



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 June 6, 2018 edition of the *Pacifica Tribune*, which focuses on the City's budget and project milestones.

City Budget Will Be Balanced & City Project Milestones

As I began writing this column, I realized it will be released on June 6, 2018, the date of my oldest son's 18th birthday, as well as his high school graduation day. This made me think of the theme of transitions, an apropos theme for numerous City updates I would like to highlight – major project milestones and our transition to the new fiscal year.

The Sea Level Rise/Local Coastal Plan Update project has transitioned to the phase of evaluating and receiving input on specific sea level rise adaptation strategies that are feasible and meet project goals for different sections of Pacifica's coastline. There have been numerous public meetings on this important topic. The next one will be Saturday, June 23, noon-3 p.m. at the Community Center, and will review the Draft Adaptation Plan. More SLR/LCP information is available at:

www.cityofpacifica.org/sealevelrise.

You may have noticed the large construction crane and activity adjacent to the Community Center on Crespi Drive. This critical public works project, called the Wet Weather Equalization Basin, is a 2.1 million gallon underground basin and associated infrastructure that will prevent sanitary sewer overflows. Good progress is being made and it will be functional this winter to prevent overflows.

Other major undertakings around town that are reaching significant milestones include kicking off the 2212 Beach Boulevard hotel development site Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposals process, launching into the conceptual design phase and operating model evaluation for a New Sharp Park Library and a Renovated Sanchez Library, preparing for paving projects on Linda Mar and Oceana boulevards, completing the lottery selection and beginning to process Cannabis Use Permit applications, and ramping up to begin important planning studies related to the Palmetto District and the privately-owned Quarry property. In addition, Caltrans has begun their nighttime work on paving Hwy 1 through town and will soon begin their work on replacing the Francisco-Oceana pedestrian overcrossing.

While all of this and more are underway, the City's Budget Team has been hard at work to present a balanced FY2018-19 budget proposal to the City Council over the course of four public meetings that began in April. The final Proposed Budget will be presented to the Council in a public hearing on Monday, June 11, 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, followed by final adoption on June 25th. While the City's finances are tightly constrained and future years are projected to be increasingly challenging to balance expenditures with revenues, I am pleased to be presenting to the City Council a balanced budget for the upcoming year that also applies one-time revenues toward delivering important projects and initiatives to the community. More budget information is available on the City's website.

Achieving milestones and transitioning to new phases of projects, as well as in life, require focus and persistence, so cheers to all of the hard work of City employees, City Councilmembers, and City volunteers, including Commission and Committee members. And to that of my oldest son . . .
