



## ABOUT TOWN - APRIL 28, 2022 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### TOWN COUNCIL AND PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT MEETING - MAY 4

Join the Town Council and Planning Commission Study Session via Zoom on Wednesday, May 4 at 6:00 pm to learn more about potential zoning changes the Town could adopt to incentivize housing development. Topics to be covered include: reduced parking standards for smaller units; inclusionary housing (requirement that 10 to 15 percent of new housing units be affordable); use of floor area ratio in lieu of or in addition to a maximum number of dwelling units per acre to determine development density; transfer of development rights; density bonuses; and height standards. It should be an interesting discussion.



### RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON APRIL 27, 2022

#### **TOWN RECEIVES DONATION CHECK FROM MORAGA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

The Moraga Community Foundation has made the third installment of their \$450,000 commitment to the Moraga Commons Park Enhancement Program. The \$21,000 payment supports the Commons Park Irrigation Replacement project which commenced this week and is scheduled to reach substantial completion by Memorial Day.

#### **FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET**

Town Council received a [report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#) on the draft Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). A five-year CIP enables the Town to have a more strategic approach to meet its infrastructure and other needs. The proposed budget allocation includes recommendations prioritizing projects that focus on safety improvements, infrastructure repair and failure avoidance for 1) New Fiscal Year (FY) 2022/23 CIP projects; 2) Ongoing CIP projects with additional funding requests; and 3) Carryover CIP projects with prior approved budget allocations.

#### **HETFIELD ESTATES PROJECT FINAL MAP ACCEPTANCE**

Town Council accepted the Final Map, Subdivision Agreement and Town granted Development Rights for the Hetfield Estates Subdivision, a seven-lot single-family residential project on a 58.2-acre property. The project had previously received Final Map extensions as allowed by provisions of the State Subdivision Map Act which allows the life of an approved tentative map to be extended for a total duration of six years. Approval of a Final Map is a ministerial action by the Town Council, as all Tentative Map conditions that are required for approval of the Final Map have been satisfied by the developer. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).

#### **WEST COMMONS PARK ACCEPTANCE**

Town Council accepted the West Commons Parks improvements as complete and its Irrevocable Offer of Dedication, Park/Open Space, a 2.53-acre property. As part of the larger Harvest Court residential development project, the Developer agreed to provide an irrevocable offer to dedicate the park/open space area to the Town and to construct the Corliss pedestrian bridge and the Moraga Road mid-block crosswalk. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).

#### **DISCUSSION OF FUTURE USE OF MEASURE K FUNDS**

The Council discussed whether additional direction should be provided to staff or if a resolution should be adopted regarding the use of Measure K funds. The Town Council concluded that there was sufficient documentation and direction regarding Measure K and that the Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee provides adequate oversight. No change was recommended. View the [staff report](#).

#### **LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ENGINEERING AGREEMENT AND ASSISTANCE**

The Town Council awarded a consultant services agreement for Lighting Assessment District Engineering Services to prepare the Annual Engineer's Report for the Town of Moraga Street Lighting Assessment District 1979-1. The California Streets and Highways Code, Section 22620-22631 requires that the Town complete a financial report each fiscal year in order to levy and collect assessments for the Town's publicly owned street lighting and traffic signal costs. The results of the Report will be reviewed for Town Council approval at a future public hearing in order to be listed as a County property tax levy.

#### ***PROCLAMATION FOR 2022 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR – KAREN REED***

The Town Council honored Karen Reed as Moraga's Citizen of the Year for 2022. Karen has served the Town as a key member of the Moraga Park Foundation and worked to bring the Summer Concert series to the Commons Park as well as pear pies to the Pear Festival. Karen also served as a member and chair of the Moraga Park and Recreation Commission and is a long time member of the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley. As a Kiwanian, Karen was one of the leaders of the annual See's Candy Sale and the annual Crab Feed (now Lobster Fest), both of which raise money to help the community. Karen is also a member of the Friends of the Library and helped organize the annual Moraga Pear Harvest. Join the community on Friday, May 6, for the Annual Citizen of the Year celebration dinner to honor Karen at the St. Mary's College Soda Center from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased on the Kiwanis Club of Moraga Valley [web site](#).

#### ***PROCLAMATION FOR ARBOR DAY***

Town Council proclaimed April 27, 2022 as Arbor Day in Moraga. In 2021 the Town reinstated its Tree City USA status which requires, among other commitments, an annual Arbor Day proclamation. The Town hosted tree planting ceremonies in the Commons Park on September 25, 2021 during the annual Pear and Wine Festival, and a subsequent Tree Planting event in collaboration with Campolindo High School on April 23, 2022 in recognition of Earth Day.



## **TOWN EMPLOYMENT RECRUITMENTS**

Looking for a challenging and dynamic work environment in a beautiful setting? The Town of Moraga offers a unique career opportunity and is seeking applicants for the following recruitments:

#### ***ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN / CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR RECRUITMENT***

The Town is seeking an Engineering Technician/Inspector to provide technical assistance and support to the Engineering Department. This is an entry level position that requires two years of work experience (CAD drafting, asphalt paving construction, encroachment permitting, plan checks, or construction bidding) and a college degree (work experience can be substituted for education). For more information, visit the Town of Moraga's [website](#) or [apply online](#).

#### ***ENGINEERING INTERN***

The Engineering Department is seeking interns to provide support for several programs including management of encroachment permits, transportation and safety requests, record and asset management, storm drain operations and maintenance, pavement management, land development and geographic information system (GIS) databases. This is an ideal position for a current college student with academic course work related to civil or environmental engineering, public administration, GIS or related fields. Requires a valid California Class C license. For more information, visit the Town of Moraga's [website](#) or [apply online](#).



## **UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS**

Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 pm – [Planning Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 4, 6:00 pm – [Joint Town Council and Planning Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 11, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

The Town Council Chambers are located at [335 Rheem Boulevard, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

The Hacienda de las Flores is located at [2100 Donald Drive, Moraga, CA 94556](#).

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