



Avalon City Council Weekly Update 11-15-13

City Manager's Office

- I have scheduled an all-hands employee meeting (mandatory for full-time employees; part-time employees encouraged to attend) for next Tuesday, November 19. Two separate sessions will be convened - one at 8:30 AM, and one at 3:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting(s) is to present our workforce with a budget update so that everyone is clear on the City's fiscal condition. I will also unveil some proposed new policies. I am looking for assistance and ideas from our City departments, employee associations and individuals as to how we may achieve greater efficiencies and increase revenue to reduce our deficit. I anticipate scheduling MOU negotiations with each of the three employee associations within the upcoming weeks.

Planning

- A 50 gallon drum of heating oil was discovered buried underneath the Catalina Confetti store location during the demolition for the Latitude 33 project. It is considered hazardous waste, and our Building Inspector and Fire Department are ensuring proper removal and disposal.

Information Technology

- The City's internet connection has been upgraded to a 5x2 connection (5 Mbps down/2 Mbps up) from a 3x1 connection at no additional cost.
- Catalina Broadband will install a fiber line, at no cost to the City, between City Hall and their facility. This connection will provide City Hall with a private connection to the internet, through Catalina Broadband infrastructure, as well as provide the City with a speed of 10x10. The cost will be \$1,150/month once the connection is complete.
- Catalina Broadband will install fiber lines among City Hall, the Pier, Cabrillo Mole, and the Casino Pump House for complete connectivity for the camera network. The monthly lease cost for these lines will be \$1,100 plus a one-time install fee of \$1,440. The City is also committed for 12 months. Catalina Broadband will provide the City a monthly credit of \$600 for the three Wifi antennas placed on City owned property.

Parks and Recreation

- We are continuing to meet with the contractor to review the bid for the Joe Machado Snack Concession Stand.
- We met with representatives from the informal skate park community, and commenced removing the temporary fencing in preparation for the arrival of permanent fencing.

SCE

- SCE successfully completed their work that required the planned outage impacting City Hall today. City Hall remained open through backup generation.
- SCE will have a truck parked on Marilla over the weekend as part of a planned pole repair required as part of the El Encanto project.

Public Works:

- As a follow-up to today's SCE planned outage, the Public Works Department will be providing a lessons learned overview. We are looking to ultimately have a back-up generation system that provides power for all of City Hall that allows for true business continuity and seamless activation in the event of a power interruption or emergency. It is anticipated that there will be additional cost and effort to achieve this goal, and we will be providing the City Council with an update in this area.

Respectfully submitted,



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