

SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 CITY MANAGER COVID-19 UPDATE

Please note that statement delivered during Council Meeting may vary due to frequent changes in COVID-19 information and restrictions.

Good evening. We are all very happy to see a reduction in the number of new COVID-19 diagnoses and hospitalizations. But now is not the time to let up – especially if we want our children to return to the classrooms and our economy to reopen.

To protect our health, the health of our loved ones and our community, please continue to wear a face mask that covers the nose and mouth when leaving home, wash hands frequently, stay home when ill and avoid gatherings.

Here at the City, we continue to move forward with several initiatives to address the pandemic and help our businesses and residents. As you may recall, we are working on reconfiguring the lanes to accommodate outdoor dining and retail on Hermosa Avenue and Pier Avenue.

Our staff expects to receive the final revised plans for the Hermosa Avenue lane reconfiguration from our consultant later this week. The consultant's plans will reflect removal of the proposed back-in angled parking on Hermosa Avenue in favor of maintaining the existing parallel parking. This is being done because the final angled parking design did not result in an increase in the number of parking spots. Maintaining the parallel parking will also help reduce costs for the project. These revised plans will be closely reviewed with Public Works' staff and bid documents will be finalized in advance of a two-week public advertisement for the project.

On the Pier Avenue project, we expect to review the first version of the plans this week. The Police Department, Fire Department and Public Works are reviewing the plans as well to ensure the Pier Avenue design addresses all safety and emergency vehicle access concerns.

We also have been updating our operations to make it easier to do business with the City during the pandemic. The Hermosa Beach Police Department launched a [new online reporting tool](#) to submit police reports for certain non-emergency incidents. Filing an online report is not appropriate for all incidents. But it can be used to report vandalism, property theft under \$950 in value, identity theft, lost property, custody order violations or harassing phone calls that occur within the City of Hermosa Beach.

If the category of incident you are trying to report is not listed in the selection list, please call the Hermosa Beach Police Department station at 310-318-0360 for further directions.

As always, if you have an emergency, dial 9-1-1. For the non-emergency dispatcher to have an officer respond, please remember that the number to call is 310-524-2750.

We are also encouraging pet owners to purchase or renew their 2021 dog licenses [online](#). The City requires dog licenses for dogs that are four months and older. Dog licenses also provide proof of ownership and help to quickly reunite dogs with their owners. If you don't wish to renew or purchase online, you can still submit the required documentation by mailing it to City Hall. For more information, please call the Finance Cashier at 310-318-0251 or 310-318-0217.

This year, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health is reminding all of us that flu shots are more important than ever before. Flu immunizations can help keep us out of the hospital, and that will conserve hospital resources that may be taxed with both influenza and COVID-19 circulating at the same time.

You can get the flu immunization from your regular health care provider or local pharmacy. Flu immunizations are also provided at no-cost or low-cost at various locations throughout the County. Please visit the [LA County Department of Public Health](#) website for more information on where you can get immunized for the flu.

We thank our public health officials, our staff and our community for working together to help keep all of us healthy, get our children back in school and our economy fully reopened.