

Stop Polluting Our Newport

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A happy Thursday evening to you.

Here's what's on the agenda for the Newport Beach City Council meeting on **MONDAY, November 7, 2016**. In the spirit of Throwback Thursday (Monday), the Council will move its Tuesday meeting to Monday (one time only), in order to keep people from watching the Bills v. Seahawks game. Actually, no, but I think a good handful of us (like George Schroeder) remember when Council meetings were regularly scheduled on Monday nights (up to 1999-2000 or so). Yes, the Council at the time was annoyed at missing Monday Night Football and said that we should meet on Tuesdays, like most cities. So we did.

This meeting is moved back to Monday because this is the first time ever (that I can determine) that the US Presidential Election and a Council meeting have fallen on the same night. In addition to being distracted by returns, the Civic Center itself is a polling station. Speaking of the US Presidential Election, a local realtor sent out an e-mail this week entitled, "Thinking of moving to Canada? We can sell your home!!" And they had somewhat unflattering pictures of both major candidates on their ad. I had to chuckle – a very shrewd bipartisan pitch. ☺

Back to business. More detailed Council meeting information is at the end of the *Guide*. I don't summarize every item on the agenda, so make sure you look at the City Clerk's [agenda page](#) to read the whole [agenda](#) if you'd like.

The **night's meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.**, and seems like it will be a lot shorter than I first pontificated about. I really only see two items worth noting now:

- A public hearing on the **Implementation Plan (IP) to the Local Coastal Program (LCP)**. I won't spend more time explaining what this is, but if you missed it at the 10-25 meeting AND you live in the Coastal Zone, it's worth re-reading the *Guide* from two weeks ago. If adopted at this meeting, the LCP/IP needs a second reading at an upcoming meeting too.
- A public hearing on the **adoption of changes to the California Building Standards Code with Local Amendments**. What does this mean? It means that our regular updates to many construction codes are ready to roll before the start of 2017. If you're an architect, a builder or in the construction industry at all, hopefully you have participated in our Building Division's workshops in this regard. None of the changes are too earth-shattering, and this is a regular effort every three years to update these codes (Building, Residential, Fire, Electrical, Mechanical, and Plumbing to name a few). If you have any questions or concerns about this action, please contact our [Building Division staff](#). This too will require a second reading if passed on Monday night.

- As folks now know, the **proposed AutoNation/Porsche project** was set for this meeting, but the applicant **withdrew the project from consideration**. Those planning on attending the meeting for that purpose can stay home and watch the Bills lose.

Some random notes:

- **Standard time begins.** Remember to move your clocks back an hour between Saturday night and Sunday morning. It's a good time to replace smoke detector batteries, too.
- **Road Paving!** Two items are worth your attention.
 - o **First is Irvine Avenue.** This is a pavement and median beautification project and it's underway now. Public Works and its contractor (All American Asphalt) began work on Monday with median turf and concrete removals for the existing medians between Santiago Drive and University Drive. Currently, the inside lanes in both directions may be closed between 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 PM. Our staff will monitor traffic conditions and adjust lane closures accordingly. This is a \$1.6M project that will both improve the street pavement and also install a new water-efficient irrigation system with California-friendly landscaping. You may recall that water was turned off for the grass due to drought. Work will continue through the next few months and we will make as-needed adjustments during the Holidays. Final paving and striping should be completed by March 2017.
 - o **Second is the upcoming (not yet started, but soon) MacArthur Boulevard paving project.** This also is a big repaving effort, but the landscaping is OK there. The project includes concrete sidewalk and curb repairs, street pavement patching and then resurfacing the entirety of MacArthur from East Coast Highway to Ford Road. Concrete replacement and repair will be the first item of work and will include some closures of one lane in areas of work (remember there are three lanes in each direction). This work will happen in November and into early December. Most of the impactful work will occur after the Christmas and New Year's Holiday.

With both projects, feel free to contact Public Works at pwinfo@newportbeachca.gov or 949-644-3330 for any questions or comments.

- **NextGen and the FAA.** You may have seen in the news that the City Council, on a 7-0 vote, decided to file litigation against the FAA associated with the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the FAA's Southern California MetroPlex "NextGen" project. NextGen is an effort nationwide to standardize departure/landing procedures. Generally, it means that the flight paths will narrow (less dispersion) and be more consistent. The City's reasons for challenging the EA were these, among other things:
 - o We did not feel the detail in the EA was sufficient enough to determine where the flight paths for departures from JWA actually were. The maps provided were so 30,000'-ish (figuratively) it was impossible to see the departure paths over our

community. This is significant because it means the FAA, at some point, may argue they have analyzed the environmental impacts for departures from JWA over a significant portion of Newport Beach. The environmental document prepared by the FAA did not come anywhere close to analyzing these impacts and we think it is important to set the record straight.

o We were concerned that not enough analysis went into air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and noise (among other things).

If you have any questions about this, it's always good to look at our [Aviation page](#) or you can call or e-mail me.

- **Document Shredding.** CR&R, Inc. and the City host a free document shredding event for CR&R's Newport Beach customers on Saturday, November 5, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parking lot of Mariners Elementary School, 2100 Mariners Drive.
- **A reminder of upcoming meetings.** The conclusion of the City Council's 2014-16 term is upon us. The Council as currently configured will meet a couple of more times – this coming Monday at 6:00 p.m., then at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 22nd (this is Thanksgiving week so the agenda is fairly light), then at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 29th to hear the proposed Museum House project, then finally Tuesday, December 13th (start time TBD) for a few wrap-up items and the swearing in of Council members elected on November 8th. After that date, the new Council doesn't meet again until January 10th, 2017.

As always, thanks for reading. Please forward this *Guide* 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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City Council Meeting Information: The Newport Beach City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of most months (the exceptions are August and December). Typically, there is a **Study Session** that starts at 4:00 p.m. Study sessions are times for the Council to take a deeper look at a specific issue, or hear a presentation, that might eventually lead to a specific and more formal action. A **closed session** often follows the Study Session. Closed sessions are typically to address legal, personnel, and other matters where additional confidentiality is important. The **Regular (evening) Session** typically starts at 7:00 p.m., and often has a specific listing of 20-40 different items ready for formal votes. Items on the "Consent Calendar" are heard all at once, unless a Council member has removed (aka "pulled") an item from the Consent Calendar for specific discussion and separate vote. If an item on the agenda is recommended to be

“continued”, it means that the item won’t be heard nor voted on that evening, but will be pushed forward to another noticed meeting.

Public Comment is welcomed at both the Study Session and the Regular Session. The public can comment on any item on the agenda. If you want to comment on a Consent Calendar item that was not pulled from the Consent Calendar by a Council Member, you will want to do so at the time listed on the agenda – right before the Council votes on the entire Consent Calendar (it’s Roman Numeral XIII on the posted agenda). If an item is pulled, the Mayor will offer that members of the public can comment as that specific item is heard separately. Additionally, there is a specific section of Public Comment for items not on the agenda, but on a subject of some relationship to the city government. If you cannot attend a meeting and/or want to communicate with the City Council directly, this e-mail gets to all of them: CityCouncil@newportbeachca.gov. Please know that I get a copy of that e-mail, too, because in almost all cases it’s something that the City Manager follows-up on. It’s my head-start.

The Council meets in the Council Chambers at [100 Civic Center Drive, off of Avocado between San Miguel and East Coast Highway](#). There is plenty of parking in the parking structure behind City Hall. You are always welcome to attend in person, but you can also watch on TV (Channels 3/31) or on your computer.

This *Insider’s Guide* is not an attempt to summarize every item on the Agenda – just the ones that seem of specific interest to Dave. I encourage you to read the full agenda if you wish.