

We continue to make progress on our effort to adopt and file an updated Housing Element with the State by the end of the calendar year. Staff received a letter from the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in Sacramento stating that our Housing Element is accepted. The 30 day period for public comment on the Housing Element's Environmental Review closed on Friday November 22nd. Staff received written comment from Land Watch, ALUC, Monterey Peninsula Partners LLC and the State. A special meeting of the Planning Commission was held last night. Planning Commission recommended adoption of the Housing Element and approval of the Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA. Staff will present the HE to the ALUC at its December 16th meeting for consistency determination. City Council is scheduled to consider adoption on December 17th. Should Council approve, this would give us time to file the adopted Housing Element with the State before the end of the year.

Staff visited Sparx Distribution and Seaweed Manufacturing. Both businesses are making good progress to be fully compliant and operational soon. Staff anticipates both businesses to be open in the coming months.

Karen and Sergeant Guzman accompanied a cannabis compliance inspector all day Thursday as all of our cannabis businesses were inspected. The inspector's overall assessment of the level of compliance of our businesses was very positive. We will receive a report in two weeks with recommendations for areas we can improve. Data collection for financial audits is under way as well.

FORA admin committee met to discuss the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS), the formation of an HCP Joint Powers Authority (JPA), and potential funding scenarios to fund the HCP. The HCP draft EIS was published on the Federal Register Friday for its 45 day review. Kendall Flint, the consultant hired to assist with FORA transition who briefed Council previously, facilitated an HCP "all permittee" meeting on Wednesday November 20 from 9am to 12pm. The Mayor and Council members Lintell and Geotzelt and I attended. There was also a public workshop to receive public input on the HCP EIR/EIS from 6-8pm on November 20. I have asked FORA staff to attend our January City Council meeting to describe the HCP and compare it to the Habitat Management Plan. Staff will bring the HCP JPA agreement to Council for consideration in February.

I met with representatives of the California Native Plant Society concerning South Boundary Road. I was informed that their Board, which meets quarterly, is not interested in City staff presenting to it at its December meeting. We are hoping to meet on site with Erin Harwayne in December. FORA also set a meeting for December 13th with CNPS, which I will attend.

I met with Mr. Mori Tuesday to discuss the specific requirement for his CUP application. He submitted his application, which staff will review before scheduling for Planning Commission.

Staff worked with Denise Duffy and Associates to file the City's SB2 grant application. HCD has acknowledged receipt and began processing. We will remain engaged with HCD concerning the application to answer any questions they may have. The grant could provide the City with \$160,000 in planning funds.

I attended a United Way lunch discussion about Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Best practices were shared and a good discussion ensued including local jurisdictions. This will help us in developing an ADU ordinance.

I attended the lunch and afternoon lectures offered by the Naval Postgraduate School and Middlebury Institute of International Studies. This effort strongly reinforced the important bonds and synergies between our civilian and military institutions of higher learning. The now former Secretary of the Navy spoke at an evening presentation and reinforced this message.

The Mayor and I attended the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership's State of the Region Conference on Friday.

Sustainable Del Rey Oaks and a group of volunteers from CSUMB beautified the area near our tennis court to begin planting a butterfly garden. Thank you to the volunteers who invested time and energy in helping beautify our City!

Citizen's Action Group volunteers and some Church volunteers spent their Saturday morning spreading mulch along our creek to help with erosion control and weed abatement.

Staff posted notices of several draft Environmental Impact Studies/Reports (EIS/EIR) for projects in our City. The Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) and FORTAG.

Staff met with Seaside County Sanitation District (SCSD) regarding the design of the sewer line under South Boundary Road. We expect the design to cost approximately \$50,000 if done concurrently with the road design. It will be much more expensive if done separately later. Staff will recommend a mid-year budget adjustment to pay this cost from the City's General Fund and recoup the cost through developer fees later. Staff also asked SCSD to handle the contracting for design directly with Whitson Engineers, who is doing the road design for FORA and potable water pipeline design for MCWD. Staff continues to explore funding options for the cost of constructing the sewer line.

Staff met with the City Engineer to discuss the scope of work for the Spring 2020 street slurry project. The project will include our remaining residential streets: Portola, Canyon, Work, Los Encinos, Rosita, and the cul du sacs along Angelus.

The FORA Waste Water Oversight Committee met to discuss MCWD's Master Plan and Fee Schedule. When adopted by MCWD the fees will represent a significant increase for developers building new residential units on the former Ft Ord.

Staff received a revised agreement from Marina Coast Water District (MCWD). The City Attorney and I will review and coordinate with other jurisdictions before bringing an agreement to Council for consideration.

The City was identified in a news report as fiscally challenged by the State Auditor. The City had not been informed of this news by the Auditor's Office. They have not informed us whether we will be audited. We continued to engage with the State Auditor's office. They now have our FY 16-17 and 17-18 and 18-19 audits.

Finally, City Hall has a fresh coat of paint, repaired walls where the car crash occurred, and new signage on the front. Kudos to Chief, Ron and Kim in their collaborative effort to select colors and designs. It looks fantastic! Public Works coordinated planting of new plants around City Hall with the CAG. Ron will remove the old plants and purchase the new plants, Denise and a group of volunteers from CAG will plant the new plants on December 7th. Ron also emplaced foul ball poles on the ball field. The grass is

continuing to grow in and the field will be playable for the next Little League season! Public Works removed graffiti from a crossing signal at Fremont Street and Canyon Del Rey. Public Works cleared the weeds along the creek on Rosita up to the Garden Center and placed woodchips to prevent erosion and limit the weed growth. Public Works cleared brush along General Jim Moore and along several of our City easements.