



# COUNCIL UPDATE

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## January 2017

### **Potrero Interchange**

The Potrero Interchange Project was front and center during a January 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council Workshop. The Council approved moving forward with the project with the condition that the City would not contribute any additional funds toward the construction of the first phase of the project. Direction was given to staff to make a presentation at the February 21<sup>st</sup> council meeting as to how the development community will provide the remaining funds needed to complete the construction. The council will review and determine the validity of the developers' financial plan and consider the immediate future of the project.

### **Takeaways:**

- \$13 million dollars has already been contributed by residents
- The City will NOT contribute any additional funds

### **San Geronio Crossing**

During the January 3<sup>rd</sup> City Council Meeting direction was given to staff to prepare a comprehensive letter in response to the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the San Geronio Crossing project, formally known as the Gateway Warehouse. The completed letter was presented to council and unanimously approved at the January 17<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting. The Council felt it adequately addressed the concerns of the City regarding the developer's plans to mitigate traffic and other environmental issues outlined in the draft EIR. The letter has been delivered to the County.

### **Takeaways:**

- A 1.8 million square foot warehouse complex is planned for the unincorporated area of the county in the Cherry Valley sphere of influence.
- Beaumont's concerns as stated in the EIR letter approved by the City Council include:
  - \* Traffic/Transportation
  - \* Greenhouse gasses
  - \* Aesthetics
  - \* Hydrology/Water Quality

### **General Plan Task Force**

During the January 17<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting the council unanimously appointed Mayor Lloyd White and Council Member Julio Martinez to the General Plan Update Sub Committee and approved a selection process for the General Plan Task force, a committee of 15 stake holders including the two council members, two planning commissioners, and representatives of the area's other boards and agencies. There will be 8 community members selected from those who have submitted applications by the deadline. The General Plan Update will be a two year long process which will fully engage the community in determining the future look of Beaumont.

### **Takeaways:**

- Task Force applications are available on the City's website
- Deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. on February 7th

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