

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL

# **MINUTES**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2022 MILPITAS, CA 5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Milpitas convened on the Special Council Meeting day of February 8, 2022, via teleconference/Zoom webinar.

#### CALL MEETING TO ORDER by Mayor and ROLL CALL by City Clerk

Mayor Tran called the Special City Council meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Wood.

PRESENT: Mayor Tran, Vice Mayor Montano, Councilmembers Chua, Dominguez, and Phan

ABSENT: None

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Tran.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: to approve the February 8, 2022, Special Meeting Agenda.

Motion/Second: Mayor Tran / Councilmember Dominguez

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Chua, Dominguez, Phan, Vice Mayor Montano, Mayor Tran

Noes: None

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Those interested are invited to address the City Council on the agenda item listed below only, by using the "raise hand" in the zoom webinar online (see instructions on page 1). Speakers may state their name and city of residence for the record, and limit spoken remarks to three minutes, or less, at the discretion of the Mayor.

The following spoke under public forum:

- 1. Allen Thomas
- 2. Voltaire Montemayor

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Manager McHarris provided a status update on the replacement of streetlights.

Councilmember Dominguez announced that February 8 is "Wear Orange" day to raise awareness about teen dating violence, and if anyone is experiencing abuse or needs help, they can go to www.empowerhouseva.org. She also spoke about trash collection at the shopping centers occurring at 4:30 a.m. and requested information on how early trash collection can start. She would like to see if the time can be pushed out so that it does not disrupt the nearby neighborhood.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

City Attorney Diaz asked the Mayor and City Councilmembers if they had any personal conflicts of interest. By roll call, no conflicts of interest were reported. City Attorney Diaz stated that he would not be asking about campaign contribution because there are no contracts or private development projects on the agenda.

Mayor Tran noted for the record that he would likely be within 1,000 feet of any projects in the Main Street or Midtown Area.

#### READING OF THE CITY COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

City Attorney Diaz read aloud the City Council Code of Conduct.

#### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Receive presentation on Proposed 5-year 2023-2027 Capital Improvement Program and provide feedback to staff (Staff Contact: Steve Erickson, City Engineer, 408-586-3301 and Michael Silveira, CIP Manager, 408-586-3303)

City Manager McHarris gave opening remarks.

Engineering Director/City Engineer Erickson introduced the item, and CIP Manager Silveira presented the CIP accomplishments and proposed projects. Engineering Director/City Engineer Erickson also presented the CIP Council referral items and the Engineering 5-year work plan with current and proposed staffing levels.

Mayor Tran requested that staff bring back a cost estimate to the next CIP meeting for the Dempsey Road Water Line Project from Selwyn Drive to Yosemite Drive. He also requested a report of tree management or replacement requests through the MyMilpitas App. He requested the City Council AV system replacement be removed from this year's CIP funding and requested a line item be included in the next five years CIP to address additional quarters for the ambulance crew at Fire Station 1. He also asked about the window that needs to be added to the dorm room at Fire Station 1 and requested that staff add a line item for that in the next presentation. He commented on the gateway signs and suggested partnering with private property owners and the Rotary.

Councilmember Dominguez stated she would like to find funding for two additional parks for approximately \$350,000. She commented on the recent accidents and would like to look at traffic signs. She stated support for implementing a pickleball court project and commented on the gateway signs including signage for service clubs. She does not support the City Council AV system replacement, the Botts Dots or the Police substation. She does support the additional funding of the four positions requested by staff, the McCandless Well Facility, and the Dempsey Road Water Line Project.

Vice Mayor Montano commented on the Council Referral Projects and the need to increase staffing to get all the projects done.

Mayor Tran commented on funding the additional Capital Improvement positions and requested Council receive hiring updates.

Councilmember Phan stated that he does not support funding for the City Council AV system replacement and would like it deferred. He expressed concerns about the Botts Dots and commented on public safety, stating there would be more benefits to increasing patrols rather than having a substation. He also does not support the Engineering staffing request.

Councilmember Chua commented on concerns with the staffing request and requested the Executive Team give a presentation on the growth on the unfunded liabilities and how the City is paying it off. She also wanted a detailed specification on the 1.3 million dollars for the City Council AV system replacement project. She also commented on the Police Substation and requested more details from the Police department.

The following people spoke during Pubic Comment:

- 1. Stephen Balsbaugh
- 2. Kusum La
- 3. Voltaire Montemayor
- 4. Jimmie Valassis
- 5. Tina Ortiz
- 6. Allen Thomas

Mayor Tran wanted to support the pickleball court project.

Vice Mayor Montano stated her support for funding the four additional positions.

Mayor Tran requested the postponement of the City Council AV system replacement project and save the funding for the next fiscal year.

Councilmember Chua commented on the pickleball project and Mayor Tran directed staff to immediately fund an amount not to exceed \$75,000 for the pickleball pilot program to be reimbursed when the CIP is approved.

Councilmember Dominguez commented on the softball fields and stated support for funding the additional four positions.

Mayor Tran stated support for the four additional positions and asked if there were any objections.

Councilmember Phan objected.

Councilmember Chua asked to see the impact of the full time employees' payroll to the unfunded liability before she makes her decision.

City Manager McHarris concluded the meeting with closing comments.

#### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

Mayor Tran adjourned the meeting at 9:06 PM.

Draft meeting minutes submitted by City Clerk, Wendy Wood