November 20, 2020

**Property Services News**

**City of Long Beach Winter Shelter**

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, the City Council approved a lease with Volunteers of America Los Angeles to open and operate a temporary shelter from Oct. 1, 2020, through April 1, 2020, at 5571 Orange Ave., a City-owned property. This shelter will be opened for the next six months as part of a citywide push to get people off the streets and protect them from the coronavirus.

Approximately 63 people can be housed at the winter shelter, a reduction required to meet social distancing standards to help stem the spread of the coronavirus. The shelter will be a closed site, meaning people will be bused to the shelter and no walk-ups will be allowed. Due to the coronavirus, though, there will be a 24-hour stay-in-place option allowed instead of requiring guests to leave in the morning.

For more information, please click [HERE](#).

**Development Services News**

**Uplan**

On Tuesday, November 17, 2020, city staff recommend that the City Council approve EIR addendum EIRA 02 20; adopt Long Beach Municipal Code Amendment to establish Title 22 which is the Updated Zoning Code, new zoning districts and regulations to implement the 2019 Long Beach General Plan Land Use Element Update adopted in 2019; and adopt City initiated rezoning of select properties on major corridors in North Long Beach. This project is called UPLAN and is moving into Phase 1.
UPLAN is a collaborative effort between the City and the North Long Beach community to establish new land use, housing and transportation strategies to improve quality of life and access to jobs, services, and community resources in North Long Beach. It involves rezoning properties within the North Long Beach area to one of the proposed new zones. The UPLAN process informed the development of the proposed new zoning districts and have been created with input from North Long Beach stakeholders. The proposed regulations will achieve development that reflects residents’ vision for the community and makes the area more walkable, vibrant, and livable.

The proposed zoning districts, including their development, urban design, and parking standards, are intended to accomplish the UPLAN Vision Statement:

We envision Uptown as an identifiable and inviting neighborhood, full of pride, with a range of community-serving destinations and hubs - a community that supports its residents and businesses, and creatively celebrates its existing and growing diversity. As a livable, full service neighborhood, people who live in Uptown can visit local businesses, rather than traveling outside to go to the bank, shop, and meet friends.

Uptown will not be a place to pass through - it will be a place to live, work, play, and visit, with high-quality stores, public art, accessible housing, and appealing streets that are pleasant to walk along. North Long Beach will be a clean and green oasis, well-positioned and easily accessible to nearby transit, bikeways, and highways, as a gateway to the region.

For more information, please click [HERE](#).
Artesia Great Boulevard Project

City Council also adopted the Plans and Specifications for the Artesia Great Boulevard Project and awarded a contract to GHD, Inc., of Long Beach, CA, for engineering design services for the Artesia Great Boulevard Project during the council meeting on Tuesday, 11-17-2020.

This project is in District 9 and will implement a series of complete street improvements along the three-mile length of Artesia Boulevard, from Harbor Drive to Downey Avenue. The project will include significant signal improvement components, including installing fiber optic cable and other ITS-related systems. Several essential convenience and beautification-related components such as transit facilities, street furniture, street lighting, and landscape/irrigation upgrades are also included in the Project. This project is sponsored by the Department of Public Works.

For more information, please click HERE.

City of Long Beach Named Top 10 Digital City

For the tenth consecutive year, the City of Long Beach has been named a Top 10 Digital City by the Center for Digital Government (CDG), surpassing numerous other cities in a national survey that spotlights municipalities who align their technology with city goals. The CDG survey honors cities in five population classifications this year, with the City of Long Beach falling under the 250,000 to 499,999 population classification. Within this category, Long Beach placed second, its highest ranking over the past 10 years. Long Beach was recognized for its efforts to use data and advanced analytics to address the COVID-19 pandemic, increase resident engagement through technology and address digital equity initiatives to improve access to technology. This recognition was based on different factors including,

- Using data to inform the COVID-19 response and recovery and developing data summary and analysis documents for its Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- Engaging residents and businesses through the development of a digital engagement toolkit and conducting online engagement, including data sharing opportunities related to homelessness and the City’s Framework for Reconciliation.

For more information on the CDG and the list of awarded cities, please click HERE.

Industrial Links

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