



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 February 6, 2019 edition of the *Pacifica Tribune*, which focuses on Recreational Vehicles and Homelessness.

The coming months will see numerous important milestones for major City projects/initiatives, while also completing City Council goal-setting and beginning budget development for the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year. In this column, I provide information about Recreational Vehicles and Homelessness, updates to the City's Cannabis Business Program, a grant the City received to undertake public engagement regarding housing issues, the General Plan, Local Coastal Plan, and Sharp Park Specific Plan work getting underway, and the FY2019-2020 budget.

At the upcoming February 11, 2019, City Council meeting, the topic of RVs and Homelessness will be discussed. The Council previously discussed this topic in July, 2018, and directed further research into: 1) parking ordinance amendment options to address RV parking issues; 2) RV parking program options for homeless community members to lawfully park overnight, and; 3) other RV parking safety and waste disposal health concerns. This is a complex topic, and one the City receives a lot of inquiries about, so the Council will be carefully considering options.

Last month the City Council provided direction on potential Cannabis Ordinance amendments. As a result of their direction, ordinance amendments will be introduced in the next couple months that allow up to three (instead of two) retail cannabis stores in the West Sharp Park zone and three (instead of two) in the Rockaway zone, along with other numerous more minor ordinance amendments.

Beginning in February/March, a community engagement process about housing issues will kick off, grant funded and led by the County's Home For All initiative, partnered with Common Knowledge Plus and the City. The objective is to engage a broad and diverse set of community members in learning and listening conversations about Pacifica's housing challenges. More information will be forthcoming from the City as the process is designed; information about Home For All is available at www.HomeForAllSMC.org.

The City Council approved on January 28th a contract with planning consulting firm Dyett & Bhatia to reengage and complete a General Plan update, Local Coastal Plan update, and a Sharp Park Specific Plan. The process for reengaging and completing these important planning documents will include significant public engagement opportunities, and will build upon much of the General Plan update work already completed numerous years ago. More information will be forthcoming from the City as the process is designed and scheduled.

City staff is beginning the budget development process for next year. Based on preliminary financial forecast information, it's looking to be another challenging budget balancing year. The process will include numerous public budget hearings with City Council, in addition to numerous early spring presentations I will be making to community groups about the City's on-going financial challenges.

As always, I encourage you to sign up for the weekly Connect With Pacifica e-newsletter through the [City Manager's page](#) on the City's website. It's a quick and easy way to learn about important updates, meeting and event announcements, and other City-related news items.

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