

**Pleasanton City Council and the Pleasanton Unified School District Board of Trustees****1.0 OPENING CEREMONY – MEETING OF THE PLEASANTON CITY COUNCIL AND THE PLEASANTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES – 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Thorne at 7:00 p.m. President Hintzke led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2.0 ROLL CALL** - Present were Mayor Jerry Thorne, Vice-Mayor Kathy Narum, Councilmember Karla Brown, Councilmember Arne Olson, Councilmember Jerry Pentin, City Manager Nelson Fialho, President Jamie Hintzke, Trustee Valerie Arkin, Trustee Chris Grant. Board Vice-President Mark Miller, Trustee Joan Laursen and Interim Superintendent Jim Hansen.

**3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT** – *Comments are limited to items listed on this Special Meeting Agenda. Speakers are encouraged to limit comments to 3 minutes.*

Susan Hayes, Executive Director of PPIE (Pleasanton Partnerships in Education) gave an update on the Giving Fund and presented the Pleasanton USD with a check for \$360K for the 2016-2017 school year to fund four (4) Instructional Coaches. These positions truly support PPIE's mission ensuring quality education is equitable at all sites.

**4.0 JOINT CITY/PUSD INITIATIVES:**

**(4a) Youth in Government Presentation** - City Manager Fialho and Mr. Samu Tiumalu, City of Pleasanton Community Services introduced the item. The Youth in Government Day was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, as a joint venture between the City of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Unified School District. The 79 registered students were from Amador Valley, Foothill, and Village high schools. This year's new format allowed students' two opportunities to shadow City and school district personnel. The students shadowed 25 staff from the City of Pleasanton and 21 from the Pleasanton Unified School District who graciously volunteered their time and experience. Village High School Catering provided a light breakfast and brown bag lunch for the participants at the Firehouse Arts Center. The day's event concluded with a presentation given by Youth Commissioners Elise Allari and Avni Patel on the Youth Commissions Work Plan for 2016/2017 and leadership opportunities available in local government and the community. Student feedback indicated an interest in "participating in city activities over the summer to become more integrated in local government." Others commented that, "it would be nice if there were more opportunities like this," and several mentioned their interest in applying for the Youth Commission openings. Additional student take-a-ways included, "I learned more about Pleasanton and how many people collectively work together to better residents' lifestyle in such a great town." and that, "I will be sure to sign up next year!"

Q/A:

- President Hintzke: Why was there an increase in attendance? Students: We did a lot more marketing this time and made the application process easier this year.
- Trustee Miller: Did the students have to write up a report on their experience? Students: No.
- Councilmember Brown: Who did you shadow and why did you think it was a good event? Ms. Allari: I did YIG last year and again this year because it's a great experience and I loved participating in it. I shadowed Mrs. Gates at Lydiksen ES and Trustee Arkin which was great! Ms. Patel: I also shadowed Trustee Arkin and Mr. Duncanson and helped him hang up posters around Pleasanton for his Art show.

**(4b)Pleasanton Health Initiative – Health Fair on April 16, 2016** - City Manager Fialho and Mr. Samu Tiumalu, City of Pleasanton Community Services introduced the item. The Pleasanton Health Initiative is collaboration between Pleasanton Unified School District and the City of Pleasanton and includes two (2) programs: the Health and Human Services Navigator Program and the Pleasanton Health Fair. This Health initiative is under the prevue of the Tri-Valley Youth & Family Opportunity Initiative whose partners include: Alameda County, the school districts and cities of Dublin, Livermore, and Pleasanton along with a variety of partners from the Health Care industry. The purpose of this initiative is to increase access to health and wellness services for the students and their families in the Tri-Valley.

The Pleasanton Health Initiative receives an allocation annually in the amount of \$ 17,860 from Alameda County Measure A. The City of Pleasanton and Pleasanton Unified School District participate together in the Alameda County Tri-Valley Youth and Family Opportunity Initiative. The goal of the Tri-Valley Youth and Family Opportunity Initiative is to strengthen the capacity of the Tri-Valley region to provide a continuum of high quality, accessible school- linked health and wellness supports to youth and families experiencing poor health and educational outcomes.

The Tri-Valley Youth and Family Opportunity Initiative is based on evidence that there is a critical link between children's healthy development and educational attainment, ultimately impacting long term health outcomes. Additionally, it recognizes that families are the most fundamental factor influencing the lives and outcomes of children and that

supported and supportive families are critical to reversing health disparities.

The Pleasanton Health Initiative features two (2) programs which include the Health and Human Services Navigator Program and the Pleasanton Health Fair. The Pleasanton Health Fair is supported by multiple public and private agencies and organizations in Alameda County. It is free and open to all members of the public, including residents and those living in surrounding communities, particularly underserved populations who do not have direct access to health services.

The Pleasanton Health Fair will be held on Saturday, April 16, from 9: 00 a.m. - 1: 00 p.m. at the Firehouse Arts Center, located at 4444 Railroad Avenue. Planning for the Health Fair is underway. This free event will feature resource tables, entertainment, physical exams, and dental and vision screenings. A workshop on immigration will also be presented in the theater of the Firehouse Arts Center.

The Pleasanton Health Fair is supported by the Pleasanton Unified School District, the City of Pleasanton and Axis Community Health. The 2011 Eastern Alameda County Human Services Needs Assessment: Findings Report indicated the need to ensure access to health related services and to embrace the growing diversity in the region. The Health Fair serves as a gateway to make contact and engage especially the underserved communities to provide health screening, linkage, and healthcare enrollment with a goal to 200 families in Pleasanton.

Q/A:

- Councilmember Brown: Dental Care was very high on the health product needs of the community. Have you been able to connect those who need dental care to a dental program? Mr. Tiumalu: We are working with Dr. Stephen Chu to seek assistance from his friends or colleagues to help those who need some assistance with dental care.
- President Hintzke: In regards to eye screening were you able to obtain the van that VSP uses where they come out and give out glasses on site? They also give out vouchers to get glasses elsewhere. Mr. Tiumalu: No, we did not. We are working with Berkeley School of Optometry to do the vision screenings in the Lions Club and will be held in the classrooms at the Firehouse Center.
- President Hintzke: I gave that information to Susan Han. In regards to dental and ages 11-24 there are dental appointments at the Reach Ashland Youth Center in San Leandro. Mr. Tiumalu. I will make sure I reach out to her in regards to both of these areas.
- Mayor Thorne: When we have the “stand downs” at the Pleasanton fairgrounds they have eye and dentals vans available for free screening and are also available for homeless veterans. You may want to check in with them to see if they have any resources as well.
- Trustee Grant: Mr. Hansen, maybe we can create awareness on the Health Fair and send out notifications to families so they may benefit from this.
- Interim Superintendent Hansen: I believe that we already communicated this information in our E-Connection.
- President Hintzke: I think last year this was communicated through the Parent Liaisons. Alameda County EMS and Stanford Valley Care on Sunday is holding a heart screening for any athletics in the Tri-Valley ages 12-25. It's free and there are 750 slots available. You can sign up on the [viaheartproject.org](http://viaheartproject.org) website. Typically athletics don't have any symptoms before sudden cardiac death. This screening will be held at Hart Middle School from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There's 150 volunteers signed up to help at this event.

**(4c)Pleasanton Bicycle Safety Festival on May 1, 2016** – Mr. Fialho introduced Lisa Adamos, Economic Development Specialist and Sgt. Pat Walsh highlighted the item.

Ms. Adamos: The festival is on Sunday, May 1 from 12-3 p.m. at Amador Valley High School's main parking lot along Santa Rita Road which will provide opportunities for the community to learn bicycle and pedestrian safety skills with a youth bicycle obstacle course and pedestrian safety course. Other activities to promote bicycle safety and healthy living are free minor bike repairs, bike helmet fittings and giveaways, car seat inspections, bike trivia wheel, bike-operated juice blender and music, and bike helmet decorating. Information booths will be available from the Pleasanton Police Department for Crime Prevention/DARE, Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department for Fire Prevention & Safety, City of Pleasanton staff for Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan input, commute information, and Bike to Work & School event information, Alameda County Transportation Commission on local transportation projects, Bike East Bay on bicycle facilities and programs, and Alameda County Safe Routes to School on school-based walking and biking programs. Other partners invited to participate include Stanford/Valley Care, Kaiser and John Muir for community education, Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, New Leaf Community Market and local bike shops and clubs.

Sgt. Walsh gave a brief history on how the program got started.

Q/A:

- Councilmember Pentin: I love the emphasis of this and it's important to note the legal requirement for our youth to wear helmets and our parents as well.
- President Hintzke: Everyone is required to wear a helmet correct? Sgt. Walsh: Under 18 years of age you are required to wear a helmet.
- Ms. Hintzke: Are you fining those who don't wear helmets under 18 years old? Sgt. Walsh: Our initial approach and enforcement is to educate more than hit someone with a ticket. We typically do a courtesy warning and contact the parent by phone of the youth. If it occurs again we will then cite them. A moving violation is approximately \$125.
- Ms. Hintzke: Is there anything in your education prevention about brain injuries and concussions? Sgt. Walsh: There's a specific amount of helmet safety training at the festival. Ms. Adamos: We can certainly ask about this and incorporate that into the training.
- Trustee Miller: I ride a bike quite a bit and one of the new laws is the 3 foot space that cars need to give the bicyclist on the road. That is violated all of the time in my experience. Are you enforcing that and if so, how many violations are being encountered? Sgt. Walsh: From the law enforcement side it's such a new law and is difficult law to enforce. We are experiencing it and have had several complaints regarding it. I don't have any numbers for at this time, but if we see it we definitely enforce it.
- President Hintzke: Does the helmet law include skateboards, hover boards and scooters? Sgt. Walsh: No it does not.
- Trustee Grant: Do we have a program for economic disadvantage families to help provide helmets? Ms. Adamos: we do. We have been contacted by the police department where parents have inquired about acquiring helmets. We do have helmets and will provide them to those who are in need of one. In the past couple of years we have given close to 200 helmets away to elementary and middle school students who have needed one.
- Councilmember Pentin: Children outgrow their helmets quickly. Maybe you can suggest "bring in your helmet day" so those can be used for others who don't have one.
- Trustee Arkin: What I have observed is no lights on the bikes at night. I believe that's the law and now just reflectors. Sgt. Walsh: Yes, that's correct. Ms. Adamos: We can provide that information and part of the event we will be giving away safety lights for those who participate in the rodeo.
- Trustee Laursen: I really like that this is a coordinated event. From a driver's perspective and is very dangerous is when students dart out in front of vehicles. It's important to educate them that their behaviors affect other behaviors. Another area of concern is that students wear their helmets but they don't fasten them properly. Ms. Adamos: We have a flyer that I will distribute to each of you, along with a map with safety classes.
- Trustee Grant: This is a wonderful collaboration between the school district and the city and I want to thank Mr. Johnson who has been very instrumental in this collaboration with our various safety programs in the district.
- President Hintzke: Would it be possible to have collaboration between our film class and our fire departments to do a PSA? Sgt. Walsh: That's a great idea.

#### **5.0 UPDATE ON CITY AND SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES**

**(5a) Civic Center/Library Master Plan Update:** The City Council approved the formulation of the Civic Center/Library Task Force in February of 2015. The mission of the Task Force is to explore options and make recommendations to the City Council regarding a potential new Civic Center/Library Master Plan. The Task Force is comprised of 11 members including Mayor Jerry Thorne and Councilmember Karla Brown, representatives from the Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Commission, Library Commission, Youth Commission, the Economic Vitality Committee, Pleasanton Downtown Association and three at-large community representatives. They have met approximately monthly since their first meeting in July 2015. The City hired Architect Mark Schatz, Field Paoli Architects, and Economic Planning Systems to assist the Task Force and staff in some of the more technical aspects of a Master Plan analysis and preparation. The task force has participated in the following discussions and activities since their inception:

- Roundtable discussion of a vision for a potential new Civic Center/Library Master Plan.
- Tour of existing Civic Center and Library.
- Review of past Civic Center/Library Master planning efforts.
- Review of relevant City Plans and policies affecting the Civic Center/Library Master planning process (i. e., the General Plan, Downtown Specific Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Pleasanton Youth Master Plan, Cultural Plan Update, and because the Bernal Property is being considered as an alternate site, the Bernal Property Specific Plans, and the Bernal Community Park Master Plan.
- Virtual tours of several civic center and public libraries throughout the Bay Area and the state.

- Field trips by individual Task Force members to nearby civic centers and libraries.
- Presentation by a "Library Futurist" on what to consider in planning a library that we want to retain its usefulness for 50 years.
- Review of a physical Space Needs Assessment for each City of Pleasanton Department and function.
- Review of several iterations of conceptual site plans on the current Civic Center site and the Bernal Park property prepared by Field Paoli and Mark Schatz based on input from the Task Force and City staff.
- Review of a Market Analysis for potential future alternate uses of the current Civic Center site should the decision be to relocate the Civic Center to the Bernal property.

The Task Force has concentrated its efforts on two specific sites, the existing Civic Center and Library site, and an alternative site on the northeast corner of the Bernal Property between the new synthetic sports fields currently under construction and the eastern property line along the railroad tracks.

**Current Civic Center Site** - The alternative on the current Civic Center site creates a central internal public plaza surrounded by the City Hall, Council Chambers, and the Library (all along Bernal Avenue), a Community Center (with frontage on Main Street) and the Police Station (with frontage on Old Bernal). Parking and drop off areas would be provided off Old Bernal and on the San Francisco Water Property. This alternative would use approximately 13 acres. Future iterations of this design may include an extension of Peters Avenue through the site and off Old Bernal.

**The Bernal Property** - The Bernal Property alternative would layout the City Hall, Council Chambers, Library, and Community Center in a semi-circle configuration along Bernal Avenue, west of a southward extension of Pleasanton Avenue. The interior of the semi-circle would face out across a meadow and public plaza area which would flow out into the greater Bernal Community Park. A parking deck would be located east of the extension of Pleasanton Avenue, along the eastern property line of the Bernal Property. Additional parking areas would be located throughout the site including a secure parking area for the Police Department. Future iterations of this alternative will likely address a refined circulation system with ample drop-off areas for the Library and Community Center, and additional parking areas intended to serve the sports fields and other recreation facilities located in Bernal Community Park.

#### Future Steps:

1. The next Task Force meeting is March 22, 2016. The Task Force will discuss additional alternative site planning refinements, a landscape plan that gives more form to the exterior spaces of the site, City of Pleasanton Commission consultations, and additional public outreach efforts.
2. Subsequent Task Force Meetings are scheduled monthly through July where the Task Force will consider public feedback, additional economic and fiscal impact information, finalize recommendations on site location and site plan concepts, and make final recommendations on a Civic Center/Library Master Plan document.
3. The ultimate deliverable product of the Task Force will include a Civic Center/Library Master Plan that will present the final recommendation for a Civic Center/Library Conceptual Site Plan and accompanying policies and guidelines to inform subsequent detailed plans.

#### Q/A:

- Of the 13 Alameda County cities, Pleasanton has the smallest Library of them all, yet per capita, we have the highest visitation.
- Why do we need additional parking? Pleasanton Downtown Association has concerns that the plan needs to be updated?
- The SF property has not been purchased because we want to get further on the options before we begin negotiations.
- In regards to option 3 would you consider using the plan that the library commission suggested awhile back?
- How much land does the police department take up?
- Concerns regarding the tunnel or an overpass or underpass behind Pleasanton Middle School to the site. There are also train tracks between the two facilities which add to our safety feature and needs to be taken into consideration. Connecting the middle school to the complex is very important.
- There are challenges with the drop off /pick up areas from the current library.
- What is the task's force envisioning the community center to be? A teen center? What programming would occur at this center?
- Suggested dual joint use of properties and opportunities for special matching grants for both entities to collaborate and partnerships.
- We need to amend the specific plan for the Bernal property.
- Are the plans for all of the buildings going to be solar? What about the parking structure? With all of the sporting events would we ever consider charging for parking?
- When the downtown specific plan begins to be discussed can the District Office be considered as a part of the plan? It's currently not being utilized to its fullest extent.
- Once all of the fields get built at the Bernal property will there be a need for the Upper Bernal fields adjacent to the District Office property? The City has a free lease of these fields until 2034.
- Should we consider having the youth services built into the Library because students are already going there? How about counseling services integrated into the library?

- The three new fields that are being created are catch up fields. There is an underserved youth community in Pleasanton and even though we will have those new fields we are still in need of more fields. If you speak to the Sports Council they will bring you up to date on that area.

(5a) – PUSD Facility Needs and Bond Survey – Interim Superintendent Hansen introduced the item: At the Joint Meeting on January 28, 2013, the Pleasanton City Council and Board of Trustees received an update on the District's Facilities Master Plan (FMP). The plan identifies school district facility needs in several categories including:

- Student safety, parking, and drop-off reconfigurations
- Modernization of existing building systems
- Program reconfigurations and renovations
- New standard classrooms
- Kindergarten improvements
- Performing Arts/Theatre
- Libraries/Learning Centers
- Outdoor learning/ landscape and hardscape
- Classroom Flexibility/furnishings
- Technology and data network capabilities
- Other items as noted in FMP

The FMP identified approximately \$500M in facility related needs. The District is proceeding with conducting a community survey to understand the community support for a potential bond.

Q/A:

- The proposed measure would be on the ballot in November 2016 as some needs are most immediate.
- At the March 22 school board meeting the survey results will be available and an update from the Demographers will give the district more information on student projections and enrollment.
- The District is proposing \$60/\$100K assess valuation which would fund the basic site and program needs and technology for the district. That would be approximately \$312M.
- Of all of the communities in the East Bay, Pleasanton was the second to the bottom in funding per household for their school district. I find it so hard to believe that this community which values education as they do would not support this measure on many of the district's facilities which are well maintained but are showing their age and need immediate repairs.
- A very specific project list will be generated for the bond measure. The law states the district needs to have a bond oversight committee in place that will help steer the overall process.

Public Comments: Julie Testa shared her thoughts and concerns on the district's facilities needs and bond survey.

## 6.0 BUDGET UPDATE

(6a) – District Budget Overview – Deputy Superintendent Micaela Ochoa highlighted the item:

Governor's 2016-2017 Budget Proposal

- California Economy
- Education Funding

Governor Brown warns that concerns regarding a recession are growing. He forecasts that three years into even a moderate recession the state could be hit hard. Deficits of up to \$55B could quickly accumulate.

- Proposition 98 and Major K-12 Proposals – The Governor's Budget proposal includes:
  - \$2.8B for LCFF gap closure
  - \$1.6B for an Early Education Block Grant (not new funding)
  - \$1.2B for discretionary one-time uses
  - \$365.4M for the K-12 portion of Prop 39 (2012) – Clean Energy Jobs Act

\$22.9M for categorical programs' COLA (0.47%)

- Local Bonds Pass at Record Rates – The deficiency of state school bond funds continues to put pressure on school districts to meet their facilities needs with local funds. Districts continue to pass local school bonds at record rates.

District's Budgets:

- CalSTRS and CalPERS Rate Increases  
CalSTRS – Employer rates are increasing to 12.58% in 2016-17, up from 10.73% in 2015-16.  
CalPERS – The employer contribution to CalPERS is proposed to increase to 13.05% in 2016-17 from 11.847% in 2015-16.
- Current and Multi-Year Projections  
Current year projections indicate that the District's contribution to STRS and PERS will grow by 154% and 109%, respectively, between 2013-14 and 2019-20.

Q/A:

- Clarify the LCFF Target Funding Factors
- Are there districts that are at 100%. No, it's across the board. All districts are all different levels but we're all at about the same percentage.
- ADA is Average Daily Attendance and for Pleasanton USD it's approximately at 14,600. They calculate that figure based on the total amount of students, with the actual attendance through period 2 (around April) and divide the two to acquire the percentage.
- The State doesn't provide any additional funding for the expenditures of the CalSTRS and CalPERS that were highlighted in the presentation earlier. This District is required to fund them. This applies to every school district throughout the state.
- In regards to our district budget, approximately 41% of our total budget comes from property taxes which equates to \$59.8M and the city is at approximately \$53M. Maintaining our property values is a high priority for both entities.

**(6b) – City Budget Overview** – Tina Olson, Finance Director gave an overview of the City's fund budget: In FY 2014/15 actual revenues received were greater than the Amended Budget by \$3,740, 190 or 3.7%. The Amended Budget is the original budget plus all budget amendments approved by Council through June 30, 2015. Transfers In/ Out (net transfers) were less than the Amended Budget by \$18,532 and Expenditures were \$1,949,707 or 2% less than the Amended Budget. Overall, inflows of cash exceeded outflows of cash by \$5,708,429. A detailed explanation of these variances is included in Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5 in this report.

Of the \$5,708,429 surplus, the FY 2015/16 budget allocated \$1.2 million to future Capital Improvement Program (CIP) reserves. Since these funds have already been allocated, they are classified as Committed within the General Fund reserves. Of the remaining \$4,508,429 in uncommitted General Fund surplus, City Council approved the following allocations:

- 10% Reserve for Economic Uncertainties 374, 000
  - Unassigned Fund Balance 2,426,211
  - Repair & Replacement Fund Reserves 500,000
  - CIP Reserves 1,208,218
- Total FY 2014/15 Uncommitted Surplus 4,508,429

General Fund Revenues - General Fund revenues received (Actual) were greater than the Amended Budget by \$3,740, 190 or 3.73%. Table 2 presents the major revenue categories with a comparison of the Amended Budget versus actual revenues and the variance to the Amended Budget both in terms of dollars and percentage.

Property Tax revenues are the single largest revenue source for the General Fund, accounting for approximately 51.6% of total revenues. In FY 2014/15 actual property tax collections including all categories of property related taxes were \$694,273 more than staff's estimate of \$53.05 million in the Amended Budget.

Sales Tax revenue is the second largest revenue source for the General Fund, accounting for approximately 22.5% of the total revenues. In FY 2014/15 actual Sales Tax collections were \$160,654 or 0.7% greater than staff's estimate of \$22.25 million in the Amended Budget.

Hotel Tax, Development Service Fees, and Recreation Fees were also greater than projected by a total of \$1.9 million primarily related to conservative revenue estimates. Grants and Intergovernmental revenues were \$240,763 greater than estimated as a result of the state allocating more for mandated cost reimbursements than in previous years. Finally, Reimbursements were \$483,427 greater than projected due to reimbursements from Livermore to fund reductions in liabilities related to PERS, OPEB, and Workers Compensation for LPFD that were not included in the amended budget.

General Fund Expenditures - Actual General Fund expenditures incurred were less than the Amended Budget by \$1,949,707 or 2.0%. Table 3 shows the major expenditure categories with a comparison of Amended Budget versus Actual expenditures and the variance to the Amended Budget both in terms of dollars and percentage. The majority of the reduction in expenditures (page 3 of 5 in the report).

Transfer of Funds – Actual General Fund transfers were more than the Amended Budget by \$18,533 which is in Table 4 of this report (page 4 of 5).

General Fund Reserves - Table 5 presents the changes to the General Fund Reserves. As shown, the overall reserves of \$14.9 million increased to \$20.6 million as a result of the allocation of the excess year-end funds of \$5.7 million to various reserves. The City Council took action to allocate these funds to maintain the Reserve for Economic Uncertainties at 10% of revenues in the General Fund, commit the \$ 1. 2 million that was allocated in the City's FY 2015/16 budget to future CIP reserves plus the \$1.2 million allocated to CIP reserves and the \$500, 000 allocated to Repair and Replacement Fund reserves. The balance of \$2.4 million was allocated to the Unassigned Fund Balance.

Q/A:

- What are the recreation fees? These are fees that people pay for sports fields and classes that they take.
- There was clarification that the School Board and District is very concerned about the increases in the CalSTRS/CalPERS increases, however, the District and the City's are very different when it comes to these areas. The District can't ask their employees legally to pay anymore than they currently do so to help address the funding issue. The District can't change the rates.
- The state is also going to change in regards to the city's rates, which is going to have a huge impact on the unfunded liability as well for that entity. The city is in pretty good shape. The biggest difference is at the city level it allows for more local control in regards to the pension plans.
- We need to address this with our legislators. The District doesn't have any local control in regards to these pension funds.

Public Comment: Julie Testa – Shared her thoughts and concerns on the 143% of the CalSTRS and CalPERS projections and suggested there needs to be more discussion on this area.

#### **7.0 AMADOR HIGH SCHOOL TRAFFIC CIRCULATION IMPROVEMENTS:**

Traffic signals on Santa Rita Road at Amador Valley High School are identified as a high priority location in the City's Traffic Signal Priority List. Santa Rita Road experiences recurring traffic congestion at both the start and end of the school day. This congestion occurs on Santa Rita Road, on the neighboring residential streets, and within the drop off/pick-up loop in the student parking lot. After review of the existing circulation patterns, City staff, working in conjunction with PUSD staff, recommended the installation of traffic signals at both the north and middle driveways of the parking lot fronting Santa Rita Road to improve circulation and safety.

Several aspects of this project will improve circulation and safety in the area, including: controlled access, narrowed north driveway and new sidewalk and reconstruction of entrances and intersections. Staff discussed the design and scheduling of this project. The majority of the construction work will occur during the school summer break to avoid impacts to the school traffic circulation.

Budget and Cost Sharing - The total construction cost for the project is \$507,366. The design, signal pole purchase and construction management aspect of the project increase the total cost estimate to 650, 000. Funding is allocated from several CIP projects, in addition to the \$400,000 from The Amador High Traffic Signal Project (CIP 155050); staff is recommending the use of \$250,000 from the Bi-Annual Traffic Signal Installation project (CIP No. 155032). Any contingency costs incurred by the project will be paid through the Intersection Improvements at Various Locations project (CIP No. 155041). PUSD has agreed to pay for the construction of a new sidewalk along the north side of the parking lot. The agreement states that PUSD's reimbursement obligation is estimated at \$45,000 plus a possible ten percent (10%) contingency. Line item costs from the signal contractor bid shows the sidewalk cost just above

\$50,000. After the City accepts the project as complete, the City will provide notice to PUSD with final accounting of the sidewalk work.

Q/A:

- Thank you for this improvement, which was long overdue and is a huge expenditure. We all appreciate it.
- There will be sidewalks for those students who want to walk to school and it will more safe than before.
- There are bike lanes currently for those who ride their bicycles.
- Is there any discussion about Foothill High School's traffic and improving that? We discuss all of the schools in regards to traffic and modifications to make each school safe.

#### **8.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

Announcements:

- Trustee Laursen: Foothill High School's We the People Team will be going to Nationals in Washington DC in April. They came in second in the state next to Arcadia.
- President Hintzke: The applications for the Superintendent Search closed on Monday and we had 28 applicants, 18 are from California and 10 are from out of state.
- Councilmember Brown: I want to thank the District for the use of the tennis courts. It's working out very well.

Mayor Thorne adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.