A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the February 27, 2018 regularly scheduled meetings are provided below.

**February 27, 2018 (Meeting Agenda)**

**Recognizing Leadership Hermosa 2018 Emerging Leader Award Recipients** – At their Beach BALL event on February 17th, Leadership Hermosa recognized Emerging Leaders in three categories for their strong leadership benefiting the community of Hermosa Beach. Those recognized included Betsy Ryan for the Adult category, Kina Desai for the Youth category and ShockBoxx for the Business/Nonprofit category. The recipients of Leadership Hermosa’s 2018 Emerging Leader Awards were recognized at the beginning of the Council Meeting. Congratulations to these awardees for their time and efforts to make Hermosa the best little beach city!

**Letter of Support to Designate Surfing as California’s Official Sport** – With a unanimous vote, City Council approved and authorized the Mayor to sign a letter in support of proposed State legislation to make surfing the official sport of California. Sponsored by State Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi and Assembly Majority Leader Ian Calderon, Assembly Bill No. 1782 would establish surfing as the official sport of California, for the many cultural and economic contributions surfing provides throughout California. For more information on Hermosa’s letter of support or to learn more about Assembly Bill No. 1782, click here.

**Update on ADA Assessment and Proposed Decomposed Granite Path on Greenbelt** – Staff presented information and analysis to Council related to the Greenbelt for consideration and further direction on whether changes to the materials used are allowable and should be made to improve accessibility. The analysis presented included:

- an opinion from the City Attorney regarding whether improvements to the greenbelt are within the allowable uses/definitions of the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code, and
- the results of a field assessment from the City’s engineering consultants regarding the current state of the greenbelt with regards to ADA accessibility and the City's responsibilities.

Based on the information presented, Council has directed staff to work in collaboration with Access Hermosa members, the Public Works Commission, and the City Attorney to provide recommendations for modifications to the Greenbelt that would be consistent with current zoning requirements or alternatively, provide a proposed plan for the Greenbelt and potential modifications, subject to a city-wide ballot initiative, to the municipal code to allow the proposed changes.

**Mid-year Budget Update for 2017-18 Fiscal Year** – Staff presented a Mid-Year Budget update for the 2017-18 Fiscal Year, primarily focusing on the General fund, which represents the funding for 80% of the City’s operations. The General Fund budget is on target with no overall changes to current revenue estimates, and with funds available to meet the City’s financial goal of allocating 16% of annual revenues to the City’s Rainy Day Fund. As the City moves forward with development of the 2018-19 Budget, the next step will be to schedule a workshop in April where revenue trends and priorities for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) can be discussed ahead of formal budget meetings. In addition, Council has approved staff’s recommendation to combine the Financial Plan Study Session with the Budget Study Session scheduled for June 6, 2018.
Vacancy of an Unexpired Term on the Parks and Recreation Commission – An unscheduled vacancy will occur on the Parks, Recreation & Community Resources Advisory Commission effective March 23, 2018. The City is inviting applications from bona fide residents interested in being appointed to the commission to fill an unexpired term ending June 20, 2019. To learn more about the commission or to complete an application, visit our Boards & Commissions website.

Other Matters – To close out the meeting, Council directed staff to bring back agenda items at a future City Council meeting on the topic of Community Choice Aggregation, pending community engagement and review of options to reach a decision point.

THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING IS TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2018

Questions or comments? Contact the City Manager Sergio Gonzalez Monday through Thursday, 7AM-6PM at (310) 318-0216 or via email at sgonzalez@hermosabch.org.

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