

**City of Milpitas
Unapproved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
March 20, 2017**

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecom Chair Albert Alcorn called the meeting to order.

Members Present: A. Alcorn, D. Gupta, W. Lam,
E. Bautista, N. Gupta, K. Bohan,
A. Bao (Alt 1), A. Bkathavatchalam (Alt2)

Members Absent, I. Munir, H. Tran, S. Singh

I.S. Staff: M. Luu, M. Schwarz, E. Pasion

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

Staff noted Commissioner Munir has moved to the community of San Jose will inform the city clerk of his intent to serve, staff thanked the commission on behalf of the city clerk for completing the annual Form 700 forms, and finally staff reminded the commission of the annual all commissioners brunch on Saturday, April 29th at 11:30am at the Milpitas Community Center.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S D. Gupta / E. Bautista Ayes: 8

V. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes for February 27, 2017.

M/S D. Gupta / E. Bautista Ayes: 8

VI. Citizen's Forum:

No comments made from the public.

VII. New and Continued Business:

- Update on City Wi-Fi.

Mr. Mike Luu, Information Services Department director, provided a brief update on the city's Wi-Fi plans. He reported that it will give report to the Milpitas city council at their April 4th meeting on the status of a proposed city wide Wi-Fi project and the interested vendors seeking to establish a network in the Milpitas community.

He added that there wasn't enough information to share with the commission and that the city was waiting for responses back from several vendors interested in setting up Wi-Fi operations in the Milpitas

area. The plan will be to develop a new request for proposal that will be released for vendor response to see what is being offered.

Chair Alcorn requested additional input from staff regarding this matter. I.T. Manager M Schwarz noted that information and direction is still being reviewed and staff is reviewing its options for a viable WiFi provider. Staff is also seeking a policy direction from the mayor and city council to develop a thorough request for proposal document for vendors to respond.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S

D. Gupta / N. Gupta

Ayes: 8

- Milpitas Fiber Optic Network Map.

Mr. Matthias Schwaz, Information Services Telecom Manager, reported to the commission on the existing high speed fiber optic network being used by the City of Milpitas. Staff gave a brief history of the city's fiber optic network and its proposed expansion and growth through partnerships with industry technology operators seeking access to the Milpitas' right of way.

Staff noted that the Milpitas fiber network has grown over the 20 years of use and continues to provide essential connectivity to all city owned buildings through a seal-healing optic fiber data network. The hard cable technology has evolved over the years from a 96 strand-count fiber cable to a 288 count fiber optic cable capacity.

Staff noted that future expansion of the city's fiber optic network will depend on the ability to colocate its conduit with potential street projects accessing the city's street right of way thus providing an opportunity to expand the city connectivity to additional city owned buildings located on the eastern side of Interstate 680.

The commissioners asked for future growth of the city's fiber network and possible fiber service to the home. Staff noted that with continued work and future opportunities from construction work seeking right of way access to the city's streets, Milpitas will continue to negotiate with companies willing to expand for fiber network. It will be a matter of time and opportunities afforded to the city to allow for future expansion to various sections of the Milpitas community.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S

D. Gupta / N. Gupta

Ayes: 8

- Coding for America

Commissioner Bkathavatchalam presented the Code for America project a non-profit based organization from San Francisco.

The non-profit works with coding community volunteers to create applications that better serve the public needs and to solve problems and issues.

Volunteers help develop applications for local government agencies that can better improve processes. What is being presented for the Milpitas community is to form a bridge of volunteers to help identify areas of need or issues on a non-critical level and create an application that can be applied as a solution.

Chair Alcorn expressed his appreciation to commissioner Bkathavatchalam for giving the presentation and supported his idea for a potential Milpitas volunteer coding brigade to help create workable solutions for the community.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / E. Baustista Ayes: 8

- February 2017 Monthly Report

Staff provided updates on ongoing technology projects for February 2017.

Chair Alcorn asked if another tour of the IS department and E911 dispatch center would be scheduled. Staff would schedule a future meeting for a tour of the city technology facilities.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / E. Bautista Ayes: 8

5. Round Table Discussion

No discussion items made for the record.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting:

Next meeting will be Monday, April 17, 2017, at Milpitas City Hall.