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*Forwarded on behalf of City Manager Grace Leung...*

Happy Friday! Our next City Council meeting is Tuesday, May 14. 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](#).

**A Special Joint Meeting of the City Council and Finance Committee begins at 4 p.m.** to review the Proposed FY 2019-20 Operating Budget. Revenues and operating expenditures by department will be discussed, including major program enhancements incorporated into the budget as well as proposed revisions that were not initially included. This is my first proposed budget to present for City Council consideration and I am pleased to present a balanced budget that maintains a high level of service to the community and addresses Council priorities. The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget will be discussed at the next City Council meeting. The proposed budget is available online and can be viewed [here](#).

**Study Session begins at 5 p.m.** and includes an update on the City Emergency Council. This item was scheduled for the last meeting but we ran out of time. Staff will provide background on the City's Emergency Council, in effect since 1939, and give an update on the City's current disaster preparedness activities. Staff will also seek Council input on proposed recommendations to enhance communications with the City Council and the community regarding the City's emergency plans and activities.

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

- On the consent calendar is **confirmation of citizen appointments for the newly formed Homeless Task Force** and an increase in the number of Council Member representatives on this task force to a total of three councilmembers. Also on consent is the **initiation of code changes** to reduce the massing of three-story residential structures by reducing the impact caused by covered patio roof decks and to change design standards to preserve residential beach cottages. This direction was provided by City Council at the last study session. Additionally, the approval of a contract with Jeff Katz Architecture is on consent to prepare concept plans, project permitting and construction documents for a new **Junior Lifeguard building**. It is estimated this work will take approximately 26 months.
- For public hearing, are **proposed revisions to the City Council policy on parks,**

**facilities and recreation program donations.** In July 2018, Council temporarily suspended this policy and directed staff to work with the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission to address concerns arising from the increasing number of donation items and the associated time and resources required to maintain this program. The PB&R Commission has approved proposed revisions, which include changes to the donation and maintenance period and the types of benches used throughout the City, and the revisions are now brought forward for Council consideration.

- Last comprehensively updated in 2008, the **2019 Water Master Plan** has been prepared for Council review and adoption. The plan identifies the necessary capital improvement projects, and their anticipated cost, over the next 30 years in order to maintain the desired performance and integrity of the City's water system. The plan estimates an additional \$2 million annually is required (\$7 million annually versus the current annual funding level of \$5 million) to support the necessary projects. The Water Master Plan is a major component in determining City water rates and this 2019 plan will be incorporated into the water rate study that is currently underway.
- Following extensive input from the community and the PB&R Commission, conceptual design for the **Grant Howald Park Rehabilitation Project** is ready for review and approval by the City Council. The project is a significant rehabilitation with upgrades to the playground layout and equipment, sports field and to the Fifth Avenue streetscape, including a recommendation to underground existing utility lines and pole removal on Fifth Avenue. The total cost of the project, including the undergrounding, is estimated at \$6.85 million with funding for design in the current CIP budget. Funding is available from park dedication funds from development projects. If approved, the construction is estimated to start summer 2020 and run approximately 12 months.

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* was provided last week. In case you missed 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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