



## ABOUT TOWN - JUNE 23, 2022 UPDATE FROM MORAGA TOWN STAFF



### ROAD CLOSURE ALERT FOR RESIDENTIAL ROAD CONSTRUCTION

There will be several residential Road Closures for road construction on Thursday, June 30, and Friday, July 1, 2022. Pavement resurfacing will occur on Via Granada, Amberwood Court, Archer Circle, Ashford Place, Augusta Drive, Cypress Point Way, Country Club Drive, Fernwood Drive, Fleuti Drive, and Selborne Way. The microsurfacing operation will affect street access for several hours, except for emergency vehicles. Please check posted "No Parking" signs and the project website page: [2022 Pavement Surfacing](#) for more information and updates to the project schedule. For questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 925-888-7026.



### ARE YOU PREPARED?



This week's grass fire and hot temperatures are good reminders that we need to be prepared for emergencies and the possibility of evacuation. Please ensure that you are registered with the [Community Warning System](#) (CWS) to receive emergency alerts. Also, make certain that you are prepared BEFORE you need to leave. The [Lamorinda CERT](#) website contains information and resources to



help you prepare for emergencies. You and your family should have a plan for what to do and how to communicate in an emergency or if advised to evacuate. Remember, the best, most effective plans are always practiced and reviewed. Please contact the [Moraga Police](#) or [Moraga-Orinda Fire District](#) with any questions or concerns.



### RECENT TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS ON JUNE 22, 2022

#### ***PROCLAMATION HONORING MOFD FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE***

The Moraga Town Council issued a proclamation honoring the Moraga-Orinda Fire District to recognize the 25 year anniversary of this independent special district that provides fire protection, rescue, emergency medical, hazardous material response, ambulance, and other services relating to the protection of lives and property. All of the Councilmembers noted how pleased they were with the level of service MOFD provides to the residents of Moraga.

#### ***MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE POLICY***

The Council reviewed the Moraga Police Department's (MPD) Military Equipment Use policy as required by Assembly Bill 481, approved in 2021. This policy lists certain types of equipment that must be approved by the Council before they are obtained or used by MPD. Currently, MPD only uses one type of equipment on the list for de-escalation purposes in certain incidents. MPD has obtained surplus military generators in the past that are used to power Town facilities during power outages, but they are not included on the list developed by the Legislature. The Council will discuss this item again at the August 24 regular meeting.

#### ***MORAGA STREET LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (LAD)***

To maintain and continue the Street Lighting Assessment District, the Town is required to conduct an annual levy and collection process. Town Council held a public hearing on June 22 and approved continuing the current assessment of \$58 for a typical single-family residence to fund operations and repairs of the Town's streetlights and traffic signals. The \$58 assessment level has not increased since July 2010.

## **FY 2022/23 OPERATING AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGETS**

The Town Council adopted the \$24.9 million [FY 2022/23 Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets](#) which includes funding for essential services and a \$13.6 million Capital Improvement Program. The Budget reflects the Council's goals and input received during preliminary budget discussion items brought before the Council the past few months. The budget projects a surplus of \$394,306 and a year-end General Fund Reserve level of \$5.43 million, or 50.3%. The budget reflects the Town's continued focus on proactive planning to strategically address the Town's current and future needs.

## **PROCESS TO IDENTIFY POTENTIAL USES FOR FUND 100 – PALOS COLORADOS**

Town Council discussed a process in which potential future uses of Fund 100 – One-Time Developer Fees could be identified. The Town has approximately \$2.8 million dollars of available funds and may have an additional \$11 million in future years should the Palos Colorados 123-unit residential development move forward, and the outstanding loans be repaid. The Council directed staff to bring back a future agenda item to discuss the intended uses of Fund 100, the possible establishment of an emergency reserve fund, and the creation of a supplemental pension trust or similar financial vehicle to assist the Town in funding its unfunded pension liability. A separate item to be discussed at a future meeting is initial work on a Recreation and Open Space Plan to engage the Park and Recreation Commission and stakeholders on potential uses and priorities related to park and recreation infrastructure. View the [staff report](#) and [PowerPoint presentation](#).

## **PUBLIC ARTWORK ACCEPTANCE**

Town Council approved three new public art installations recommended by the Art in Public Spaces Committee. West Commons Park will be gaining two new sculptures: “*The Fisherman*” by artist Tony Zurich and “*Pear*” by artist Buddy Brodwin thanks to a joint recommendation by the Park and Recreation Commission. Two “*Helical Wind Spinners*” also by artist Buddy Brodwin will be installed at the Town Hall building located at 329 Rheem Boulevard. The wind spinners will replace the two previous sculptures that were recently decommissioned. [View the newly approved public artwork](#).

## **CONSOLIDATION OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

Town Council adopted a resolution calling for the November 8, 2022 municipal election; requesting the County authorize consolidation with other elections; and authorizing the Town to reimburse the County for all election services. They also adopted a resolution setting policy for the candidates' statements. There are three Council seats open for the 2022 election (one two-year term and two four-year terms) with the open nomination period running from Monday, July 18 through Friday, August 12. Contact the [Town Clerk](#) (or 925-888-7022) to schedule an appointment to pull nomination papers.

## **CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS**

Town Council considered campaign contribution limits and regulations for local elections pursuant to Assembly Bill 571. The Council took no action which will result in the State default contribution limits being imposed on those running for a local elective office, along with other restrictions and allowances. The default individual contribution limit of \$4,900 is effective through December 31, 2022 (this election cycle). The Fair Political Practices Commission may adjust the default contribution limit at the start of odd numbered years, based upon changes to the Consumer Price Index.

## **PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING RESCHEDULED**

Due to technical difficulties, the June 21, 2022 Planning Commission Zoom meeting was cancelled and a special meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 28 at 6:00 pm via Zoom webinar.



## **TOWN OFFICES CLOSED 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY**

The Town offices and the Hacienda de las Flores office will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The offices will re-open on Tuesday, July 5.



## **UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS**

Tuesday, June 28, 6:00 pm – Special [Planning Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Tuesday, July 5, 6:30 pm – [Planning Commission](#), TELECONFERENCE

Monday, July 11, 6:30 pm – Special [Town Council](#), TELECONFERENCE

Wednesday, July 13, 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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