

City Manager's Report for October 2019

Oak Ridge Development, LLC dissolved before signing the Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement (ENRA) with the City.

The Association of Defense Communities held its annual Base Redevelopment Conference in Monterey last Monday and Tuesday. The Mayor, Councilmember Gaglioti and I attended. I participated in a panel presentation at the Redevelopment Conference last Monday, which resulted in significant interest in our property from the development community.

Staff prepared and published a request for qualifications, after coordinating with our economic development team. It was distributed electronically to interested parties, posted to our website, and distributed through our economic development team. Proposers have three weeks to reply. Staff will review submissions and short list the top two proposers for further due diligence. Staff will update Council at the October Council meeting. Staff will bring a recommendation to Council for a new development partner as soon as ready. Staff met with 6 developers over the past several weeks and toured the City property with them.

Staff met with a Human Resources consultant to discuss the scope of work. The consultant will provide a cost estimate for review in the coming weeks.

Denise Duffy and I spoke with HCD regarding their initial comments on our draft Housing Element. The comments were thorough. We submitted a revised draft on October 18th.

I attended the Annual League of Cities Conference in Long Beach last week. It was an excellent conference well attended by Monterey County City Managers and elected officials. The most important take-away was that we may be eligible for a \$165,000 SB2 Planning Grant in spite of our Housing Element not being in compliance. We have the 12 page application and will complete it this week.

Staff attended the Citizen's Action Group (CAG) meeting. There was a good discussion about an upcoming beautification project in the Rosita triangle scheduled for October 26 and Santa's Workshop in December.

Staff is working with FORA staff to prepare an agreement to transfer the South Boundary Road project and associated project funds to Del Rey Oaks in coordination with the City of Monterey. The FORA Administrative Committee met for an update on the CIP and habitat conservation plan and associated Joint Powers Authority. Staff will bring these agreements to Council as they are prepared.

The Mayor and I met with CNPS leadership last Friday. The meeting focused on getting to know one another and learning about the goals of CNPS. Staff sent a follow on note to CNPS requesting a site visit of the nature reserve area.

Staff met with FORA transition consultant Kendall Flynt to discuss FORA transition agreements. As part of the City's effort to plan for transition, staff began initial discussions about development impact fees and Community Facilities District fees post-FORA to fund necessary public infrastructure including parks and streets on the former Ft Ord property. Staff will present options to Council when ready.

At the last Planning Commission meeting staff discussed the review process for projects in the public space. Based on the discussion, staff is presenting an amended fee schedule for Council consideration tonight to allow public benefit projects funded and conducted by volunteers to have a reduced Conditional Use Permit fee.

Public Works placed cement pads under the location of our new trash and recycling containers, cleaned the perimeter fencing of the dog park, and repaired the bench in the Rosita triangle. Ron also continued weed abatement in and along the creek in anticipation of the rainy season. Public Works also seeded the baseball field, which is beginning to grow and placed new clay on the infield.

Staff had a productive annual visit with representatives from CalRecycle. We were joined by representatives from Green Waste Recovery and the Waste Management District. The City is 100% compliant with the requirements of AB 1826 which requires commercial businesses to divert solid food waste. We discussed the need to prepare for mandatory residential solid food waste diversion by 2022 to comply with AB 1383.

AMBAG staff provided City staff with previous City GHG inventories. The City has made good progress over the past 15 years in reducing GHG and will continue to do so.

Staff attended a town hall meeting with Congressman Panetta where Monterey Bay Community Power Board members discussed its programs with residents from Del Rey Oaks and Seaside.

Staff attended the Monterey One Water ribbon cutting on Friday. The project represents an important component in helping to solve the region's water supply challenges.

Staff met with Jeff Condit and Scott Atmar to submit the City's annual storm water report. The City continues to comply with our Storm Water Permit. We anticipate implementation of trash amendment programs starting in July 2021. These programs will reduce the amount of trash entering our creek, and by extension the Marine Sanctuary. Staff will be looking at different ways to accomplish this, including volunteer clean-up programs.

I attended an annual United Way breakfast where volunteers from throughout the County were recognized for their efforts.

Met with Rich Deal, Scott Waltz and Fred Watson to discuss potential routing of FORTAG in the area of the Frog Pond. There is a suggestion from Raphael Payan the Monterey Regional Parks District Regional Manager that would avoid the wetland areas and still traverse the Frog Pond. TAMC will include it in the environmental review process.

Officer Kris Moore started last week as a full time reserve officer. We are excited to have him aboard.

Monterey Bay Economic Partnership Annual State of the region this Friday October 25.

Staff completed a significant amount of work to prepare the City's annual financial audit. Finance Committee will meet in mid-November to review the annual financial audit and consider recommendations to the Council for disposition of the ending fund balance.