



# WEEKLY WATCHLIST



WEEK OF JANUARY 12 & BEYOND

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## Cell Coverage, Sculptures & Airport Planning

Jan. 13 | 4:00 p.m. | City Council

- Study Session: improving citywide cell service
- Council vote on ***Airport Area Specific Plan launch\****
- Sculpture selections for Civic Center exhibit
- Second reading: City Hall reorganization
- Consent calendar includes emergency termination (Marcus oil well), contracts, and committee appointments

*\*Long-term: sets groundwork for how the Airport Area grows + how the City communicates*

## Oysters, Master Planning & Harbor Health

Jan. 14 | 5:00 p.m. | Harbor Commission

- Presentation on restoring oysters in Newport Harbor
- Review of updated Harbors & Beaches Master Plan
- Potential ecological impacts + long-term harbor stewardship

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## General Plan Update — Public Community Briefing

Jan. 14 | 6:00 p.m. | Speak Up Newport | Civic Center

- State of the General Plan update
- Speakers: Former Mayor Nancy Gardner + Planning Manager Ben Zdeba
- Key policies approaching final drafting phase

## Administrative Land Use Decisions

Jan. 15 | 10:00 a.m. | Zoning Administrator | Zoom

- SFR + ADU replacing duplex near Fun Zone
- Lot line + parking adjustment near Hyatt Regency
- Routine infill shaping neighborhood patterns

## Audits, Budgets & Long-Range Forecasts

Jan. 15 | 3:00 p.m. | Finance Committee

- FY audit review + Q4 budget amendments
- Updates to long-range General Fund + Tidelands forecasts
- OPEB + internal audit updates

Note: Committee may be paused pending Council discussion

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## LOOKING AHEAD

### General Plan Drafts Expected

~Jan. 16 | Consultant Release (Estimated)

- Near-final General Plan drafts (2026–2050) expected
- Begins final review phase before public hearings + adoption

### Surf Park Referendum — Signature Verification

Jan. 19 | Deadline (Expected)

- Clerk completes signature count
- Triggers Council decision: rescind approval or send to voters

### Library Trustees — Digital Services Review

Jan. 20 | 5:00 p.m. | Library

- Annual eBranch update (ebooks, databases, digital offerings)

### General Plan Committees — Final Meeting?

Jan. 21 | 4:00 p.m. | Civic Center| Joint Steering + Advisory Committees

- Review of full draft + Implementation Program
- Widely expected final meeting

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## **Newport Beach: What to Watch this week**

### **Newport Beach General Plan 2050: "Tomorrow Starts Here"**

Join Speak Up Newport for an Exclusive Update

#### **Speak Up Newport hosts a special session featuring:**

- Nancy Gardner, Former Mayor of Newport Beach
- Ben Zdeba, Planning Manager

Get insider insights on the near-final draft of the General Plan 2050, the blueprint for our city's future.

#### **Why Attend?**

- Discover how Newport Beach plans to embrace innovation and sustainability.
- Learn what's next for housing, transportation, and tourism.
- Be part of shaping the vision before it's finalized.

Just days after Steering and Advisory Committees will review the near-final draft—potentially their last session before the plan moves forward.

#### **Useful Links:**

City Calendar — <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/data-hub/city-calendar>

Speak Up Newport — <https://speakupnewport.com>

General Plan Hub — <https://www.newportbeachca.gov/government/departments/community-development/general-plan>