

**Coffee with the Mayor and His Guest, Councilmember Caitlin Robinett Jachimowicz
September 8, 2018 10:00AM – 11:30AM**

Notes and Follow-Up

Approximately every two months, Morgan Hill's Mayor, Steve Tate, hosts a coffee that is open to the entire Morgan Hill community. The coffees provide an opportunity for community members to have a discussion and share concerns and ideas with the Mayor and his guest, all in a comfortable and informal environment.

The following is a summary of items and question discussed at the most recent coffee and further follow-up information from City Teammates as appropriate.

The meeting started with a discussion, by all, of the importance of involvement and engagement by community members.

One participant had a problem with the process that limited the Water District's work on Half Road to the nighttime only, from daytime work, after the project had already begun.

Chris Ghione, Public Services Director, shared that there are several factors that necessitated this change. These factors were unknown at the start of the project. First, the plans did not include the detail of the exact pipe layout within the street. As the work progressed through the County, the work took up much more of the roadway than anticipated. Also, as the work progressed through the County sections it was apparent that the traffic control plans were not able to accommodate the school/commute traffic, causing major delays. After City staff members discussed with the County the City Engineer required the change.

There was a very long discussion on the local cannabis tax measure and cannabis in Morgan Hill. Many opinions were shared about the black market, impact on police, need for medical vs. recreational, the impact on youth, etc.

Further information on current cannabis regulations in Morgan Hill and the Morgan Hill Cannabis Tax Ballot Measure for the 2018 election can be found at the following links:

<http://www.morgan-hill.ca.gov/1700/Proposition-64-and-Cannabis-Regulations>

<http://morgan-hill.ca.gov/2018BallotMeasures>

One participant brought up the gun violence citizens group meeting that was held on August 8, 2018. He was disappointed that it was guided toward an ordinance instead of kept at a more general level. There were others who felt it was made clear that the purpose of the meeting was for input on ordinance.

A broader community input meeting on a potential gun violence ordinance will be held on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7:00PM in the City Council Chamber Building. The community is invited to attend to provide input.

<https://bit.ly/2NZNqul>

One participant brought up the issue of traffic signal cycling. He believes that the traffic signal at Juan Hernandez on Tennant is not synced at all causing a back-up to get on the freeway. Several other participants added the perception that traffic on Butterfield is favored. It was asked if we could get an explanation of how they are synced and if anything, more can be done to ease traffic via syncing

Chris Ghione, Public Services Director indicated that Juan Hernandez is synced with the on/off-ramp lights from Highway 101, it is not directly synced with Butterfield. The master controller there is managed by Caltrans, which complicates the management, but does not make it impossible. During the AM/PM, commute traffic on Butterfield is prioritized due to traffic volumes, however, there are specific adjustments made to support the traffic coming from Tennant. Scott Creer, Deputy Director for Engineering, can be contacted at scott.creer@morganhill.ca.gov for further discussion of this issue.

The status of the Catholic High School was explained and there was further discussion by all.

The staff report on this time from the September 5 City Council meeting can be viewed at the following link <https://bit.ly/2xu4YfY>. The video from City Council meeting can be viewed at the following link, Item # 18 <https://bit.ly/2NxAljO>

Discussion on how non agendized items that are brought up in public comment are included as items that can be discussed.

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