



ABOUT TOWN - FEBRUARY 24, 2023

UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



VOLUNTEERS FOR TOWN COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS SOUGHT

There are still opportunities to volunteer for the vacancies on the following Committee and Commission. **Please consider applying today!**

- [Park and Recreation Commission](#)
- [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#)

If interested, please click on the Committee or Commission name for more information and to complete an application packet to submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email [Town Clerk](#).



CORLISS DRIVE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT

The Corliss Drive Safe Routes to School Project is intended to improve pedestrian access along Corliss Drive between Warfield Drive and Arroyo Drive. Please visit the [project website](#) to learn more and provide your feedback. Direct questions or comments to Senior Engineer Bret Swain at 925-888-7025 or [email](#).



TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON FEBRUARY 15 AND 22, 2023

TOWN COUNCIL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR 2023

On February 15, Mayor Sos presented the Town's accomplishments for 2022 and the proposed goals and priorities for 2023. The Council discussed the proposed goals for 2023 and made some revisions. Staff brought the revised goals to the February 22, 2022 meeting which Council adopted. View the [Town Council and Community 2023 Goals and Priorities: "Collaboration and Community."](#)

RHEEM PARK AREA OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS STUDY SESSION

On February 15, the Town Council provided input and feedback on Rheem Park Objective Standards. The standards when adopted by Town Council will provide certainty of review and retain local control in an objective manner. The intent is to have consistency in the overall design and appearance of the entire area as projects redevelop or propose improvements. Future developers will be required to follow the General Plan and zoning district standards for a streamlined review. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).

APPLICATION FOR PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA (PDA) PLANNING GRANT

On February 15 the Town Council approved a resolution to authorize staff to submit for grant funding for work programs identified in the adopted sixth cycle Housing Element. The grant would fund staff and consultant to perform public outreach and commence on amendments to the existing Moraga Center development standards as identified in the Housing Element. View the [staff report](#).

PROCLAMATION HONORING RANDY BENNETT

The Town Council honored Randy Bennett with a proclamation for his achievements during his 22-year tenure at Saint Mary's College as head coach of the Men's Basketball team. The team's victory on February 2, 2023 was his 500th win. He has helped put Saint Mary's College and the Town of Moraga in the spotlight. Cheers to Coach Bennett!

FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 MID-YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENTS

On February 22, the Town Council reviewed and accepted the Fiscal Year 2023 Mid-Year Revenue and Expenditure Report and approved the Mid-Year Budget Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2022/23

Budget as proposed. One exception was for the transfer request from the General Fund to the Asset Replacement Fund where the Council doubled the proposed transfer from \$325,000 to \$650,000. The Council also approved \$75,000 for the Evacuation Study to be paid from the General Fund instead of the Palos Colorados Fund. View the [staff report](#), [PowerPoint presentation](#) and [finalized chart](#).

TOWN RECOGNIZED FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 BUDGET



The Town received the Government Finance Officers Association's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget. Administrative Services Director Annie To expressed her gratitude to the Town Council, Town Manager, the Audit and Finance Committee members, and the Department Directors for their leadership and assistance with the Fiscal Year 2022/23 Budget document. Congratulations to the Finance Team!

INCLUSIONARY HOUSING IN-LIEU FEE STUDY SESSION

On February 22 the Town Council provided feedback on a fractional in-lieu fee for affordable housing projects based on the adopted Affordable Housing Ordinance. The Ordinance requires developers to provide a percentage of new residential units at a price that is considered affordable to very low-, low or moderate-income households. The primary purpose is to address situations where the inclusionary requirement does not result in a whole number of affordable units that are required. Inclusionary Housing is a tool to help the Town meet its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) goal of 1,118 new units. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).

MCSP AREA AND RHEEM PARK AREA REZONING ORDINANCES

As part of the Comprehensive Advanced Planning Initiative, on February 22 the Town Council waived the second readings and adopted two Ordinances to align with the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for more dense housing: 1) Ordinance Amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code as it Relates to Zoning in the Moraga Center Specific Plan Area; and 2) Ordinance Amending Title 8 of the Municipal Code as it Relates to Zoning in the Rheem Park Area. View the [staff report](#).

PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN / CONSTRUCTION INSPECTOR

On February 22, the Town Council authorized budgeting for an additional 2-year limited term Engineering Technician/Construction Inspector position to help support public works continued services to the community, particularly on publicly-owned storm drainage facilities and streets facilities projects, and right of way management and safety. The additional position will help support a variety of public works initiatives by aiding in data gathering and validation, surveying, Town's inspections, and small public works project construction management and design. View the [staff report](#).

LOCAL EMERGENCY TO COINCIDE WITH GOVERNOR'S TERMINATION OF THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY

In March 2020, the Federal government, State of California, and Contra Costa County declared a state of emergency as a result of COVID-19, with the Town of Moraga following suit and proclaiming a Local Emergency. In October 2021, the Town Council approved the use of teleconferencing for the meetings of Town Council and all Committees and Commissions pursuant to the provisions of Assembly Bill 361. The Governor's office announced that the COVID-19 State of Emergency will end on February 28, 2023, and the end of the State of Emergency will signal the end of the COVID-era teleconferencing rules pursuant to AB 361. On February 22, 2023, the Town Council voted to terminate the proclamation of Local Emergency to coincide with the Governor of California's termination of the COVID-19 State Emergency.

AB 1600 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES ANNUAL REPORT AND FISCAL YEAR 2022 SINGLE AUDIT REPORT

On February 22 the Town Council reviewed and accepted the Single Audit Report (view the [staff report](#)) and the AB 1600 Development Impact Fees Annual Report (view the [staff report](#)) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

ON-CALL CEQA AND PLANNING CONSULTANTS

On February 22 the Town Council approved on-call CEQA and planning consulting services in order to ensure that the Planning Department can more swiftly respond to increases in workloads, staffing shortages, and have quick access to additional planning expertise, as needed, to process some development applications that staff anticipates. View the [staff report](#).

MTC GRANT FOR SCHOOL STREET

On February 22 the Town Council authorized staff to submit a grant to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) for a portion of School Street Extension Design. School Street is a significant thoroughfare in the Moraga Center Area. School Street is envisioned as the spine to connect at a regional level. By expanding the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail in addition to School Street, residentially zoned properties will gain access to active, public, and mobile transportation that would otherwise not exist. In order to provide all forms of multi-modal transportation to affordable housing units, School Street, the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail, and Bridge Street, would need to be developed. View the [staff report](#).



CCTA CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEEKING APPLICANTS

The [Contra Costa Transportation Authority](#) (CCTA) maintains a standing Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to provide citizen perspective, participation, and involvement in the CCTA's \$3 billion voter-approved Transportation Expenditure Plan and Growth Management Program. The CAC is comprised of 23 members: 20 are appointed by each of the 20 the cities, towns, and the County; three "at-large" members are nominated by community-based stakeholder organizations within Contra Costa, and subsequently appointed to the CAC by CCTA. There is currently a vacancy for the Moraga representative to serve a four-year term in a volunteer capacity. Meetings are on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Residents interested in applying to serve on the Citizens Advisory Committee are required to complete the [CCTA application form](#) and submit to the Town Clerk's Office, 329 Rheem Boulevard, or email to [Town Clerk](#). Please consider applying today!



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Tuesday, February 28, 6:00 pm - [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 pm – [Planning Commission](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 8, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), Council Chambers

Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 pm – Lamorinda Joint, [Saint Mary's College](#) – Lafayette Room

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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