

Stop Polluting Our Newport

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A happy June Friday to you.

Here is the *Insider's Guide* for the Newport Beach City Council meeting of **Tuesday, June 9, 2015**.

The City Council meeting is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of most months. The **Study Session** starts **at 4:30 p.m.** (a little later than usual) and the **Regular Session** will start at 7:00 p.m. **The Council meets in the Council Chambers at 100 Civic Center Drive.** There is plenty of parking, and you are welcome to attend. But you can also watch on TV (Channels 3/31) or on your computer.

I don't summarize every item on the Agenda – but to read the full agenda, click here:

<http://newportbeachca.gov/modules/ShowDocument.aspx?documentid=4414>

If you are so inclined, please weigh in on these issues by contacting the entire City Council with one email address – that's CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov. They appreciate hearing from you, especially about any agenda item.

There are two main items on the **4:30 p.m. Study Session's** agenda:

- We will update the Council and the public on recent **technology updates** at the City that should help community members get additional information faster, online permits, crime and traffic alerts (via Nixle – download the app and sign up – it's a big time saver!), as well as ways to easily report in different problems via MyNB. I report in potholes, street light out, trees down, graffiti, folks who could use some sprinkler fine-tuning, and people wearing Crocs or those awful fluorescent yellow running shirts (or both at one time for gosh-sakes – you cannot un-see that), and more.
- **Wastewater rates** come next – continued from last time. We'll discuss with the City Council a recent study done noting our long-term capital needs to replace pipes and pump stations (and more), and talk about whether the rate needs to be increased and/or restructured to accommodate those needs.

Here's what's on the **evening session at 7:00 p.m.:**

- Adoption of the updated Water Conservation ordinance and declaring that **Level Three** restrictions are in place. Level Three means, among other things:
 - **Twice a week watering outside.** Find your watering days at this link, as well as a lot of good drought information here:
<http://www.newportbeachca.gov/index.aspx?page=2406>
 - We're trying to reach a **28% reduction** from our **2013 use**. For residential customers, the goal is 25% from your 2013 use.
 - You'll already see medians going brown (I noticed the ones by 28th Street and Newport Boulevard looking particularly sad).
 - For help or tips or home audits, don't hesitate to call us at **949-644-3388**.
- We'll move forward on a resident-driven **utility undergrounding district** in the Corona del Mar area (District #117). If Council agrees, this is the first time we'll do some design work, but not all, then call for the vote based on preliminary cost estimates from the partial design work – all to speed up the process by a year or so.

- The City and the County have long had an agreement whereby the County Harbor Patrol **manages moorings** for the city. The proposed new contract's pricing is a little higher than we wanted, so we're asking the Council to consider going out to a new RFP for mooring management.
- Back on drought, we're proposing a muni code change that would end the current requirement that **residential lawns be in a "healthy and growing condition."** Sorry, lawns. ☹️
- A generous local donor has some **Rex Brandt works** that the Arts Commission is recommending acceptance of – these would be displayed in the Central Library if accepted.
- A number of persons are up for appointments to **Boards and Commissions** – this is an interim step whereby folks who applied and were interviewed several are short-listed at this meeting, then voted on at the next meeting.
- The **Balboa Theater** goes through a required Public Hearing in advance of offering it for sale.

Some notes for your calendar:

- Enjoy the **Balboa Island Parade** on Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It's always a great parade with lots of people in it and watching it.
- The **California Coastal Commission** is in town Wed-Friday (June 10-12) of next week. They'll meet at the Civic Center in the Council Chambers. If you have ever wanted to see what the Commission does and how it works, you've never had a closer chance. On the docket for the meeting (and during the Thursday session) are Fire Rings (the new compromise plan has received a "recommend approval" from the Commission staff); our proposed changes to how eelgrass is managed (also a positive staff report here); the permit to replace the Park Avenue Bridge, the permit to literally level the playing field at Newport El (how often can you say that and literally mean literally?), new docks for Lido Marina Village, and more. The Coastal Commission's agenda is here - <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/mtgcurr.html>. Parking will be challenging – try to use the Civic Center parking structure first. City staff and City vehicles will be parking offsite to accommodate the meetings' needs.
- The City Council will hold a special meeting at **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 16th** primarily to deal with possible changes to **mooring rates** (and administration) as well as how to move forward on a Civic Center Audit.

Thanks for reading. Please have a good weekend, and feel free to forward this e-mail to family, friends and members of your HOA if you represent one. I always like hearing from you, too, so please don't hesitate to ask a question or offer a comment.

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