

Stop Polluting Our Newport

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Happy return to summer! Big waves, warm water, and stifling heat. What fun.

Here is the *Insider's Guide* for the Newport Beach City Council meeting of **Tuesday, October 13, 2015**.

The City Council meeting is held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of most months. The **Study Session** starts at 4:00 p.m. 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 always 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:

<https://newportbeach.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

(FYI, we have a new agenda management software – thus the link will look a little different)

If you are so inclined, please weigh in on any of 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.

Here's what's on the **afternoon Study Session's agenda**:

- A lot of folks are following **two major issues involving John Wayne Airport (JWA)**. The one we'll talk about on Tuesday involves a nationwide effort to improve airspace efficiency, called **NextGen**. NextGen could narrow departure paths from JWA generally along one corridor. NextGen's implementation date for JWA is November 2016 and March 2017. Not today. Not tomorrow. The other issue – a totally separate thing I'll call "MAGVAR" – is where there appears to be a westward drift in some flights today, now. The County is working with the FAA to try to correct the apparent drift. If you're interested in the NextGen issue – the one that would apply to flights in 2016 and 2017 (not MAGVAR) – please consider coming to the meeting or watching at home. This item is set for about 4:10 p.m., and I'll be giving a presentation about what limited things we know about what the FAA is planning and what our options are. Those inclined to shoot the messenger here will see me with a flak jacket.
- Two items after that are a bit more mundane, but still interesting. We'll update folks on our **preparations for El Nino**, and give advice on what you can do (a fast freestyle? – kidding. I hope). And we'll follow up on a Finance Committee item that has to do with how and when we **replace vehicles** (OK, so that won't be interesting to 99% of us).

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

- The major item of the evening is a continuance from the last meeting, as all Council members were not present at the last one. It's the proposed issuance of a **Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to Woody's Wharf (2318 Newport Boulevard)**. Those who have been following this project should review the staff report. The link to it is here: [Woody's Wharf Use Permit Amendment located at 2318 Newport Boulevard \(PA2015-158\)](#)
- We'll also talk about options **for deferring the costs of utility undergrounding**. There are ways that other communities help residents defer an assessment if that assessment is too onerous.
- **Undergrounding districts** on the **Peninsula** and **West Newport** are up for "petition certification," which is one step in the long process leading later to a vote and possibly to construction. These are assessment districts #111 (boundaries = 23rd Street, W Ocean Front, 30th Street, and Balboa) and #116b (boundaries = 45th Street/Channel Road, Channel Place Park, River Avenue/47th Street, and Neptune). FYI, if you want to learn more about how these

undergrounding districts work and are formed, click here: <http://newportbeachca.gov/government/departments/public-works/utility-underground-assessment-districts>

Some notes:

- We were so happy to see the **Lido House Hotel** approved by the Coastal Commission this week. Congrats to the RD Olson team, to the many residents and community groups who supported the project, and to our own staff for the hard effort that went into keeping the project going. You'll soon see demolition of the old city hall site – possibly the 1st Quarter of 2016 – if all goes according to plan.
- **Art in the Park** is tomorrow (Saturday, October 10th) here at the Civic Center. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **A date to save** – the grand opening of the **new Marina Park facility** on the Peninsula is Saturday, December 5, 2015.
- **Drought.** Even as the weather refuses to cool down and we may be drenched with good El Nino rain in a few months (hopefully), we still need to do better with our 28% reduction in water use (measured from the current month back to the same month in 2013). The State isn't letting anyone off the hook, and we haven't met the 28% mandate except for July. When it rained. Please continue to help out, and or please pass along your suggestions as to places where water is being wasted. Link is here: <http://newportbeachca.gov/trending/projects-issues/conserving-water>
- Gosh, **try to stay cool this weekend.** But maybe in the ocean instead of with a cold shower or a run through the sprinkler.

As always, thanks for reading and have a nice weekend. Please 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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