



CITY OF AVALON

"I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them but to inform their discretion." Thomas Jefferson

December 18, 2016

TO: Mayor Marshall and City Council Members

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: **MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

HOLIDAY MESSAGE

The Mayor and Council and all City employees want to be honest, efficient, and effective servants of the people of Avalon. We are blessed to live in this great County and to live in this wonderful City. We hope and pray that this special season is filled with joy, laughter, love, and good health for all who live and work here and for our leaders at all levels who govern.

I am proud of the work of City employees to provide services to the people of Avalon on a day to day basis and for the guidance and support given to them by the Mayor and Council. We are hopeful for a new year filled with good fortune and success for all. We hope and pray for peace and for a bright future for Avalon.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL DISCUSS CITY GOALS FOR 2017

On December 15, 2016, the Avalon City Council held a three-hour session to discuss matters of importance to City government and goals that are needed to ensure a bright future for Avalon. All Council members participated in the discussion. Notes from the meeting will be prepared and summarized and developed into a work program that will be brought back for final City Council action. I want to thank the Mayor and City Council and Department leaders who participated in the conversation.

Focusing on the important is the way to achieve results that are needed for our community. The public meeting and workshop was taped, and it is available on the City website. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any City Department Leader.

CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER VEHICLE REGISTRATION CHANGES

The City Council will consider revisions to the Avalon Municipal Code at their meeting on December 20, 2016 that will allow low-speed Vehicle/Neighborhood Electric Vehicle Autoettes to be licensed in Avalon, prohibit these vehicles from parking in angled parking spaces, and regulate oversized vehicles by stating that a permitted oversized vehicle cannot be replaced by a larger one.

CITY COUNCIL TO AWARD BID FGR 2016-2017 GLOBAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The City Council is being asked to award a bid to Colich & Sons, L.P. for the 2016-2017 Global Capital Improvement Program (CIP for various infrastructure improvements including sewer, saltwater, streets, and electrical updates). The projects will be conducted over two budget years.

DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

Based on direction at the City Council's meeting of December 6th, the City Manager will be soliciting proposals from qualified companies to submit their qualifications and experience to prepare a development impact fee report and recommendation for both interim and permanent development impact fees. The RFQ will be made public before the end of the year.

RAIN IS GOOD BUT NOT ROCKS FALLING FROM CLIFFS



City crews work on Wrigley Terrace Road

We, of course, welcome the rains that have at least partially returned to Avalon and Santa Catalina Island and we certainly look forward and hope for more rain. However, given the lack of rain and dryness of the land around us, the rain and winds also means that rocks and debris from private properties, particularly from cliffs overlooking roads, can and do fall on City streets and rights of way. Residents and visitors are reminded to be careful in these conditions. City crews are actively engaged in cleanup of public rights of way.

Private landowners must remember that they too are responsible for removing rocks and debris from their property that lands on City streets and City rights-of-way. City government asks for their cooperation in doing so. If the City finds the condition dangerous, and the owner is unwilling to clean up the street or right of way, the City will be forced to do it at the expense of the private property owner. The City's preference is voluntary compliance.

GETTING SOME HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS



Conservancy staff prevents contaminant runoff

Conservancy CEO Tony Budrovich and his team did major clean up to prevent run-off from his offices now under construction. He told us that *“we are trying to be good citizen in the Avalon community. We did some added work to be sure we did not allow debris or mud from our exiting construction area.”* Thank you, Tony, and Conservancy staff for being conscientious and for your help.

This is a great example of collaboration by our Island partners to help protect our community and our environment.

CITY INSTALLED SAFETY BARRIERS PREVENT DAMAGE AND INJURY



City public works supervisor Jeffrey Hernandez pointing out protective barrier.

As Avalon and Santa Catalina Island see the return of rain, residents and visitors are being cautioned to look carefully on public and private roads for falling rock debris that results from very dry soil and cliffs being hit with rains creating rock and dirt slippage.

City public works crews had to close Pebbly Beach Road at various times this weekend to inspect them and remove debris from the road. The City and Island Company have a maintenance agreement for this road that allows City crews to undertake needed maintenance. The City has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to protect the road and keep it safe for locals and visitors.

LARWQCB EXECUTIVE OFFICER TO DISCUSS PRIVATE DESALINIZATION UNITS

Samuel Unger, Executive Officer of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, has invited the City Manager to meet with him in early January 2017 to discuss issues including the use of certified private desalination units.

WIND TO WATER AND ELECTRICITY

At the direction of the City Council, the City Manager has invited keys representatives from SCICo, the Santa Catalina Island Conversancy, and Southern California Edison to meet with representatives from AWE to discuss that company's patented process to make water and electricity from wind power. The City Council heard a report from an AWE company representative at their meeting of December 6, 2016.

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