



# ABOUT TOWN - JANUARY 14, 2022

## UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### CANYON ROAD BRIDGE OPENING - THURSDAY, JANUARY 20

The Town will be holding an opening ceremony for the Canyon Road Bridge on Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 10:00 am. Residents and the public are cordially invited to attend and be part of this historic event. **The bridge will be closed to all traffic from 9:00 am to 12 noon on January 20 to ensure public safety and will open to two-way traffic later in the day.** The opening ceremony will take place on the new bridge, south of Canyon Road and Constance Place. Parking is available along Camino Pablo and in the St. Monica's Catholic Church parking lot. Attendees are asked to wear masks and observe social distancing in alignment with the Contra Costa County Health Services regulations. If any persons with disabilities require assistance, please contact Sharon Chan at 925-888-7028 at least 24 hours prior to the ceremony. For additional information, please visit the [project website](#).



### VOLUNTEER FOR 2022 TOWN COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Moraga depends on volunteers to serve on all its Committees and Commissions. Terms begin in March, and most are for two years. Please consider applying today! In 2022, there will be openings on the [Audit and Finance Committee](#) (1 opening), [Art in Public Spaces Committee](#) (1 opening), [Local Sales Tax Oversight Committee](#) (3 openings), [Park and Recreation Commission](#) (3 openings) and [Planning Commission](#) (3 openings). 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 to [Town Clerk](#) by **5:00 pm on Thursday, January 27, 2022.**



### RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JANUARY 5 AND 12, 2022

#### **MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Sos called a Special Meeting on January 5 to discuss the Mayor and Vice Mayor selections that were made on December 8, 2021. The Council discussed a scenario whereby Renata Sos would serve as Mayor and Steve Woehleke would serve as Vice Mayor until a date no later than the May 25 Council meeting at which time Steve would become Mayor and Renata would become Vice Mayor. The proposed scenario was agreed upon and Council confirmed the decision unanimously with an item on the Consent Agenda on January 12.

#### **TOWN'S STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS ANALYSIS**



The Town's executive team shared the results of a [Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats Analysis](#) they performed based on their combined 182 years of municipal experience working for more than 20 public agencies, including more than 75,000 hours working for the Town of Moraga. The major Town strengths included great schools and amazing parks and open space. The weaknesses included the low percentage of property tax revenue received by the Town and minimal staffing levels. View the [PowerPoint](#). Staff identified two opportunities for the Council to consider as part of their 2022 goal setting scheduled to occur at the January 26 Council meeting. The two opportunities included: development of a Palos Colorados and Town-wide

Recreation and Open Space Plan and increased public outreach and community engagement. Some of the threats identified include failure of aging infrastructure, increased cost and scope of fire abatement work and unfunded legislative mandates that have significant impact on the cost and method of service delivery.

### **MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE (MWELo)**

Town Council waived the first reading and introduced by title only an Ordinance amending Title 8 of the Moraga Municipal Code for the [Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance \(MWELo\)](#). MWELo is a State regulation designed to prevent water from being wasted on irrigated landscapes. The law is intended to preserve and conserve resources. MWELo is one element of SB 1383, a bill that includes multiple requirements for recycling, procurement and composting. View the [PowerPoint](#).

### **AB 1600 DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES REPORT**

Town Council reviewed and accepted the [AB 1600 Development Impact Fees Report](#) for the period ending June 30, 2021 as required by State law. The report provides information on the Town's impact fees for public safety, local traffic, storm drains, general government, and park development, including the funds available, past expenditures and planned future expenditures.

### **TOWN COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Town Council discussed the 2022 nominations of Councilmembers to serve on various Standing and Ad Hoc Committees and as Liaisons and voting Delegates to other agencies and organizations. Staff will bring the finalized list of appointments to Council for approval at the next Council meeting.

### **MIG CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Town Council adopted an amendment to an existing professional consultant services agreement with MIG consultants. The approved amendment will enable the Planning Department to manage the increasing workload and meet State-imposed application processing deadlines while short staffed. The proposed amendment would extend the term of the contract by one year (to December 31, 2022) and increase the contract to an amount not to exceed \$125,000.

### **TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

The Town Council approved applying for an MTC Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 grant to partially fund a proposed Camino Pablo Crosswalk Improvement Project. The crosswalk project includes relocating an existing crosswalk(s) away from the main entrance(s) to reduce the pedestrian/vehicle conflict area at the Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School. The project would also reconfigure traffic striping to provide additional pedestrian and bicyclist safety improvements. View the [staff report](#) for additional details about the proposed project.

### **AMEND PLACEWORKS CONTRACT FOR GIS**

Town Council adopted an amendment to extend the consultant services agreement with PlaceWorks for two years at a cost of \$20,510 annually to continue maintenance of the online Geographic Information System (GIS) the Town uses to maintain a number of GIS map layers that are available for public use. These layers include, but are not limited to, zoning, general plan, streets and parcels information. The public GIS can be viewed at this link: <https://gis-moragatown.opendata.arcgis.com/>.

### **TOWN FACILITY ENERGY GENERATION STUDY**

The Town Council awarded a \$66,000 Consultant Services Agreement to Clean Coalition to analyze the energy usage and provide recommendations for alternative sourcing and backup power generation for the Town's four main facilities: the Town Administration Offices (329 Rheem Boulevard); Council Chambers/Corporation Yard (335 Rheem Boulevard); Hacienda de las Flores (2100 Donald Drive) and the Library (1500 St. Mary's Road). Additional information can be found in the [staff report](#).

### **LOCAL AGENCY INVESTMENT FUND (LAIF) DESIGNEES**

Town Council adopted a resolution to designate the Town Manager, Administrative Services Director and Police Chief positions as authorized to order the deposit or withdrawal of monies from the Town's LAIF account. This change in designation removed the Mayor, Vice Mayor and Treasurer positions and added the Police Chief position as authorized designees.



## **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY - MONDAY, JANUARY 17**

Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores will be closed on Monday, January 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



## UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Monday, January 17 – [Park and Recreation Commission](#), **CANCELLED**  
Tuesday, January 18 – [Planning Commission](#), **CANCELLED**  
Wednesday, January 26, 6:30 pm – [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE

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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