



City Manager's Update February, 2019

Hello again! I'm excited to share some of the progress we have made in January and preview some things we have coming up for February:

City Hall Lobby Renovation

If you haven't been down to City Hall in 2019, come down and see our NEW lobby area! We are very happy with the results and we are receiving many compliments on the improvement! Gone are the holes and scuff marks on the wall, busted tile flooring, and the endless cobwebs that have been an embarrassment for many years. We now have new flooring and paint that have completely refreshed the lobby, as well as a mounted LED TV that will be scrolling upcoming events. The "Resilience" art from the Middletown Art Center is on display in the lobby and we have also mounted some of the winning photographs from our photo contests in the Council Chambers.



Police Department Renovation

Even more dramatic has been the renovation of the Police Department side of City Hall. PD staff painted the walls and removed the old cubicles and contractors installed new flooring and new cubicles. The old cubicles were downright shabby and the carpeting was completely worn out, soiled, and disgusting. The result has been a total transformation of the look of the PD. Chief Andrew White pushed for this project as a way to aid in retention and improve officer morale and pride.



Police Department Gym

Another project that came to fruition in January was the completion of the new gym in the Police Department. Thanks to a \$37,000 grant from the Redbud Health Care District, the Police Department was able to renovate a storage area and install commercial quality gym equipment. It's not fancy, but it's functional and the equipment is great. Our officers now have access to a workout facility 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in order to maintain fitness for duty. Thank you, Redbud Health Care District!



Strategic Plan Update

Council met in a special workshop to discuss updating our Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan is our formal guidance document that helps keep both Council and staff focused on the same priorities. Council directed staff to update the Strategic Plan to include Technology and New Housing as priorities upon which to focus in addition to our existing priorities. See my January Update for more information on the Strategic Plan, or visit our website at: www.clearlake.ca.us.

Appointments to Planning Commission

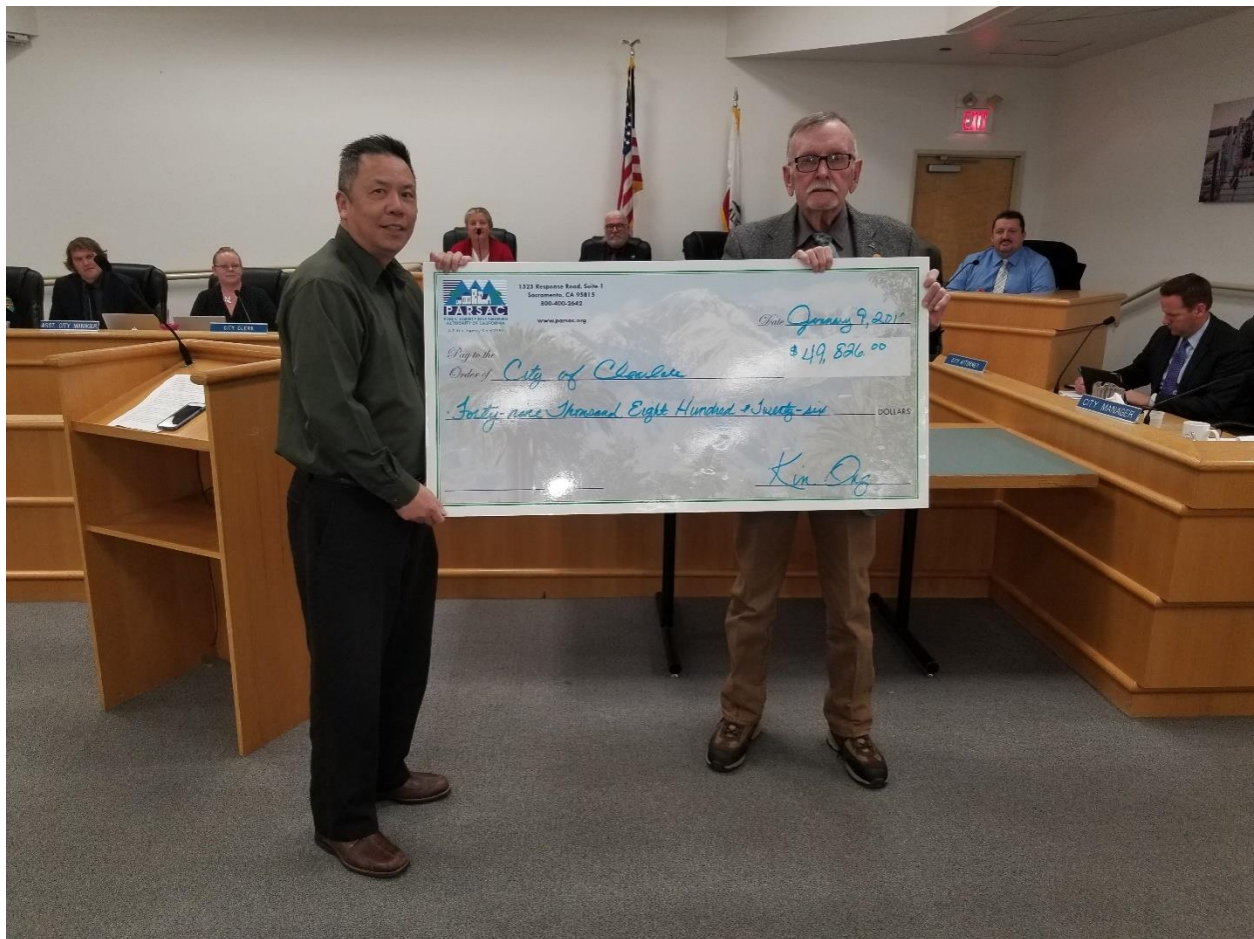
I am pleased to announce that Lisa Wilson has been appointed by the City Council to the Clearlake Planning Commission and that Nathalie Antus has been reappointed to the Clearlake Planning Commission. Lisa Wilson replaces former Planning Commissioner Dirk Slooten who was elected to the City Council in the last election. Lisa and Nathalie will be officially sworn in at the February 19th Planning Commission meeting.

Public Works Storm Watch

When heavy wind and/or rainstorms are predicted, Public Works crews are on duty 24/7 helping to keep the roads clear from downed trees, keeping storm drains and culverts cleared, and watching out for and clearing mudslides. Unfortunately, most of the roads in Clearlake were built prior to incorporation as a city and little attention was paid to storm drainage, so many areas suffer from ponding during heavy rain events. As we move forward on road renovation projects throughout the city over the upcoming years, we will be including storm drainage in our projects in an effort to correct those ponding issues to the extent possible.

PARSAC Check

The City received a large reimbursement check in the amount of \$49,826 from our Risk Management Authority, PARSAC, based on our claims history and a one-time adjustment. These funds were utilized to help pay for the improvements to the lobby and the Police Department.



February 14th Midyear Budget Review

At 4pm before the February 14th Regular Council meeting, there will be a special City Council Workshop to discuss the first six months of the fiscal year and determine what, if any, adjustments can or should be made. The public is invited to attend and provide input.

February 14th Reception for Jeff Smith

Retired District 2 Supervisor, Jeff Smith, will be honored with a reception at 5:30pm before the regular City Council meeting and will also be appreciated for his years of service by the Council. Please come out and share your appreciation for the many years of dedicated leadership Jeff has shown representing the City of Clearlake and District 2.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- February 5th Chamber mixer at D&M Compassion Center – 6pm
- February 6th Chamber ribbon cutting at Performance Mechanical – 5:30pm
- February 14th Midyear Budget Review – 4pm
- February 14th Jeff Smith reception and appreciation by Council – 5:30pm
- February 14th Regular Council meeting
- February 18th President's Day – City Hall Closed
- February 20th Clearlake Marketing Committee meeting – 2pm
- February 28th Measure V Planning Workshop – 4pm
- February 28th Regular Council meeting

Regards,

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