



NEWPORT BEACH

City Council Staff Report

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Agenda Item No. 7

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE: Resolution No. 2018-7 Relating to the City Council's 2018 Planning Session

ABSTRACT:

The City Council met in open session on Monday, January 29, 2018 to discuss some key strategies for 2018. The proposed Resolution here attempts to memorialize some tentative direction from that meeting.

RECOMMENDATION:

- a) Determine this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) and 15060(c)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because this action will not result in a physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly; and
- b) Adopt Resolution No. 2018-7, *A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Newport Beach, California, Regarding Strategies from the 2018 Planning Session.*

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

Where relevant, funding associated with various strategies are discussed below.

DISCUSSION:

On Monday evening, January 29, the Newport Beach City Council met in open session for about 3-1/2 hours to discuss various ideas and to support strategies for new or continued efforts in 2018. Following public comment about each item, the Council discussed which direction a majority might like to take. This staff report and resolution attempts to summarize the direction given. No formal action was taken on January 29 – the adoption of this resolution would be the formal direction given to the staff and to the public.

Subject #1 – A fiscal update. The Council was not asked to give specific information about the presentation as to the City's fiscal condition. The presentation covered an expected fund balance from 2016-17, the status of the City's unfunded pension liability, and summarized the revenue expectations from the City's three top revenue sources (property tax, sales tax, and transient occupancy tax or TOT).

Subject #2 – the Harbor. From staff's perspective, a majority of the Council seemed supportive of:

- Formalizing an organizational structure for Harbor Operations, including setting classifications and compensation structures.
- Moving into what staff called "Phase II," whereby Harbor Operations would continue a new focus on customer service, harbor cleaning, and active (versus passive) code enforcement, at least for the indefinite future).
- Moving forward with legislation that might allow the City to create a "Port Master Plan" that would allow the City Council to make determinations about harbor infrastructure and activities. Today, much of that authority rests with the California Coastal Commission. Should legislation be introduced, the City would likely retain a lobbyist to assist in getting it through the Legislature as well as seeking support from the California Coastal Commission. I expect this advocacy to cost about \$150,000 to 200,000, and this may require a budget amendment.

Subject #3 – Whether (and When) to Update the City General Plan. City staff presented a small range of alternatives at the session. To staff, a majority of the City Council seemed to be supportive of **Concept #1**, which was to organize a period of time (up to 1 year, but possibly less) whereby a series of community meetings would be held, at least one in each Council District, to involve the public in listening and learning more about:

- What the current General Plan says;
- What State law requires about general plans and their elements, including new provisions of state law;
- What's working well in our community;
- What's working less well and could be improved upon;
- Understanding the best way to evaluate past success or failure of General Plan and zoning concepts since the 2006 Update; and more.

Other concepts discussed included a shorter "listening" period, starting a General Plan Update right now, as well as doing nothing new on the GP this year. Funding for these approaches, including for Concept #1, is adequate and within the FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget.

Subject #4 – Public Safety Update. Police Chief Jon Lewis provided an update on crime statistics as well as trends and concerns. Public Works Deputy Director Mark Vukojevic also presented information about key Public Works projects, including two new fire stations (FS #5 in CdM and FS #2 on Via Lido, now on Newport Boulevard). Council did not provide any change in direction on these latter projects, so staff will continue the bidding on FS #5 and begin design work on FS #2.

Funding for FS #5 is in part dependent on how the bids come in. We expect that prices may have increased since the last time we bid, as the economy is driving labor costs higher.

Subject #5 – John Wayne Airport. The evening was getting late by the time the JWA update occurred, so this was deferred until the City Council Study Session of Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

The attached Resolution attempts to memorialize the action and directions given. Members of the public are invited to review any of the presentations made on Monday, January 29, 2018, or to view the video of the meeting itself, via the City's web page.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW:

Staff recommends the City Council find this action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Sections 15060(c)(2) (the activity will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment) and 15060(c)(3) (the activity is not a project as defined in Section 15378) of the CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, because it has no potential for resulting in physical change to the environment, directly or indirectly.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Council considers the item).

ATTACHMENT:

Attachment A – Resolution No. 2018-7