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Good afternoon,

This email is being forwarded on behalf of City Manager Grace Leung...

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Happy Friday! Our next City Council meeting is Tuesday, April 9. The following are items that may be of interest. As always, this is not a summary of the entire agenda, which can be viewed [here](#).

Study Session begins at 4 p.m. with discussion on:

- **Junior Lifeguard Building Proposal** – With funding in the current year budget for design, staff has developed preliminary design concepts and locations for a permanent Junior Lifeguard Building. These concepts will be discussed, in association with the Newport Beach Junior Lifeguard Foundation, and input will be taken on the concepts, preferred site, and project funding. Proposed next steps will also be discussed.

The **Regular Session begins at 7:00 p.m.** and the following are items of note on the **consent calendar**:

- On March 12, City Council considered several recommendations from staff to address residential parking impacts due to construction. Council directed staff to revise and bring forward one of the recommendations on **setting time limits to complete construction**. The proposed ordinance will limit construction to a maximum of three years with extensions to be requested through a Hearing Officer and further extensions to be heard by City Council. This ordinance will hopefully help residents impacted by construction projects in their neighborhoods that drag on for years. If approved, the ordinance goes into effect June 1, 2019.
- The **Compensation Plan for the City's Key and Management Group**, which includes approximately 87 positions in the confidential, supervisory, managerial and executive classifications, is submitted for City Council adoption. The plan was provided for the public and City Council review on March 26. The salary schedule included with the plan adjusts salaries by two percent for all Key and Management positions effective January 1, 2019, 2020, and 2021. There is one change to the salary schedule since the last meeting to include the same two percent adjustments for those Key and Management positions that have contracts with

the City: City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, Police Chief and Fire Chief. For these employees with contracts, the actual salaries will not change unless there is an amendment to the employees' contract, which are separate items on this agenda.

- Staff has re-submitted a **grant application for the Federal Bureau of Reclamation Water SMART grant program to support the City's Advanced Meter infrastructure (AMI) project**. The AMI project, which will bring real time water usage data to customers through the installation of "smart" water meters, is estimated to be implemented over three years at a total cost of approximately \$9.2 million. We are pursuing the maximum \$1.5 million to help support this valuable project.
- Increased contingency authority and budget amendment is requested for the **Bayside Drive and Jamboree Road/Marine Avenue Improvement Project** due to unforeseen work including repairs related to an 18-inch water main break near the intersection of Bayside Drive and Jamboree Road and additional work requested by the Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD), which they will reimburse for. Because the project was under construction and the water main break was within and near the construction limits, staff used the opportunity to save time and cost by requesting the contractor to completed the required roadway and sidewalk repairs as added work to their existing contract. As a result, staff is requesting an increase in contingency authority from 10% to 23% and appropriating \$300,000 from the Water Fund and \$57,000 from OCSD.

Items of note for **Public Hearing and Current Business** include:

- Council is requested to authorize staff to submit an **amendment to the City's Local Coastal Program (LCP) to include the Balboa Village Parking Management Overlay District**. This district was adopted by Council in January 2015 into the City's planning and zoning code but never placed into Title 21 – Local Coastal Program Implementation Plan. When approving the City's LCP in September 2016, the Coastal Commission removed the overlay district, requesting additional details. Staff has addressed the details, which concern parking spaces, user groups, parking studies, signage and alternative transportation and is ready to submit the overlay district to the Coastal Commission. If the Coastal Commission approves the amendment, staff will return with a future agenda item for Council to consider incorporating the amendment into Title 21.
- The Arts Commission is recommending ten artworks and three alternatives and a proposed location for each for **Phase IV of the Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park**. If approved, the ten sculptures will be on display for a two years, following the removal of the Phase III sculptures in the fall of 2019. The selection process included increased opportunities for public participation including three public meetings and an online survey.
- Two items deal with the project to **underground utilities along Balboa Boulevard**. One agenda item is the award of the construction contract is for Phase 1, the Underground Utilities Assessment District Nos. 116 and 116b. Both of these districts were approved by property owners in January 2016. Construction is anticipated to begin mid-May 2019 and take ten months to complete. The second item is to **purchase Rule 20A credits from the City of Lynwood** to complete Phase 2, which includes Assessment District 111. Due to construction cost increases the additional credits are needed to make up the anticipated shortfall. Lynwood

has agreed to sell \$2.7 million in 20A credits to the City for \$1.6 million. Funds are available from the FY 2017/18 General Fund surplus.

- As noted earlier, amended employment contracts for the five employees (City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, Police Chief, Fire Chief) are before the City Council for consideration. The adjustments to compensation and benefits are in line with adjustments proposed for the Key and Management group.

As a reminder, public comment is welcome at the City Council meeting. The public can comment on any item on the agenda. If you cannot attend the meeting and/or want to communicate with the City Council directly on an item, the following e-mail address gets to all of them: [City Council](#).

The Week in Review is provided this week. In case you miss it, we do post them on the City's website; the latest edition can be found [here](#).



Thank you for reading. Feedback is appreciated so please don't hesitate to ask a question or offer a comment.

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