

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 7, 2014
TO: City Council
FROM: John Pietig, City Manager
SUBJECT: WEEKLY UPDATES

Election and Extension of the General Municipal Election - The process of nomination for the November 4, 2014, General Municipal Election, which opened July 14, for three (3) seats on the City Council will be extended through Wednesday, August 13 at 5:00 p.m. for non-incumbent filers if an incumbent, who is eligible for reelection, fails to file a Declaration of Candidacy by 5:00 p.m., August 08, 2014. Per state law, the nomination period for filing nomination papers for the Office of City Council may be extended 5 days to Wednesday, August 13, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. Candidates that have not filed nomination papers but would still like to do so if the nomination period is extended, must make an appointment to pick up nomination forms from the City Clerk's Office by appointment only beginning Monday, August 11, 2014. Nomination papers, with the appropriate signatures and fees, must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 13, 2014. The City Clerk's office will post a notice at 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 8, 2014, outside City Hall as well as on the front page of the City's website notifying the public whether or not there will be an extension. For a listing of Qualified Candidates, please call the City Clerk's office at (949) 497-0705.

Laguna Canyon Road Corridor Improvement Assessment - On Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m., the Laguna Beach City Council will receive a presentation from staff and RBF Consulting regarding the Laguna Canyon Road Corridor Improvement Assessment. The Assessment was conducted over the past year to generate and assess concepts for improving State Highway 133 and the Laguna Canyon Road corridor between the intersections of El Toro Road and Canyon Acres Drive. The report is a preliminary exploration of concepts to improve mobility for emergency responders, drivers, transit riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians along Laguna Canyon Road. It is important to note that Caltrans owns and controls Highway 133/Laguna Canyon Road. Both Caltrans and the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) are serving as important resources during development of the Assessment report and will continue to work closely with the City and the community on improvements of the Laguna Canyon Road corridor. The purpose of the report is to start a dialogue with the community about the possibilities for improving the corridor. The report will be available for review in the City Clerk's Office and on the City's website starting on Friday, August 15, 2014.

Tuesday, August 26 - Mobility Community Workshop – A public workshop is scheduled on August 26 at the Laguna Beach Community & Susi Q Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to obtain community input on recommendations for the Enhanced Mobility and Complete Streets Transition Plan. This meeting is to finalize the ideas and recommendations that were discussed and presented at the previous June 10, 2014, public meeting. The next step, after the August 26 public meeting, is to start working on the preparation of a draft plan. A subsequent meeting (including the Planning Commission and the Parking, Traffic and Circulation Committee) will be held for draft plan public review and comments in October of 2014. The Final Plan will be reviewed by the City Council in early 2015. For further details, see the attached meeting Flyer.

Chief Of Police Announces Retirement - After serving 38 years as a police officer in Laguna Beach, Chief Paul Workman announced his retirement earlier this week. (See attached press release.)

Sergeant Louise Callus Retires - Sergeant Louise Callus retired last week after serving twenty-three years with the Police Department and seven years in Parking Enforcement and Business Licenses. Louise was most recently one of two supervisors who oversaw the Investigative Services Division.

Police Department to continue downtown patrols - In a continuing effort to deliver community policing, the Police Department will maintain additional patrols of the downtown, Main Beach and Heisler Park areas. The Department is utilizing several different patrolling methods in these areas, such as an electric vehicle, an all-terrain vehicle (ATV), as well as, bicycle and foot patrols.

Firefighters Deployed to Northern California - Four Laguna Beach Firefighters have been deployed to the fires in Northern California.

Helicopter for Utility Pole Replacements - On Wednesday, August 13, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Southern California Edison will be replacing two utility poles in the area of the Canyon Lodge in South Laguna. The poles are located in remote areas, so the removals and placements will be done by helicopter. As required by Federal Aviation Regulations, a flight plan has been submitted to and approved by the FAA.

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Laguna Beach Mobility and Complete Streets **Community Workshop**



Tuesday, August 26th

6:00 to 7:30 pm

Laguna Beach Community & Susi Q Center

380 Third Street



The City of Laguna Beach invites you to view and provide feedback on the refined concepts and strategies for improving mobility and transit in the City. At a community workshop in June, the City received input on preliminary ideas for the Enhanced Mobility and Complete Streets Transition Plan. Join your friends and neighbors at this next workshop to see how these ideas have been refined based on community feedback. We invite you to learn more about the plans and continue to share your thoughts for the future of Laguna Beach transportation options!

About the Plans

The City of Laguna Beach is working on exciting plans to create a city-wide transportation network that is pedestrian and bicycle friendly, reduces traffic congestion, and provides frequent and reliable transit service between home, workplace, school, recreation and shopping for residents and visitors.

For more information, contact Scott Drapkin,
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PRESS RELEASE

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POLICE CHIEF PAUL WORKMAN TO RETIRE

Police Chief Paul Workman has announced his retirement after 38 years as a Police Officer with Laguna Beach. Chief Workman said, "Laguna Beach has been a significant part of my adult life. I love the community and the people. I will truly miss my Police Department and City family. As a young man, I could have never imagined that I would have had the opportunities that Laguna Beach provided me."

Paul Workman started as a Reserve Police Officer in May of 1975 and was hired as a full-time Police Officer in August of 1976. The Chief worked his way up through the department from a Reserve to a Police Officer, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain until he was appointed as the Police Chief in 2009.

City Manager John Pietig stated that "Chief Workman has done an outstanding job managing the Police Department and putting together an exceptional team dedicated to serving the community. We will miss Paul's leadership and his historic knowledge of the department and the community."

The Chief will officially retire in August but may stay on in an interim capacity until his successor is appointed. The City Manager has indicated that an open recruitment will begin immediately.

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