



Avalon City Council Weekly Update 11-08-13

City Manager's Office

- With the budget adopted, we are now looking to schedule an all hands meeting (or multiple, as may be required) with the City employees to review the budget document and discuss our path forward. We want to be transparent about our deficit, and the need to implement reform, improve efficiencies and explore potential increases in revenue streams. Following the all-hands meeting(s), we will next meet with our employee associations, and then shortly thereafter commence the negotiations for their respective memoranda of understanding (MOU).
- The budget is now posted on the City's website under the News section (easily visible, on the main page). Here is the link:

http://www.cityofavalon.com/filestorage/3180/3550/ADOPTED_FY13-14_BUDGET.pdf

Finance

- MTA Auditors visited us on Thursday of this week, and by all appearances things went well. As expected, a significant portion of the visit was specifically targeted at a thorough review of the commuter subsidy program. This remains a high visibility program where our continued prudence is merited to ensure that we're able to continue to benefit from receipt of the subsidy.
- Staff commenced work to close the FY 12-13 journal entries and prepare for the Gann Limit.
- With approval of the budget on Tuesday night, we created the corresponding new account codes and funds so that we could begin to load the budget into fund accounting.

Public Works

- We suffered a salt water line break on Pebbly Beach Road early this morning near the front of Brown's Bike Shop. An emergency outage resulted, impacted numerous businesses, residences and a City facility (the bathroom at the Cabrillo Mole). The cause of the leak was from a corporate stop for a service line which is tapped directly into the main. As of approximately 3:30 PM the repair was made. We will be convening internally to review our salt water system inventory to further identify known weaknesses and suggest options for a path forward for capital improvements. The age of the salt water infrastructure – and the corrosive nature of the salt water – continues to be of concern and merits great attention and action on our part.

Parks and Recreation

- A major clean-up of Tremont Hall was completed this week. Wood floors were also repaired, and debris in the storage and parking lot areas was removed.
- Additional work on the skate park continued, with the cement holes being filled where the basketball poles once stood. Weed abatement commenced, and will continue into next week. I continue to remain in close contact with the informal skate park community, and am encouraging their interest/efforts to formally organize themselves as a 501c(3) non-profit group.
- We are reviewing the only bid received for the Joe Machado Snack Concession Stand. Staff met with the contractor who furnished the bid (Dave Thompson) for bid clarification purposes. We will be providing the City Council with options to move forward at a near future City Council meeting.

Catalina Island Museum

- We continue to work with Mike Flynn, the contractor for the Catalina Island Museum project, to move forward in satisfying required terms for a grading permit for the lot.

Information Technology

- We met with Catalina Broad Band this week, and are in preliminary discussions regarding the internet infrastructure agreements. This is significant, as capacity is an essential building block for an improved system. We expect to successfully conclude discussions within the next few weeks, with a target date of the end of the year for significantly improved capacity.

SCE

- Council Member Morrow is scheduled for a tour of SCE's Pebbly Beach Generating Facility, and a question and answer session with Ron Hite next Tuesday at 10:30 AM. I am working on scheduling a separate tour for Council Member Olsen (Ron Hite suggested separate tours to allow the City Council to receive individual attention). Should any of you also be interested in this, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted,



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