

OLD MEETING TC 2025-12-10

Sat, Feb 21, 2026 9:45AM 1:40:31

SUMMARY KEYWORDS

Moraga Town Council, Sean Knapp retirement, public works director, infrastructure improvements, community engagement, housing element, wildfire protection, financial sustainability, public safety, community partnerships, affordable housing, public comment, meeting agenda, new mayor, vice mayor.

SPEAKERS

Hillis, Maglio, Speaker 14, Speaker 8, Speaker 4, Knapp, Speaker 11, Speaker 2, Speaker 10, Speaker 15, Speaker 1, Onoda, Speaker 6, Speaker 16, Thiel, Dolan, Speaker 13, Speaker 5, Town Manager, Speaker 9, Speaker 7, Woe, Speaker 12, Speaker 3, Attorney

S Speaker 1 00:00
Denise on,

W Woe 00:14
where did Kerry go? He

W Woe 00:22
doesn't know. It's very true,

W Woe 00:58
ready. Okay, good evening, everybody. Welcome to the town of Moraga. Town Council meeting, regular meeting for Wednesday, December 10, 2025, it is 5:30pm I call this meeting to order roll call. Let's record it that all members of the town council are present. Pledge of Allegiance. Would the mayor of Warner Creek please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

S

Speaker 1 01:26

On duty? I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all,

W

Woe 01:44

we are honored to have the mayor of Walnut Creek here. Kevin Wilk, okay, presentations, comment commentation. In honor of the retirement of Sean Knapp staff, is there a presentation on this? I Okay, thank you.

W

Woe 02:13

It's right here. I've got it. Do you want it? We'll pass it around, I guess, Mr.

T

Town Manager 02:21

Mayor, Members of the Council, members of the community. I don't stand up here very often, but nice to be here. Sorry for my back being everybody. And I'm going to turn so I can look at Sean. Sean, come on up. This is among the best part of being a city manager is to celebrate success and recognize achievement. So this is a day of mixed feelings, one of sadness that you're that you're leaving, but one of happiness that you're retiring and you're going to move on to the next chapter. You've earned all the accolades and compliments that you've been provided this week, you'll hear your you'll hear tonight you've had a great career, Sean, over many years, and what a pleasure and honor it's been to work with you over these last three years to help cap off your your career. So on behalf of the executive team and the employees, we were very appreciative of everything you've done. And his footprints, literally, or fingerprints, or both, are all over the town in terms of its infrastructure. So when people are driving or crossing a bridge, they have you to thank for that, among other things. So but the the gift that we have, we're going to hold off until tomorrow, because we're going to recognize you tomorrow, so we'll give that to you from the E team and the employees tomorrow. So those are the words on behalf of the executive team and employees. And I think now I'll turn it back to the council, and then you're going to get to say some stuff too, but please always say good things, right? I also want to say one other thing, Sean and I was going to wait till tomorrow, but I'll say it today. So I know Sean, at times I drove you crazy in seeking perfection and more information, but please know, and I'm saying it on camera, that I did that because I had your best interest in mind and trying to help the council be successful. So just try to keep those thoughts in mind. All right. Hey, thank you. Great job. Great job. Okay, now the man here. So there may be comments from others,

W Woe 04:33
there may be comments I understand that I understand. Should we make comments first, then do the proclamation?


K Knapp 04:40
Or should I? Should I see it or stand? What would you like?

W Woe 04:44
Well, we could stand that way. We can have the fishbowl. Well, that's that's two comments, and then we'll do the proclamation. Okay? And Would anyone like to start off?


D Dolan 04:58
I. Brent. So I had the pleasure of working with Sean both when I was interim town manager and now as a council member. And I've always thought that Sean was very knowledgeable and competent, a really good engineer and a really good manager, but above all that, he was just a perfect fit for Moraga because, you know, we have a lot to get done with very few people to do it, and Sean was able to motivate a very small team to do quite a few things. And it's just, it's, it's been a pleasure. Congratulations. Thank you very much.

W Woe 05:47
Any other council members go ahead,

T Thiel 05:52
just want to say, from fixing our sinkholes and bridges to maintaining our town infrastructure, and to also being a rad twin Dad, just wanted to thank you for your service for the town of Moraga Sean.

 Maglio 06:09


Thank you on behalf of all of the council, your expertise, your dedication and your quiet humility shines through in everything you do, and will continue to shine through as we bop about this town. Thank you so much for everything you've done, and we're also happy for you in your next chapter.

 Knapp 06:31

Thank you so much. Thank you.

 Hillis 06:34

Well, I have to say that tie alone is deserving of a commendation. It's fantastic for if you can't see it on camera, it is a red tie with beautiful Christmas trees all over it. That's fantastic. I love it. Sean, you have been an incredible staffer here. You've been an incredible help to me. Whenever I had strange questions about what's going on along the Moraga Road, you actually took me up and walked me all the way down, and you were prepared with a binder that went had information going back as far as I could look. Your thoroughness really comes through. The pride in your work really comes through. We were so blessed to have you as our town engineer and our public works director, I'm going to miss you. Hopefully you're not going off too far, but if you are, I hope there's lots of pina colodas and other types of things in your future. So thank you so much.

 Knapp 07:36

Thank you very much. Thank you all this.

 07:40

Stuff. So I have been interacting

W

Woe 07:49

with Sean for many years now, almost since you arrived, and very impressed both by your technical expertise on a wide range of topics or technologies that we've discussed over the years, but also, and we'll talk more about this later, how you have the ability to obtain grants and donations for so much of the public works that have been accomplished in This town during your tenure with us and for a small town like Moraga, that is a real, needed and valued skill set. So I thank you for all of

K

Knapp 08:32

that. Appreciate that kind words.

W

Woe 08:36

Let's read the proclamation, and then we'll do public comment. Brent, could you start and then we'll go over to Graham and work her way around

D

Dolan 08:51

a commendation honoring Sean Kemp for his service to the town of Moraga upon his retirement as public works director and town engineer, whereas Sean Knapp has faithfully served the town of Moraga as public works director town engineer since 2017 and has dedicated 25 years to public service and local government.

T

Thiel 09:12

And whereas through his tenure with the town, Sean has provided reliable, knowledgeable and thorough leadership, consistently demonstrating professional excellence, integrity and an unwavering commitment to public service, and

M

Maglio 09:28

whereas Sean's work on the Canyon Road bridge replacement project has been instrumental in restoring and improving a critical connection for residents, emergency responders and regional regional travelers, thereby enhancing the safety, resiliency and living livability of the community.

W

Woe 09:48

And whereas, under Sean's leadership, the town's street management program has advanced with a strategic, data driven worst first approach, ensuring that limited. Resources are invested where they are most needed and delivering meaningful improvements to the town's roadway network.

H

Hillis 10:07

And whereas Sean has worked tirelessly to secure and leverage grant funding, opportunities to advance projects that otherwise would have go would go unfunded, including securing approximately 10 million for the St Mary's road intermodal safety improvement project, and

D

Dolan 10:27

whereas Sean has been supportive and respectful of staff, modeling, collaborative teamwork, thoughtful mentorship and a problem solving mindset that has strengthened the public works department and fostered a positive, professional work environment.

T

Thiel 10:41

And whereas during his career with the town, Sean has worked with countless community partners, consultants and agency representatives, always representing the town of Moraga with professionalism and dedication.

M

Maglio 10:55

And whereas Sean's unwavering dedication commitment to public service and focus on improving safety and livability for all who live, work and travel in Moraga have left a lasting legacy that will benefit the community for many years to come.

W

Woe 11:15

Now, therefore, be resolved that I, Steve wallocky, mayor of the town of Moraga, along with my fellow council members, do hereby thank Sean for his years of distinguished service and unwavering dedication to the residents of Moraga and wish him much joy and fulfillment in his retirement. And do we have any public comments here? Any members of the public. I think I know you back there, Teresa, would you like to come up?

O Onoda 11:53

Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council, staff and everyone else that's here to celebrate Sean. I've known Sean since his first day, his first day I was mayor, and I got a call early in the morning, will you from Bob Preeby, who was our town manager, and he said, Will you meet me over by Canyon bridge? Yes, of course. And there was Sean, and the bridge was condemned, and that was at that end of town. And the other end of the town had a sinkhole. So if you remember back in 2017 This town was a whole different story than it is now. And when I go past CP, and I see the blinking stop signs, and I go to intersections that used to be dangerous, and now they're they're not. This town is a whole different Town since the day that Sean started working here, and not only the town, but the people too, because he has been, in my opinion, he should be wearing a cape, because and maybe some tall boots, but not necessarily tights, because he's been kind of the gentle giant of this town, quietly fixing things, fixing things here and there, and making this town a better, safer place. And those of us who have lived here a long time will know that this all started in 2017 when he came. And so I can't thank him enough, and I think we all owe him a huge, huge thank you, because he's made our town safe and beyond that. As you had mentioned, he is the super duper grant getter, and I hope he helped Nate the great learn how to do that, because that's legendary. So from the bottom of my heart, and I say, Thank you, Sean, you've done a terrific job. We were so lucky to have you.

W Woe 14:04

Thank you. Theresa, Charice, would you like to come on up?

S Speaker 2 14:11

Thank you. Hi everyone. I'm Sharice count. I'm a field representative for our state assembly member, Rebecca Bauer, Kay Han and I'm here on her behalf to present to Sean a certificate of recognition from the State Assembly. Sean, we honor your excellent service. We honor your excellent service to the town of Moraga and your 25 years of public service in local government. Your leadership and hard work have led to such significant town improvements, as you've heard stated here, including \$10 million for the St Mary's multimodal safety improvement project. So thank you for your dedication, your civic involvement, and the the footprints, as town manager Mitnick said, The footprints that. Forever be here in this town. Thank you. Should we take a little photo?

W Woe 15:16

Good share this. Thank you so much. Applause.

W

Woe 15:24

Are there any additional public comments on this item? If not,

S

Speaker 3 15:31

I wasn't planning. I'm here to honor the outgoing Mayor tonight, but I've got to say Sean has done a fabulous job for the town of Moraga. He has been an amazing partner to the county as these issues come up. He also has an amazing wife, Allison, who also works for County Public Works, which helps. But he really has not hesitated when you've been out seeking grants, to reach out to my office to get letters of support. And the Moraga bridge is Canyon issues, it's been a true partnership with the town of Moraga and Sean has been fabulous. So congratulations on your retirement, Sean.

W

Woe 16:13

Shall we present the proclamation and get a photograph with our outgoing public works director? Make this a quick Oh, well, yes,

S

Speaker 4 16:40

there. Okay, so we move on.

W

Woe 17:13

And Sean, would you like to make any comments? Please?

K

Knapp 17:22

I'm not used to being the person in the spotlight. I tried to be behind the scenes. My predecessor relished being in the spotlight and spent a lot of time preparing for these moments. And I am the work commands engineer that I'm not spending a lot of time doing presentations and trying to speak in front of people, and I'm trying to do the yeoman's work of the town. I do have a little bit of a prepared speech, but I'm going to try to cut it down, because Mrs. Anoda did a great job of reminiscing about the past, and so I don't want to cover things that have been covered before, but you know that I did arrive in the town in April 18 of 2027 expecting a normal work day, and I was quickly wished off before I could even sit at my desk to go down to the canyon road bridge, as Mr. Mrs. Zinoda mentioned right away, that set the tone of what how things would be in Moraga. And it's been a very wild ride, but a very fruitful and it's been a pinnacle of my career. And so saying this all off the cuff in that I very much enjoyed every moment of this. And at the time, the town had just had gone in and declared a physical emergency. So it was very dark. There was a lot of nay sayers, a lot of people coming into the town saying that we should be cutting staff. We should be doing all kinds of things, and the council, just like you up here, make hard decisions. And they all stood up here and said, No, that's not what we're doing. We believe in our staff, and we're going to allow them to do the hard work. And I was there, I was a new a newbie, and when I saw all the council members up there having our back and telling us to do the work that's needed, and all the support, I stuck it through and to get to this end. So I'm a very appreciative of the town council and all the things the town council does and all that they you know, the town people here that are very involved in civic minded and volunteering for things and coming to me and saying, Keep doing what you're doing. Don't listen to those people. Keep doing what you're doing. So these people have supported me from the beginning and to this day. And so these are the important people that I, I stayed here to serve, and I it's been a wonderful time doing that. So I'll, I'll get to the the accolades that I would like to say to you, know, to the past and present Town Council, thank you for your leadership, your trust, your willingness and make tough. Decisions during those very hard times, your support has made it a possible for a stable town council on these emergencies, and you've looked for the future to invest. To my fellow department directors, town leadership, thank you for your partnership, honesty and steady teamwork. You've always carried, helping carry the load, so I was not alone. To the town staff, especially public works team, thank you for your grit, your creativity, your commitment in doing the work even when it was under high pressure. You showed up early, stayed late and kept Moraga moving. And to the volunteering community residents, our committee members, our neighbors who come to the meetings, ask the hard questions, offer ideals and deeply care about the town. In this, in everything that we do here, your involvement to keep us grounded mattered the most. Without you, your support, the success of the town would not be there, and I am forever grateful for being able to serve you. So again, this has been the most Memorial pinnacle of my career, doing these once in a lifetime projects. But it wasn't wouldn't happen without the support of the town council, with the town out, with the support of the people here. So I'm deeply indebted to that, and I very much appreciate everything. So thank you,

W

Woe 21:19

Sean, thank you.

W

Woe 21:32

Okay, I think we now move on to public communication. This is time reserved for those in the audience who wish to address the town council on items which are not on the agenda. The council cannot discuss details or vote on items not on the agenda. Your concerns may be referred to the town manager for brief comment or for further review. Note that public input pertaining to each specific item on the agenda will be made or maybe made during consideration of that item, I have three speaking cards so far. Carl Davis, would you like to come up and normally, normally we allow three minutes.

S

Speaker 5 22:15

Thank you, Mr. Mayor, it's been an interesting history walk, and dovetails very nicely with what I'd like to ask the council to consider please. 2017 we had a great storm that washed out the bridge and probably contributed to our sinkhole. 2016 we had a significantly great drought that was four town managers ago, and before Sean arrived, we turned the water off in the irrigation down the median on canyon road to the south of Country Club. In the eight years since then, two trees have died and been removed. Two more trees are very nearly dead. Will probably be removed the next year or two, and much of the irrigation system itself is defunct. Parts of it are missing. Lines have been cut, etc. I would like the town to consider acting soon enough to save the trees that I'm sure were planted at taxpayer expense and now beautify our town in our tree, city of Moraga. I think it would be appropriate. Thank you. Thank you very much for your time. Thank you.

W

Woe 23:34

Carl Kathy Brown, would you like to come up and

S

Speaker 6 23:43

thank you guys. This is very impromptu. Sorry, I just got off the freeway and I didn't want to speed through our lovely town. Thank you all for what you do. But this is something that is not on the agenda, but it is very important, and people are here that voted it through. So this is something that we have gathered 560 signatures on, and it's the Camino Pablo building project that's going to be occurring. I know it's something that's been 10 years in the work, and we, the residents of this area, have no idea what's going on. The transparency has been super underwhelming. And so I guess my question to everyone tonight is, how did this happen? How did something like this get voted in? 28 miles away, not even our hometown, people voted on this. How does that happen? Number one, with all due respect, I understand that there's been a lot that's happened over 10 years, and the county supervisors did a great job explaining that still, we, the residents that live across from this are wondering how this happened. 13 new homes with 13 ADUs voted down four times by four separate boards, yet got to the county somehow and got through two. Years of grading will happen. We don't know, even know if these are going to be homes that are going to be built from the ground up 5000 square feet a piece, two schools will be affected, and it's in a fire zone. It's in a fire zone that was voted in, and because of that, we barely got insurance this year. So I came to you guys who do a fabulous job at representing who we are, not just here, but in the state. And I'm just wondering when we can get some clarification. Is there a time that we can have these people meet at Camp Melinda high school and get all 500 people there to get a better understanding of how this is going to happen, how this is going to be executed, when things go sideways, as they will, with trucks going up and down the road in front of two schools. We all walk our kids to school. We all do what we can. So how do we get it on the agenda to discuss it, number one and number two, some clarification for all of us of how this happened. So I live directly across the street. I'm actually 22 steps away from the property line. And you know, it's, this is not about absorbing the beautification of it. Yes, of course, we all love that. But no one knows you guys, and it's kind of, it's kind of strange. So that's why I'm here. I appreciate you guys understanding this. And you know, maybe if we can just get some community input. I mean, it's already voted in. The other question, and we all have, is, Will Moraga be the benefactors of this by taxes? Will you be supporting it through using our public services, like the fire department and police department, or if anything does go sideways. Who will be handling that? I appreciate your time. Thank you.

W

Woe 26:44

Thank you. Town Manager would do you have any comments at this point or

S

Speaker 6 26:54

Okay, thank you guys. Very much. Very good.

W

Woe 26:58

I have one more speaker card so far, and that is for Kathy cabasso, Jackie.

S

Speaker 7 27:11

Do I need to do something here? Okay, hi. My name is Jackie cabasso, and I live two houses down from the location of this project, which was just described, and I am here to speak in opposition to it, but from a different point of view. I could not afford to buy a home in Moraga, but I was fortunate enough to inherit one from my parents, and that's why I live there today is the United Nations International Day for human rights. There is an unprecedented global wealth gap. Building more mansions and lining the pockets of big developers is not what we as a society need. It's not right. It's not what Moraga needs, it's not what the county needs. It's not what the United States needs. It's not what the world needs. What we need is affordable housing. Many people who service us in Moraga cannot afford to live here, teachers, people who work at the Safeway, hairdressers, nail salon, workers, gardeners, landscapers, house cleaners, I could go on they deserve to be able to live where they work. If this was a multi unit affordable housing development, I would totally support it. So I'm just throwing that into the pot. This is not the way these things are usually talked about, but I think we're at the precipice of a civilizational crisis, and we need to address it. Thank you.

W

Woe 29:04

Thank you very much. Is there, are there any more public comments on this subject, this item, Town Manager, would you, Mr.

T

Town Manager 29:17

Mayor? Members of the Council staff will follow up with Mr. Davis on the tree issue, we appreciate that input. And with respect to the two ladies that just spoke, Nate Levine is going to get their names and contact information, and staff will follow up with them. We'll make sure we answer your questions, address your issues, but we will follow up with you within 24 hours for sure.

W

Woe 29:42

Thank you that then that completes public comment, and we move on to adoption of the meeting agenda. Are there any changes to the meeting agenda? If not, is there a motion so moved as. As presented,

H Hillis 30:00
as presented, is there a second? Second?

W Woe 30:04
It's been moved and seconded? All those in favor say, Aye. Aye. Opposed or abstentions? I hear none. So the meeting agenda is hereby approved or adopted, and that moves on us on to the consent agenda. We have a number of items on the Consent Agenda. Are there any to be pulled? Is anyone proposing to pull any items on the Consent Agenda? I'm not hearing any. Is there a motion, therefore, to approve all items on the Consent Agenda, Mr.

A Attorney 30:43
Mayor, I may. I just wanted to say that, because there's an ordinance on the consent agenda, we should do it by roll call. We're going to vote,

H Hillis 30:52
okay, thank you. I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. Is there a second? Second?

W Woe 31:03
Let's do a roll call, starting with Brian. Would you i? Graham aye, Lisa aye, vice mayor aye, and the mayor says I too. So it passes unanimously, announcements and reports on activities. Would anyone like to go first on this

S Speaker 1 31:29
again? Go ahead?

H

Hillis 31:32

Well, I just wanted to apologize to my colleagues for being sick at our last meeting, I clearly ran out of time to get a flu shot, as I caught the flu first, for the first time since the last time, I ran out of time to get a flu shot. So just a reminder out there to everyone, folks get your shots, I invite all Moraga residents to our first annual community Hanukkah menorah lighting next Monday night at 6:30pm at the Moraga Commons park, there will be songs and goodies, including sufganiyot, which, if you don't know what that is, they're essentially better tasting jelly donuts. I've done a lot since the last Council meeting that I actually was able to attend, which is in September. I missed another one because I was traveling for work. In the interim, I've attended the League of the California Cities conference last September, went on a ton of work trips and going back and forth between Seattle and La mostly, I was most recently able to attend the Moraga Holiday Tree Lighting, and also county connections, operating and schedule scheduling. Committee note to our clerk that is now my new committee assignment with county connection. Last week, I also attended the League of Cities legislative briefing in the interest of time. Tonight, I've shared my notes with staff on items that needed Follow, follow up or of note, thank you.

W

Woe 33:03

Thank you. Graham,

T

Thiel 33:07

no items to report this time.

M

Maglio 33:09

Lisa, very brief item. I attended the Moraga Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting. They had an excellent and successful turkey trot. I would like to thank the community for the funds raised and the fun had.

D

Dolan 33:26

Thank you. Yes, I was also able to attend the tree lighting. I wish I could go to the Hanukkah lighting, but it conflicts with our Kiwanis holiday event. I also filled in for Vice Mayor at some of the Regional Transportation Group meetings. They have various names, but it's cooperation with our region on various traffic projects and bus service. That's it.

W

Woe 34:04

Thank you. In addition to participating in various holiday events, I report that I try to, on an annual basis, remind town residents that a large number of our residents have V ditches above their properties. You know, that's where they got a hill, and those V ditches are really pretty critical for preventing uncontrolled rain water flowing down the hill, causing erosion, potentially flooding, and it's critical that the residents clear that out before the rains really come. So I've reminded folks via next door, and I think it's going to be in the next about. Town, and I'm announcing it here just to remind folks that to be cognizant of that. I'll leave it at that. Okay, that moves us on to oh, well, now it's time for the town manager. Do you want to you want to give you do it at the end? That's good. Moves us on to public hearing. There are no public hearing items tonight, and that moves us on to Department reports. And that going to be the state of the town. It's not the state of the town. It's the Year in Review by myself. So if we could pull up the presentation and I'll see if I can't take us through it,

W

Woe 36:01

I have the clicker. Oh yeah, I do. Okay. So what we're going to do tonight is take a quick tour of the 220 25 accomplishments for the town of Moraga. I've got 14 slides total. And goal at the beginning of the year, the town council debates and agrees on goals. These are five broad goals, and I'm not going to go through all the details of each of these five goals. I'm going to highlight and as I go through this presentation, there will be slides that have lots of material. I'm going to just pick certain items to highlight in this slide. What I want to the themes of these five broad goals can be characterized as under Goal one, it focuses on development. This is a town that we're trying to progress development consistent with, and I'll come back to this later, but consistent with the housing element. The second, financial viability and sustainability, that's a given. We have to be fiscally responsible. Number three, that really addresses the town infrastructure, again, critical responsibility of a town to maintain and enhance their infrastructure. The fourth goal focuses more on safety, another critical responsibility, or critical function of towns and cities, and the fifth goal focuses on quality of life. So those are sort of the nutshell of the five goals for the town. Here is the org chart for our the town of Moraga. And I want to go through this for a couple reasons, at a very high level, at the top of the residence, below the residents. The Town Council represents the residents, and we interface with the town manager,

W

Woe 38:22

along with the commissions and committees. And there the town manager takes responsibility for and moves the staff forward in taking action and keeping the town moving forward.

W

Woe 38:40

It's kind of like that the town council sets the what's and and the staff they do the house. And so tonight, when I'm reporting accomplishments, to great extent, is the accomplishments of staff and we really need to be cognizant of that. So I hope I do a good job and doing so. The

other thing that I want to very briefly note over the years, you know, we sometimes get feedback that Moraga is overstaffed. And, you know, I don't agree with that. And as two metrics, if we look at our companion cities, or in the and Lafayette, there's org charts show 50 members of staff, and what we have is 41, and a half full time equivalents. So we definitely are smaller and it's consistent with our historic minimal services type environment. Let's move on. The first subject area is safety. And you know, on a. Summary level. You know, it's a top priority, and Moraga is all about community policing. These bulleted items represent a lot of the aspects of our community policing. What I'm going to only talk about one and one area, and that is under the fourth bullet made 66 arrests to date. In 2025, in fact, the town is experiencing an unusually low rate of crime incidents at mid, mid year, it was about half of our normal three four years ago. Was as high as 190 and here we are at 66 at this time of the year. We should be very proud of that. I know that the police department is very proud of that. They deserve to be very proud of that. So really happy about that. And there are also crime statistics or indexes that are shown on maps. And Moraga shows up in the green zone, which is where you want to be. It's the low risk area. Another area of safety, evolving wildfire protection and response. This really falls under the fire department, mofd, but I want to highlight a couple things, because this is evolving. It's ongoing. It's going to continue, and it's really everybody's responsibility. The map on the left is from the CAL FIRE fire hazard map, or wildfire hazard map, which was issued at the beginning of this year Moraga, is shown by you can see Moraga. It's within that black line. Lafayette is to the north of us, Orinda is to the northwest. About two thirds of the town are in the either very high or high fire risk zones. Us, and we're going to have to deal with that. So right now, our strategies focus on home and property hardening and emergency evacuation planning, with Mo ofd taking the lead on the hardening and police taking the lead on evacuation. There's been a lot of work going on this year. You know, I don't have a lot of milestones to show, but there's been a lot of work. It's ongoing. We are participating in a county wide evacuation study, and that may well feed into local evacuation studies, we have funding requests out for considering or looking at potential modifications to Moraga way which might enhance evacuation capability. And also, mofd is seeking funding for additional wildfire fuel mitigation out in the open open, open space areas. In addition, our Parks and Recreation Department obtained funding from measure x to do fuel mitigation in the open areas of the Hacienda mohon ridge and also the commons Park. So the lettering in red is recognizing that Cal Fire is due to provide updated wildfire regulations. Once that happens, we will have to react to that, and that is going to hopefully, or that's expected to happen next year. So that's, that's what I want to say on that we are, we are, and I'll just say that we have had a at least one. You know, wildfire Town Hall at at St Mary's College. It was very well attended. And so this is an accomplishment. Like I said, we don't have firm milestones yet to communicate, planning. To great extent we're moving towards executing the plan, and a significant part of that plan is the sixth cycle, housing element. And so this timeline shows a number of those. Accomplishments. In March, there was an affordable senior housing approved next to the green theater. 49 units, all affordable. We just got notice within the last few weeks that they have obtained their financing, and so that project is going to move forward. And that's tremendous, including, because that's the really, the first senior housing, other than the assisted living, that will have an elevator in it, and that's pretty key for for senior housing. In March, we got our new planning director, Sonia Ozu Azura. It's great to have you on board.



45:47

There. There you are.

W

Woe 45:51

And and the 12 housing element programs implemented, that's part of the six cycle requirements, AC, Adu accelerator kickoff that provides the opportunity to get grants to move forward with ADUs, the Daniel Burnham award that's recognizing the excellence of the general plan 2040 That was approved in 2024

W

Woe 46:20

we received from HCD, the housing and community development organization out of Sacramento, a pro housing designation, which may help us get grants and happily,

W

Woe 46:37

you know, big milestone, Grocery Outlet, groundbreaking, actually some, some real construction in town, and a few photographs from that

W

Woe 46:52

in the Finance and Administrative Services Department. You know those, those bullets, the second, third and fourth are significant and highly labor intensive accomplishments, you know, passing a balanced biannual budget and that that, you know, we'll have that for the next two years. And likewise, as part of that, the department did a 10 year general fund financial forecast, very important, because it's showing the effect of costs rising faster than revenues. And you know, in the next year or two, we're going to have to address that. And we completed negotiations for three another three year agreement with the four bargaining units for Our Town employees, and that's always a significant accomplishment. And the last bullet really is another award for excellence in our financial report. Yeah, in the area, town clerk's office. This is an area that a group, or are very small group, that really covers a lot of critical activities or requirements for the town. What I want to note here is a couple of milestones for this year are the iPads and streamlined agenda management, which means we're no longer receiving two to three inch thick paper staff packets, and that's I really appreciate that.

W

Woe 48:46

Moving on to public works, a couple, a couple slides on this. You know, a lot of the work is focused on transportation. And you know, we can fit these into safety. And the third bullet, complete streets, where you take a more comprehensive look and also simply street rehabilitation, which is also like mate, equivalent to maintaining the roads. And you know, we're spending about \$4.8 million a year for these two years. It varies greatly, so you really can't say on a year to year basis what it is, but significant expenditures for the town, and I note the ream Boulevard and chowder way crossing improvements, because that was a partnership between Moraga and the Moraga Community Foundation and also the John Muir Land Trust, and it gives us safe access to the painted rock area. And very much appreciated, wanted to note that, and the final note there on creeks and creeks and drainage projects, something we've really had a challenge funding in the past. We are able to spend about a million dollars a year on that. It's still not sufficient, but we're we are making progress on that. So those are accomplishments. And as alluded to before, you know, when we look at our budgets in the in the capital budget area, it all the funds come from a large number of areas, and a lot of it is not from the town or from, you know, taxes like j or k, and the apartment achieves that. And you know this example, that in 2025 we received, you know, \$2.9 million in reimbursements. And with, with, including pending, you know, well over 3 million really successful Parks and Recreation. You know what I want to note here is this, this year represents continuing

W

Woe 51:06

progress of this department in terms of it's it's supporting the residents. You can see that a number of the programs have increased in terms of their usage this spark, which stands for seniors, pursuing adventure, recreation and knowledge is active and appreciated there. There are a lot of efforts underway and making progress, including art and public spaces and the

W

Woe 51:40

and just just out in the commons Park, the annex Park area. So let's move on and finally, just about finally, St Mary's College. Each of these bullets represent multiple accomplishments, actually. And so I'm not going to go through all that, but I just want you to

W

Woe 52:13

note the strengthening connection between St Mary's College and the town. And what I really want to talk about, the one bullet I'll talk about a little bit is the frequent and substantive communications between St Mary's College and town leadership from our perspective, and when we get that perspective as the town council, it's a step change. Difference between where we are now versus the past, there are almost daily communications between leadership at St Mary's College and town leadership, and both both entities are helping each other out. And I know one thing that

W

Woe 52:56

the leadership of St Mary's College is really focused on stakeholder engagement, and evidence of that was when they were getting ready to announce the new aquatics program. They came to the town ahead of time and made sure that we are aware of that, and we were on board with that, so that we were not surprised. So stakeholder engagement is really appreciated, and a lot of the the Our Town Manager is very much part of achieving that improvement in communications and partnership. Really it's partnership. We're moving towards partnership with St Mary's College, or we're there. Okay, by the way, just really quick, I want to thank the public for passing measure K back in 2012 because a lot of that transportation work is funded by measure k, that that achieves that, and we want to make sure that the public understands there's a direct connection between those funds and accomplishing the road work. A slide to thank all of our partners. I'm sure this is not a complete list. You know, partners are important for any city, especially so so for a small town like like Moraga and so I thank our partners, and personally, I want to thank the town council for working with me this year. You know, we come from different perspectives, different experiences, sometimes different voting or passions, but I think I really value all of you, and think that we are certainly. Would be proud of our participation this year, and also especially of staff, because they they play such an important role in making sure that we have the information and that the the quality information is appropriate so that we can make decisions to the benefit of the of the citizens of the town, and with that,

S

Speaker 8 55:28

Happy Holidays to all.

W

Woe 55:41

Are there any any comments from staff on that?

H

Hillis 55:45

Would you like Council comments now or Sure? Okay, well, that's, are

W

Woe 55:50

there any public comments on that presentation? Just, okay, thumbs up. We got that. Oh, we have an honored guest here.

S

Speaker 9 56:05

Good evening, Mr. Mayor, council members. I just wanted to say thank you, sir. We appreciate the partnership, the collaboration that we've had with you as mayor and the town council. Have a great relationship with the town manager, and look forward to moving that forward in the next year. So thank you, sir. It's been a pleasure, Chief

W

Woe 56:21

Isaacs, thank you so much. We really do value mofd And your participation and your and your people. Well, thank you, sir, critically important to the town. Yep. Happy holidays. Happy holidays. Okay, any comments from

H

Hillis 56:37

because quick question, would this also be the time where any dignitaries in the audience who may have something to say should also present.

W

Woe 56:47

I think that's when. Yes, we will. We'll be doing that now too. Okay, are there any any reading the scripture? Your interview, public comment. Okay, well, this says we call for nominations, but I think if there are any, any comments, further comments from the dignitaries, happy to entertain you at this point,

S

Speaker 3 57:17

I want to thank you, Steve, it's really been fun watching you as mayor this year, because you are out there, and not just in the town of Moraga. I see you out throughout the county, really making the voice of Moraga heard and a lot of very, very important issues, getting out, meeting with a lot of different elected officials throughout the county, and that's really we have an amazing county of 19 cities, and the cities that accomplish a lot typically get to know all of the mayors and council members elsewhere, because so much of what we do is regional, and it's creating those communication those bonds, that ability to say, hey, we need this funding this year from the Transportation Authority. Do you mind if we step ahead and get it in? And really, those relationships are so important. So I want to thank you for that. I love this presentation. I've seen it a similar presentation a couple of times before, and I think part of being Meyers is so important to let people know what's going on in your community, to highlight the great work that this council has had, and it really has just been a pleasure working with you. I look forward to once the nominations, working with the next mayor as he comes forward as well. I know morocc is going to continue to do some amazing, amazing things with what you're already approving with your downtown, with the senior housing going in, that's not easy to accomplish, and I'm really excited to see the movement forward. There's a lot of great things happening here. So congratulations, and I do have a little recognition for you. If you want to come down, I'd be happy to present this to you. Want to have the opportunity. I want to say how lucky we are to Have Candice

S

Speaker 4 59:21

and your staff. We how sure sure.

S

Speaker 10 59:50

Okay, of course.

S

Speaker 2 1:00:04

I'll go next me again. So again. Sharice count, Field Representative for our state assembly member, Rebecca Bauer Kahan, and on behalf of the assembly member, we just want to thank you so much, Mayor Wallace, for your leadership this year, the way that you were able to work with our office, with your fellow council members, with your incredible staff to congratulate you on your pro housing designation, and the progress that you've made this year with your housing element and development in the town of Moraga has been fantastic. So on behalf of the State of California, I do have a certificate for you as well.

W Woe 1:00:44
Okay, you should get the two of them first.

S Speaker 10 1:00:58
Let's Photoshop. Is

S Speaker 11 1:01:34
special, yeah, I just wanted to also say a few words.

S Speaker 8 1:01:41
You too. All

S Speaker 11 1:01:49
right. My name is Kaylee DeLand. I'm here on behalf of Congressman Mark DeSaulnier, the congressman regrets that he's not able to join us here tonight, but I'm very grateful for the opportunity to be here to thank you, Mayor Wilkie, for all of your hard work on behalf of this community. You are so present and engaged in this community. I see you at events all around town, and it's clear just how much you care and how hard you work to make Moraga the wonderful place that it is. I'm grateful for what a joy it is to always work with you. You're always just so delightful and such a pleasure to work with. So I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your leadership and commend you for all of your hard work on behalf of this town.

W Woe 1:02:25
Thank you, Kayleigh, thank you so much.

S

Speaker 12 1:02:35

Any others. Hi, Casey. Hi Casey. Rain. Out of respect for everybody under 10 in this room, I'm going to be very quick, and I just wanted to say the town is doing great, and it was beautiful to hear your year end report in your usual humble fashion, giving credit to everybody else. I want to take a minute to just acknowledge you as just the wonderful person that you've been and a great mayor, and most of all for always listening to just about everybody in town. I've seen you around town this past year, always being the mayor, never not being the mayor, and always having time to listen to everyone. And that takes an enormous amount of work, and I really appreciate it. Thank you, Casey, thank you.

W

Woe 1:03:31

I think it's now time for nominations, for comments. We're not done talking about you. Okay, fine council member comments.

H

Hillis 1:03:45

All right, I'm going to hit it off if you if you don't mind, mister, sure mayor. So thank you so much for your service this year, and also, very importantly, for the last two decades. Congratulations on a successful second tour of duty as the mayor of our beautiful town. Pursuant to town tradition, your colleagues have organized our own thank yous for you. I ask my colleagues to indulge me a moment as I proceed with the first gift to our mayor. I Here you go. Thank you very much. Say a little bit about it real quick. This is a bottle of Hillis house wine, 2024 vintage, complete with moraga's 50 Year Anniversary seal, an empty bottle of which is now in our time capsule to be open for in 50 years. I'll just give you a little proviso on this wine. It's a little young, and it probably needs about another six months, but open it in six months and give it a couple hours to breathe, or if you want to drink it right now, four to six before I'd really. You trust it. And I just want to say again, thank you again, good sir, for all of your work for Our Town. Thank you very much.

M

Maglio 1:05:17

Mayor Wallace, this is a little gift that I think suits you, having to do with your outdoor pursuits, and it's something that will help you always find your way. So from my heart to yours and from the heart of council members, here is a gift for you. Applause. I

W

Woe 1:05:43

hope it's not fragile.

W Woe 1:05:53
Thank you so much. It's a compass. I will I will take it with me for my backpack.

W Woe 1:06:05
Interest is that a moral compass or

W Woe 1:06:11
so long as it shows north, I'll

T Thiel 1:06:17
go next Brent, so Mr. Mayor as the liaison of the art and public spaces committee, I thought it only appropriate to in recognition of your time as mayor, to provide you with a gift from one of our town's more prolific artists and also former mayor, Teresa Omoto,

S Speaker 13 1:06:40
Thank you, Teresa, we need to see that. Yes, this is the lovely Pear blossoms.

W Woe 1:06:48
We finally have an anoda picture. And

T Thiel 1:06:58
I want to note that you know Theresa and I have a long history, and we really did well in our last few years. We really appreciate working with you, Theresa, thank you.

D Dolan 1:07:09

I guess I get the final word. I just wanted to thank you, Steve, for all that you do have done for the town. This year, I had reason to look at your biography and that it's on the website. And I encourage everyone else to do it too, because this mayor business is just the tip of the iceberg. This guy has been volunteering in various capacities. I think you said two decades. It actually is two decades worth of design review, Planning Commission and on and on and on multiple terms as council member, and so it it's hard to think of someone who would have a bigger commitment and love for this town than you, Steve, and I appreciate that. I did give you a little something token my appreciation, I guess everyone else spilled the beans. What the gift is, these are to help you help us next year at the corn hole tournament.

 1:08:15

Oh, you. You are our art optimist.

D Dolan 1:08:19

They're a little I know you have a set, but you're going to practice so much you're going to wear those out. And these are the fancy ones with they're two sided, one slippery and one sticky. So depending on your shot, you

W Woe 1:08:37

obviously the the band sandbags, or whatever, what you call them, yes. Well, thank you so much. And just for the record, actually, I began volunteering for the town of 1990 so it hasn't been continuous, but it has, has added up over the years, and I really do have loved it, and we'll see where I go from here. I'm gonna take your word for it. Now, may we do nomination? Wait, wait, wait,

T

Town Manager 1:09:17

I was supposed to go earlier, but was excluded unintentionally, Mr. Mayor, I would I get the honor to say something on behalf of the executive team, and we have a nice card here for you with a gift card for you and your wife. So pass that over there, and don't worry, it's for a local Moraga restaurant, and one that Peggy, I know both you and Steve, like you, should be able to get at least two dinners out of it. I want to say a few things Steve, the executive team considered considers this last year to have been a true honor and privilege to work for you. And I could go on about many of. The examples you articulated in there, but the council, you're the board of directors, you pass the local laws, you tell us what the town wants and what needs to get done, and then we turn around and implement it, and we do our level best to achieve your direction. There are times when it's challenging because you have upset residents or business folks, and while you do vote five, oh, on many things, not everything, and so there are challenges when it's not unanimous, but that's a reflection of democracy. So Mr. Mayor, I appreciate your patience on that and council, but I also want to say with everybody as a witness here, I know there are times I drive you crazy and I create frustration for you. But that's not it's not personal. It's the role of the town manager, because I work for five of you, and I appreciate your indulgence, and I've always said to you and and for your wife, I try hard, so when you guys are having dinner at night, you're not sitting there complaining about the town manager. And if you find that you are just know I'm doing my level best to help make you successful, because I check my personal opinions, I try at the door, and I try to be the town manager to implement your direction, and just to make you aware of the pros and cons and stuff that's in front of you. So I'll keep working hard to be as balanced as I can be, but I sincerely appreciate the respect for our roles, and they say you agree or you have disagreements with those that you care about. So I think we really care about each other.

W

Woe 1:11:32

Scott, Scott, very, very much. Thank you, and I very much respect and value our communications. And a lot of times Good things come from it. And I am consistent in my communications how much I value your support to the town and what you're accomplishing in the town, and your strategic view and focus for the town, and we're seeing benefits from that.

T

Town Manager 1:12:01

Okay, thank you. And then I have one last item, and then I'll be done. Okay, now, one last item, I'm gonna come up to podium, and I'm gonna ask your wife to come up so Peggy can come up.

W

Woe 1:12:11

Yeah, I should. I really need to thank Peggy too.

T

Town Manager 1:12:17

You will have that opportunity, but Peggy, I wanted to get you something, because I know I create some frustration sometimes, but so this is, I think it's a cactus plant thing. Yes, it's a cactus plant. Since it's blooming, it is. And I saw I wanted to get something nice for you. And then I saw this, because my wife and I have two or three of these that we've had for over 15 years. So you water it every 10 days, not too much, okay, and make sure it gets sunlight. But then around Christmas time, whether it's pink, white or red, these blooms come out. You can take care of it. Don't move it too much, don't trim it too much. It'll keep coming back every year. Great. So I hope you can get 15 or 20 years

S

Speaker 14 1:12:56

out of hope. So too. I hope I have 15 or 20 years.

S

Speaker 8 1:13:01

Thank you. And

T

Town Manager 1:13:06

the reason we're recognizing Peggy to be successful in public service and in these leadership roles, you truly need a support network at home. We're your support network here, but this is your support network at home, and we need to recognize that and publicly say, thank you. So that's what that plant is about. Thank you.

W

Woe 1:13:24

Thank you. And I know Peggy has always been very supportive of my my efforts here as a volunteer. Scott, thank you so much. Can we now go to nominations? If so, I would like to kick off nominations, because often the mayor gets that privilege. And I want to talk about this for a minute, but I really am going to nominate Carrie Hillis to be the next mayor of Moraga, and there are very good reasons for this, Kerry has extensive experience as a volunteer with the town, both with the planning commission and as a member and I think, president of MCF and Vice President of the maragas Community Foundation. He's very active in town. He has a young family, which gives a unique perspective. And he's also somewhat unique, or new to Moraga, in that he has a very outward focus. My perspective on Moraga is that historically, we're more inwardly focused as a small, remote town, semi remote town, and Kerry really brings a different perspective, an outward perspective, and interest in what's going on in the county and the state and even in the. National arenas, and I think that the town is ready for that and will benefit from that. And then finally, it is tradition that the Vice Mayor take over as mayor, unless there's something untold and there's nothing untold to prevent that happening. So therefore I nominate Carrie hills to be the next next mayor. There do not need to be seconds on this. But are there other nominations? If there are no other nominations, I

S

Speaker 8 1:15:37

call for a vote all. Yes.

W

Woe 1:15:43

Forgive me. Thank you so much. We've closed, we've closed the nomination period. I'll open up the public comments.

S

Speaker 1 1:15:53

Good enough time. Yes. So what is the Walnut Creek Mayor doing here? My name, my name is Kevin Wilk, and first of all, I do actually have a connection with Moraga. I grew up in Lafayette and Lafayette Valley Estates. Anybody that goes down Saint Mary's road, you pass that on the left just after you pass Saint Mary's College. And throughout my high school years, I rode my bike up and down Reem Boulevard, probably going 60 miles an hour at some point without a bike helmet. Kids don't do that, and bowling at the bowling alley. And there was a miniature golf course here, and so Moraga has been close to my heart, but that's not really why I'm here. First of all, Mayor Wallace, thank you very much for your service. I see you at many different mayors conferences and Cal cities events and throughout the county, and that is so important, because no city in the county, or really even in the state, lives on its own. We all are connected, and we all work together with each other. It's with that that I am so happy to hear about soon to be mayor Carrie Hillis, who reached out to me shortly after your election to meet with me about what are some of the big issues that are happening in the county and in the region. I had recently been mayor at that point in 2021 and I was a founding member of the Bay Area Network of Jewish officials, otherwise known as Banjo and Kerry was telling me that he has a Jewish family. He's raising his kids to be Jewish. And what is Banjo all about? Well, Banjo was formed to fight anti semitism, to combat hate and to combat racism wherever it exists, and to not take it as just well. That's really a shame, and then be quiet about that. That's certainly not what I do in Walnut Creek as the first Jewish mayor in Walnut Creek history, but Kerry walks the walk. He didn't just talk the talk. He got involved. He went to Israel with our group in March of 23 prior to October 7, saw what we saw was happening in Israel has become more involved ever since. He's been at almost every Meyers conference and Cal cities, East Bay event and statewide and gone nationally with me to Washington to most recently, to Boston for national conferences. We served together on the Board of County connection. I have not seen any elected official in Contra Costa, more involved than Carrie Hillis in the last four years period, you could not have a better mayor for Moraga, not just for Moraga here, but to expose Moraga and to promote Moraga to the entire county. I am going to be proud having been now mayor my second term for exactly one week, I am proud to serve as my next term as mayor for this next year, with Carrie by my side and Mayor Hillis, I look forward to our next event.

W

Woe 1:18:57

Thank you, Kevin, any other any, other public comments. If not, we'll close the public comment period. We'll bring it back to the council. Are we ready for a vote? Let's do a roll call vote.

S

Speaker 15 1:19:19


Aye, proudly and gladly say aye,

W Woe 1:19:26
unanimous aye.

S Speaker 8 1:19:29
So congratulations.

W Woe 1:19:39
Okay, so you are now in

H Hillis 1:19:43
charge. So I need that thing,

 1:19:46
this thing, oh, excuse me.

A Attorney 1:19:51
We could also switch seats if you prefer.

H Hillis 1:19:54
We save that for one second, if you don't mind. So I'm going. To ask for another public comment here, because I believe that there are is a woman in the audience who is very busy with a cranky three year old, but I think she has something to say.

S Speaker 14 1:20:21
Hello, I am Ariana Hillis. We just wanted to say congratulations, and we're very proud of you, and we're here cheering you on, and we have a gift for you.

H Hillis 1:20:37

Thank you, babies. And if you'll indulge me for a second, I will, I will open this. You're in charge. Oh, all right, you got a nice wooden box. And so my mom was telling me a story today about my father, who was the president of his local Lodge, and also of the local Lions Club. And one of the things that whenever a new member of the lodge came the their wives would buy them a gavel. So this is going to be mine. I still have my dad's in my office, and it's mine for now, probably be some other little kids that may be in the audience later. So with that still being on item 9b it is now time to call for nominations for 2026 vice mayor. And I nominate Lisa mallio for Vice Mayor. Are there any other nominations?

M Maglio 1:21:45

I planned on nominating Brian Dolan, who brings a wealth of experience and is maybe our most practical council member. Okay.

T Thiel 1:22:02

I too had planned on nominating Brent Okay, as well, as much as I respect the nomination for Lisa sitting right next to me,

W Woe 1:22:20

I personally think that both are very well qualified or have different perspectives, different backgrounds, and so I'm Not ambivalent, but I'm supportive of both. So I'm, I see, I see positive.

D Dolan 1:22:46

I'm not required to nominate

H Hillis 1:22:48

you are not required to nominate anyone, okay,

D Dolan 1:22:51

but I do accept the nomination of here.

A

Attorney 1:22:56

All right, Mr. Mayor, if I might add, the protocols do allow for a council member who does not wish to accept the position of mayor, Vice Mayor, to decline the position. So if there's a council member who is nominated and does not want to accept the nomination, they can decline. But otherwise, we take the nominations in order they are made. So we would vote on the first nomination first.

H

Hillis 1:23:18

So would I ask that, are there any council members who have been nominated that would like to decline the nomination,

M

Maglio 1:23:28

I will graciously and proudly decline the nomination.

H

Hillis 1:23:32

There you go. That makes it easy. So are there any deliberations? Sounds like we all got got our minds up. I call for a vote on the 2026 vice mayor. Do I need to do public comment? Public comment. I public comment. My

H

Hillis 1:24:02

revenge. All right, I'm seeing none. Let's call for a roll call vote starting at that end, all in favor, aye.

D

Dolan 1:24:16

No, no, I'm just kidding, aye,

H

Hillis 1:24:19

and the ayes, have it. Congratulations, vice mayor. And now I would like to ask for a five minute recess while we change some things around up here. Let's come back with authority that's right at seven o'clock. You.

S

Speaker 8 1:29:00

Just want to make sure that the copyright is

O

Onoda 1:29:14

well, does that

S

Speaker 16 1:29:21

happen? Town manager there, ask the town manager there be sure

S

Speaker 8 1:29:30

that Shawn, Shawn in the back you.

H

Hillis 1:30:05

So okay, so seven o'clock resuming item 9b and this will be an opportunity for our new officers to make some comments. So I will start, if you don't mind, Mr. Vice Mayor. All right. So thank you, colleagues for entrusting me with this responsibility. It is an honor that I will work daily to be worthy of now I ask for your indulgence against for a few brief remarks, as your mayor, I commit to all of you, my colleagues, staff and members of the public, to be a fair presiding officer for all of our meetings. To that end, I felt it would be unfair not to preview my thinking on the economic challenges we will be tackling in the new year and so more gifts. You may have seen the flurry of little bags going around the room. For those of you watching this on at home, I'm just going to give you an idea what that was. So the council and the town manager's bags are have full size bottles of wine. Yes, Mayor, former mayor, wallicky, gets two. I think he's he's earned it. And we're also buttering you up further with some delicious Hanukkah Gelt and some Christmas cookies. So enjoy them, please. And then I want to talk about the last of your gifts, which is a homework assignment for all of you, including the town manager. We have a the first of them is a book called Abundance by Ezra Klein and Derek Thompson. Reading this book is like reading the policy history of the town of Moraga for the last 100 years, how we got here, and most importantly, how we need to change to our to ensure that our community does not die. And I don't use that word lightly, I firmly believe that once the current generation in a community no longer believes there is a future for their family to be able to buy a home in that community, and that is the case for the vast majority of people that live here in Moraga. I believe that once they once they no longer see their future here, that community is effectively dead, because people no longer see a future here, and as fewer people look to move in, we also face a situation where we stagnate with what we have, and we chase scarcer and scarcer tax dollars as more and more people can't afford to live here and move out. Example, a starter home here in Moraga costs \$2 million in whose world is \$2 million a starter home, we can do more. And I think this council, this next year is going to do more to breathe back life into this

community that is our mission. Next there's another book, how big things get done by Brent flyberg and Dan Gardner. This book lays out a convincing case for how once you've decided to do something big, you can ensure that it is implemented in line with your expectations. If anyone's familiar with California High Speed Rail, it was beautiful idea at its inception, but that also goes to kitchen projects, or in my own family life, a pool remodel, where you have initial scope, you have initial ideas for what things are going to be. And the one of the things that this book lays out with data, something like 1% of all projects actually are delivered on time at the budget that was promised and with the scope that was promised. Now, why is that? Well, I'll let I won't take too much away from your reading assignment here, but I'd encourage you to take a look at it with a bottle of wine if you feel the need. And last also there was bags for the staff. So these have everything that the the council bags had, minus the books. So not making any of our staff work, other than the town manager over the the holiday break. And it's a little bit of a smaller glass bottle of wine, but it's still is sufficient for for two glasses. Um, so just again, I want to give you Paris, oh, that I mentioned earlier, if you really want to drink it now, like to do a reading assignment, let it breathe for four to six hours before drinking it. Otherwise, you're not going to really appreciate how wonderful this wine is. And then team Moraga, which is all of us, from the town manager to one. Members of the Council, to our staff, to the community, that we are going to need to help us drive a message of what you want, because ultimately, that's what we're all here to deliver what you all want us to do, and why you brought us here. I'm really excited to see us cook next year. Now let's get be ready January to get back to work. First thing, I have a feeling the next year is going to be a whirlwind. And I lastly, just want to close with my wonderful wife, who's been chasing my three year old all over the chambers this evening, I want to thank my family for your support here tonight, and most specifically, to thank my wonderful wife, Ariana, who, without her encouragement when I almost didn't apply for a position on the planning commission, almost didn't apply for various other positions here in town, she's the one that kicked my tail and said, you've been talking about this for years now, get out there and actually do it. It also gives me something some of my other elected colleagues don't have, which is a spouse that I can blame every time they notice that I'm not there for dinner or other things. So I appreciate you. I love you and kids, I love you, and for all of our friends who are able to stick it out, we definitely have the elementary school brigade here. So I'm glad that you were all able to witness this. Not many I hadn't viewed anything like this when I was your age. This is what it looks like with the peaceful transfer of power in the United States. I'm glad you were able to be here to witness how it should be done. So you're so kids, you had helped hand out the gifts, and I thank you for it. Your gifts will be starting to come your way this Sunday with the start of Hanukkah. Happy holidays, everyone. Happy New Year to you. You and Yours, and now, Mr. Vice Mayor, hand over to you for any remarks.

D

Dolan 1:37:01

I'm looking forward to working with you all this year.

W

Woe 1:37:07

Can I make a quick remark? Thank you. Actually, I'm halfway through abundance. It is a very thought provoking book, and so I look forward to completing it. Thank you.

H

Hillis 1:37:19

Any other comments? Please any other comments we are on item 10, council member requests for future agenda items. Do my colleagues have any requests for future council agenda items? Seeing none, we'll move to informational items. Town manager. Do we have any informational items to discuss?

T

Town Manager 1:37:44

Mr. New mayor, Vice Mayor, Members of the Council, as I mentioned, I'll follow up on the public speakers from early earlier. The next council meeting will be on January 14. We have a variety of items that are that are coming up on that two hearings, one involving our purchasing policy and building code adoption. We have the fire chief here. We have some fire stuff to do and a variety of other topics. So 2620 26 year, we'll start off with a variety of things. It should be a full year. A lot of good things going on at Moraga. I also like to make two comments about Congratulations, Mr. Rice may or Mr. Mayor. And for your children, for those that might remember this, you may remember this moment for the rest of your life, the day your dad became mayor of the town of Moraga. So happy memories. It's a bit it is a big deal. It is a big deal. Also Carrie, on a more personal note, because I've enjoyed working for all five of you, and Carrie, you have a lot of enthusiasm, a lot of energy, and it's always been a challenge to keep up with you. It'll be equally as challenging going forward. So I do want to make a suggestion, and assuming there's no opposition from the council, I know some of you occasionally watch Bill Mars. What's his show called Real Time with Bill Maher, right? You know, he has a segment toward the end called new rules. So we have one new rule that's suggested that you, you're, I'm the town manager. I'm available to you guys anytime, 24/7, but for, for Mr. Hillis, I would like to suggest a new rule, and that's a limitation of one text or call for hours on the weekdays and one maybe two per day on the weekends, but no more. So if there are more than one on a weeknight, or more than, say, two on a weekend, you may not get a response until the next work day. Just new rule.

H

Hillis 1:39:43

I think this sounds totally reasonable. Okay,

T Town Manager 1:39:46

so your wife, your mom and your children are witnesses. They are all witnesses. So when you get a text back, it says, Remember the new rule. Thank you for your indulgence. Thank you. Congratulations to everyone.

H Hillis 1:39:58

I do appreciate you. Responding to my text messages this weekend during your son's swearing in to the to the California bar. So thank you. Yep, here you go. Alright, so last item is item 12, Town Manager follow up and announcements. You think you already covered that and so with that, we're adjourned. You.