

Insider's Guide for the Newport Beach City Council Meeting on June 23, 2020

During these unprecedented times, public participation is critical for good governance and accountability. To that end, the City has implemented an Information Technology solution to ensure your voice is heard. Using a program called Zoom, the City will livestream the meeting through its website (<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/nbtvlive>) and will broadcast the meeting on its cable television channel NBTv (Spectrum Channel 3 and Cox Channel 852). The Mayor and City Council members will be seen on screen as they participate in the meeting from the City Council Chambers or their homes. Members of the public can provide public comment by calling in to provide their comments for agenda items in real time. The telephone numbers are listed after agenda item titles on the Council agenda and will appear on viewers' screens at the appropriate times. Consistent with in-person Council meetings, callers will have three minutes to provide comments on an agenda item. If you wish to comment, you may also send your comments via email to cityclerk@newportbeachca.gov by Monday, June 22, at 5 p.m. For those unable to utilize these options, participation is available in-person from the Community Room (across from the City Council Chambers).

Our next City Council meeting is Tuesday, June 23, 2020 with a Study Session starting at 5 p.m. The entire agenda, and all reports, can be viewed [here](#).

Over the past several weeks members of the community who have come to love our Junior Lifeguard Program, have requested that the City move forward this year in a safe manner for the participants. Staff will update the City Council on program details and modifications, staffing and costs to provide this program in these unprecedented times.

The State of California has implemented a number of new rules and regulations as it pertains to solid waste collection and recycling. Public Works staff will provide the Council with an update on the new regulations and what steps the community will need to take to ensure we are compliant with State law.

The Regular Meeting begins at 6 p.m. with the following items of note:

- Annually the City provides a number of grants to the community. These grants support social and human services, community events (such as the sand castle contest, 5k runs and parades) and large signature events which provide the community with unique experiences. The City Council will consider these grants for funding in the 2020-21 fiscal year.
- The City Council will consider renewal of both the Newport Beach Restaurant Association and the Corona Del Mar Business Improvement Districts. This action will allow these organizations to levy assessments to their members to assist with economic development activities.
- Fifteen years ago, the City revised its sign ordinance and provided businesses with a 15-year grace period to change the sign out to meet the new code. There are many businesses that are still out of compliance with the code. City Council will consider whether or not to extend the grace period or remove the timeline requirement and allow the change to occur when a new business goes into a space with a non-conforming sign.