A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the October 23, 2018 regularly scheduled meeting are provided below.

**October 23, 2018 (Meeting Agenda)**

The meeting began with a presentation from Sam Kuhr on Breast Cancer Awareness. You can read more about her story and journey in a recent article from *The Beach Reporter*.

**LA County Fire Quarterly Update** – LA County Fire Chief Hale to provide an update regarding Los Angeles Fire Department and McCormick Ambulance services for the period of July 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018.

**Public Hearing for the Approval of 2019 Impact Level III Special Events** – With a unanimous vote, City Council concurred with the recommendation of the Parks, Recreation and Community Resources Advisory Commission’s recommendation to approve the 2019 Impact Level III special events. These events include the following:

- USAV collegiate Beach Championships: May 6 – May 12
- Hermosa Beach Triathlon: June 21 – June 23
- AAU Junior National Beach Volleyball Championships: July 8 – July 13
- JVA & BVCA National Beach Championships: July 13 – July 18
- AVP Pro Beach Volleyball: July 19 – July 31
- Designate June 28 – June 30 as the “Nothing Weekend”

**Public Hearing to Amend Hermosa Beach Municipal Code Regarding Definitions and Standards for Live Entertainment** – City Council introduced an ordinance to offer Limited Live Entertainment Permits with an application fee of $250. The permit will allow local commercial businesses to offer low impact, family-friendly entertainment such as games, acoustic music and open mic nights during “off-peak” hours without requiring the business operators to go through the existing conditional Use Permit (CUP) process used for more extensive and frequent live entertainment purposes.

**Public Hearing to Allow and Regulate Wireless Communication Facilities in the Public Right-of-Way** – This agenda was continued to the November 27, 2018 City Council meeting.

**Support for Los Angeles County Measure W to Establish the Safe, Clean Water Program** – City Council unanimously voted to support Measure W, establishing the Safe, Clean Water (SCW) Program and authorized the Mayor to sign and submit a letter of support on behalf of the City. If approved by 66.7% of voters, the proposed SCW Program will provide funding to cities to implement multi-benefit stormwater infrastructure programs and projects and assist in meeting water quality compliance regulations. If passed by the voters, the City of Hermosa Beach would receive an estimated $160,000 annually, which can be applied to projects and programs that include a water quality benefit.
Summer Beach Concert Series Subcommittee Recommendations – The Hermosa Beach Summer Concert Series Subcommittee provided an update on their efforts in working with the current event producer on establishing a new contract after the existing contract expired following the 2018 summer concerts. The Summer Beach Concert Series, which consists of concerts at the beach each Sunday in August, has been produced by Allen Sanford, local business owner and producer, and his team at Saint Rocke since 2019 by way of production agreement. Following the expiration of the production agreement, it is the city’s responsibility to be fiscally prudent with all contracts and issue an RFP, which helps to identify the highest quality and value of production services available to the City.

Fiesta Hermosa Council Subcommittee Update – The City Council, upon receiving an update from the Fiesta Hermosa Subcommittee on recommendations for improvements to future Fiesta Hermosa events, voted to direct the City Manager to engage with the Chamber of Commerce in negotiating a new Fiesta Hermosa agreement, and to return to the full council with an update on those efforts.

Discussion of Roles and Resources to Address Topics of Accessibility, Senior Living, and Arts & Culture – Following several discussions emerging from the July 19, 2018 Joint Council and Commission meeting, staff has worked with the City’s commissions and working groups to identify opportunities to integrate Accessibility, Senior Living, and Arts & Culture into the framework of City policy and decision-making. As a result of these discussions, staff provided recommendations to City Council to improve coordination among Commissions and Council to address these topics and Council unanimously to:

- Assign the primary responsibility of projects and programs relating to:
  - Accessibility to the Public Works Commission;
  - Senior Living to the Parks, Recreation and Community Resources Advisory Commission; and
  - Arts & Culture to the Parks, Recreation and Community Resources Advisory Commission
- Assign the Access Hermosa Working Group the focused task of providing input to the Public Works Department on the development of the City’s ADA Transition Plan, for review and approval by the Public Works Commission and City Council
- Direct staff to prepare and submit an application to AARP to be designed as an age-friendly community
- Direct each of the City’s commissions to review and agendize a discussion of the duties and responsibilities assigned to that commission as written in the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code, and to include the additional topics of accessibility, senior living, and arts and culture.
- Request the City Clerk, in coordination with commission staff liaisons, to review and prepare updates to the Duties and Responsibilities of each commission as they are listed in the Hermosa Beach Municipal Code based on the discussion by each commission; and
- Request the City Clerk and staff to prepare an Advisory Body Handbook, for City Council consideration, that clearly defines the roles and responsibilities of different commissions, boards, and working groups; outlines meeting procedures and the decision-making process; and assists in orienting new commissioners and the public to the role of the City’s advisory bodies.
**Policy on Procedure for Voting on Boards/Commissions Applicants** – This agenda item was continued to a future City Council meeting.

**Other Matters/Tentative Future Agenda** – To close out the meeting, Council directed staff to return with the following items at a future City Council meeting for consideration:

- Update on the City's branding/signage
- Status on Strand bikeway and walkway improvements on 35th Street
- Update on the bicycle infrastructure implementation and consideration of designating a route in honor of Julian Katz

**THERE WILL BE A TRI-CITIES STUDY SESSION ON LIVING STREETS AND AVIATION CORRIDOR CONCEPTS ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2018**

**THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2018.**

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