



On the Agenda: August 26 City Council Meeting

The next meeting of the Newport Beach City Council will be on Tuesday, August 26 at 4 p.m. The full agenda is available [here](#).

Agenda items include:

- An amendment to the City's municipal code that would prohibit climbing on railings, ledges or other structures on public property near waterways. This amendment would help deter bridge jumping by strengthening existing regulations prohibiting diving, jumping and climbing on public property adjacent to waterways.
- A \$5.2 million contract with Superb Engineering, Inc., for the third and final phase of the Big Canyon Nature Park Restoration Program. The contract includes clearing non-native trees and plants, restoring a freshwater pond, and creating an estuary and salt marsh. The item includes an agreement with Horrocks LLC to provide construction management services. City funds for construction and related construction management services would be reimbursed from State grants through an agreement with the Newport Bay Conservancy. The Big Canyon restoration is one of the City's largest restoration programs, extending from Jamboree Road to Back Bay Drive.
- The appointment of William Lobdell to the volunteer position of City historian laureate. Lobdell is a Newport Beach resident and former journalist who hosts the "Newport Beach in the Rearview Mirror" podcast dedicated to city history. As historian laureate, Lobdell would interpret past events and provide thoughtful, educational and enjoyable narratives and presentations when required.
- A public hearing and consideration of amendments to the City's zoning and coastal regulations related to accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and junior ADUs (JADUs). The updates would bring Newport Beach's municipal code and local coastal program into compliance with recent changes in State housing law. The amendments are designed to make it easier for homeowners to create ADUs and JADUs by streamlining approvals, reducing costs, and expanding options. If approved, the amendments will be submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the California Coastal Commission for final review.
- Consideration of an appeal regarding a proposed 27-unit townhome project at Ford Road near MacArthur Boulevard and Bonita Canyon Drive. The project would develop a parcel of vacant land next to the Bonita Canyon Sports Park to provide additional housing under the State-mandated housing opportunity sites. The City's Planning Commission unanimously approved the project in early July and an appeal was filed later that month. The City Council will conduct a public hearing on the project before considering the appeal.
- Consideration of the purchase of a property at 3848 Campus Dr., near John Wayne Airport, to help meet the City's future operational and transportation needs in the airport area. The \$11.5 million purchase could provide a site for future City uses, including potential relocation of the Newport Transportation Center in partnership with the Orange County Transportation Authority. The purchase would be funded through the City's year-end budget surplus. If approved, the City would conduct inspections and due diligence and solicit community input before finalizing the property's future use.

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