fee Schedule

- July 4th Chairs

- Holiday Meeting Schedule

- PEG Agreement

September 30 6 pm Workforce Housing Workshop

October 14 (Carlton and Rob absent)

Discussion

OBGMA Presentation

Skate Park Security

October 28

6 pm Arts Commission Workshop (may be delayed until 11/25)

Presentations

Consent

Ventura River Algae Plan

Landscape Maintenance Contract

Public Hearings

Discussion

Telecommunications Ordinance Workshop

November 11 (Cancelled?)

November 25

Presentations

Consent

Public Hearings

Discussion

December 9

Announcement of Election Results

Reorganization of City Council

Discussion

Final Audit Report

December 23 (Cancelled?)

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

October 1 Wednesday	October 15 Wednesday	November 5 Wednesday
Landscape Ordinance Regulations City Attorney and Ad Hoc Landscape Committee		
Skatepark Lighting 450 E. Ojai Avenue		
306 McKee Street Variance		
607 N. Signal Street New 2-story Single-family residence		

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

Pending Resubmittal from the Applicant

- Emerald Iguana Inn, 108 Pauline Street, modification to existing CUP
- DRP 13-18, Craftsman Village redesign, 611 Pearl Street
- DRP 14-02, California Solar Electric, 302 N. Montgomery Street
- CUP 14-03 & DRP 14-07, Mountain Vista Manor addition of a new building to an existing board and care facility for the elderly
- Minor DRP 14-11 demolish shed and replace with larger in a VMU zone, 206 N. Signal Street
- DRP 14-12 & CUP 14-05, 303 Bald Street, replacement 2-story residence destroyed by fire in VMU zone, with guest house on top.