



City Manager Kevin Woodhouse contributed a column to the *Pacifica Tribune* to connect with local residents and keep Pacificans informed on issues that are of current interest in the City of Pacifica. Below is the submission for the March 21, 2018 edition of the *Pacifica Tribune*, which focuses on the City Council goal setting process for 2018-19.

City Council Goals for 2018-19

On March 3, 2018, the Pacifica City Council spent a full day in a public session developing City goals and priority projects for Fiscal Year 2018-19 (July, 2018 through June, 2019). Many current projects will continue, and several new projects are being added. The final list of priority projects will be brought back to the City Council for approval at a public meeting focused on goals and budget the evening of April 24, 2018 (Sign-up to receive agenda notifications for City meetings by e-mailing the City Clerk: o'connellk@ci.pacifica.ca.us). Annual Council goal-setting helps set priorities for the City's limited financial and staffing resources. I'd like to generally mention here the types of projects the City is focused on currently and will continue during next fiscal year, as well as specifically mention the very important Sea Level Rise/Local Coastal Plan Update study currently underway.

At the goal-setting session, the City Council identified numerous major projects related to transportation infrastructure, coastal planning and protection, economic development, the new library, climate action plan implementation, as well as homeless issues, affordable housing, aircraft noise, and litter prevention. Projects in these special focus areas are in addition to the hundreds of programs and services the City provides day in and day out related to streets, sewers, trees, planning and building permit services, police and fire, parks, recreation, senior services, childcare, beaches, and more. With a dedicated City team of 161 permanent employees and 134 seasonal/part-time employees, and alongside an incredible array of volunteers for City advisory bodies and all the non-profits, dedicated individuals, and businesses in town, FY2018-19 promises to be exciting, challenging, and productive in making progress on major City projects.

One challenging major project is to complete the update to the City's Local Coastal Plan with the addition of Sea Level Rise Adaptation strategies. This is a complex and important issue and I encourage you to learn about the details by taking the time to review information provided on the City's Sea Level Rise webpage, accessible via a link at www.cityofpacifica.org, and especially the FAQ document available on the project page. There are two points I'd like to emphasize here. First, a major objective for the project is to protect homes and businesses (see p. 1 of the FAQ). To clarify this objective further, the City Council will consider at their March 26, 2018 meeting, a statement opposing "retreat" strategies for areas of existing development. As a matter of fact, in recent years the City has committed significant resources (more than \$3 Million in City funding leveraging more than \$13 Million in grant funding) for coastal protection along Esplanade and the Beach Boulevard Sea Wall. Second, the City plans to expand the community engagement process for this project to provide more public meetings; the Council will consider funding for this increased scope at the March 26 City Council meeting. Again, please visit www.cityofpacifica.org to learn more about this project and other important City news.
