

Stop Polluting Our Newport

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A good Friday evening to you.

Here's what might be of interest to you that's on the agenda for the Newport Beach City Council meeting planned for **Tuesday, September 26, 2017**. I don't summarize every item, so make sure you look at the City Clerk's [agenda page](#) to read the whole agenda if you'd like.

The **study session** is focused mostly on **John Wayne Airport and the recent Next Gen actions**. Study Session begins at **4:00 p.m.** Following closed session items, the evening's **Regular Session** will start at **7:00 p.m.** Here's more on the Study Session:

- The big item is about the **FAA, NextGen, and John Wayne Airport**. It's been a short while since the FAA implemented new NextGen departure paths over us here in Newport Beach. A few things to know as you look at this issue with us: (1) NextGen is a nationwide effort. I was looking back to a briefing I gave nearly 2 years ago to the Council and our comments were "hey, this is coming and it's not good". Indeed, that's where we are; (2) Of the three new departure tracks that affect us most, each of them seems to have something wrong with it. The biggest problems may be with the two departure paths (called FINNZ and HHERO) that are taking about half of all departures too far to the east; (3) the City Council moved to sue the FAA in October 2016, in part because we suspected that the FAA would get it wrong the first time; and (4) people should hold out hope that this can and will be improved, and that we are working on it diligently.

I say this because in 2009, a very similar thing happened. The FAA released a new departure pattern (called the DUUKE) in September 2009. The DUUKE was our first RNAV departure, and the way it was coded brought planes well over Eastbluff with a turn over Corona del Mar. It took resident concern, City activism, and County participation to get the FAA to fix it – and they did. The best fix was the FAA's third try, and took effect in March 2011 – a full eighteen months.

But no, I will not tell you to be patient. No one needs to be patient. In fact, when 21 airports are involved and the FAA deals with them one by one, Newport Beach residents should be weighing in directly with the FAA. Because it's hard to contact the FAA's MetroPlex folks directly (snail mail appears to be the preferred way from the MetroPlex website), we recently set up a web page that allows you to comment, and then we'll send all comments to the FAA for you. So comment away! That page is [here](#).

But regardless of that, you can and should come to the 4:00 p.m. meeting to learn more and to speak your mind. One final thought: The Upper Bay is not configured to have a perfect departure pattern using only one turn. I.e. the landforms of the Upper Bay mean that one side is

going to be affected a bit more than another after that first turn. The key is to figure out the path that affects the least amount of people and that follows the historic departure paths.

At our **Regular Session**, there were only a few items that jumped out at me. These are:

- **Phase III of the Civic Center Sculpture Garden** is up for Council review (following a public review and the Arts Commission's selections). This involves nine sculptures, and would be the third two-year round of temporary sculptures for the Civic Center park. There will be additional public comment about the selections. For those who have watched this in the past, a highlight of the public comment is resident Barry Allen's 3-minute analysis of what each piece looks like to him. I'm not sure if Barry is planning on coming down to speak, but I'm bringing popcorn just in case. I might live-tweet it.
- The **Wastewater Fee increase** was approved at the last meeting, and comes back for "second reading" on the consent calendar at this Tuesday's meeting.
- Also on the consent calendar is a long resolution that memorializes past **City and community action regarding JWA**, and hopefully expresses some intent and direction to address recent resident concerns about NextGen (as noted in the Study Session synopsis above).

Some community notes:

- For our West Newport friends, the **Coastal Country Jam** is again taking place at Huntington Beach State Park this weekend (Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24). Sound from this event has impacted Newport Beach residents in the past, but I am told that the organizers have taken steps to reduce the noise impact on the surrounding communities. Residents with noise complaints or concerns may contact State Parks directly at 951-443-2969 (and ask for Huntington Beach Dispatch). Information on the event is available [here](#).
- The tragedy at Camp Pendleton several days ago affected many from the **1st Battalion/1st Marines**, the USMC unit that the City adopted over 10 years ago. If you want to know more as to how to help, that link is [here](#). Our thoughts and prayers remain with them and their families as they recover.
- On a very fun note, the long-awaited [Argyros Girl Scout Leadership Center](#) at Marina Park will open tomorrow, Saturday September 23rd. This is a major accomplishment for the **Girl Scouts of Orange County** – they worked so hard to get this facility funded and built. Congratulations!! And many thanks to the Argyros family for supporting the funding for the Center. The Center replaces the "Girl Scout Hut" that resided at Marina Park for many, many years when the area was a mobile home park and trailer park before it. Good job, GSOC!

Enjoy your weekend, and thank you 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 Time Warner / Spectrum 3 and Cox Channel 852 or stream it 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.