

MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes of: Special Meeting of the Milpitas City Council
Date: Tuesday, June 8, 2021
Time: 5:30 PM Open Meeting
Location: Meeting held via teleconference/zoom webinar online
Milpitas, CA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tran called the virtual special City Council meeting to order at 5:30 PM. City Clerk Wood called the roll. The meeting took place via teleconference/zoom webinar.

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

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE

Mayor Tran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

The following spoke during the public forum:

1. Voltaire Montemayor
2. Jackie Romero

ANNOUNCEMENTS & FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City Manager McHarris announced that the City is launching an International Trade and Commerce program this week with a focus on competing at home and abroad, developing trade and commerce, building business-to-business relationships, workforce development opportunities, and retaining and creating jobs. The first webinar will be on Thursday, June 10, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM and registration information is on the City's COVID-19 business resource webpage.

Mayor Tran thanked City staff and the organization for their work and wished Planning Commissioner Larry Ciardella a happy birthday. He also spoke about the Chief Fire Enforcement Officer position and asked if there was Council support to keep the position.

Councilmember Chua spoke about a webinar Kaiser hosted with 35 Spanish speaking mothers on vaccination hesitancy with COVID-19. She also announced that there will be another webinar in English on Wednesday, June 9, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM.

Councilmember Phan commented on the Chief Fire Enforcement Officer position and asked about discussing all the positions on the list from last week's meeting tonight.

Councilmember Dominguez made a request to proclaim August 21, 2021 as Yard Sale Day in the City of Milpitas, with no city staff work required.

Mayor Tran asked the City Attorney to review the request and provide legal advice to Council on the steps the City can take.

Vice Mayor Montano congratulated the Milpitas High School seniors, the Calaveras Hills High School seniors, and the Milpitas Unified School District Adult Education 2020-21 graduates.

**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 or reportable campaign contributions. By roll call, no conflicts of interest or contributions were reported.

CODE OF CONDUCT

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Tran approved the June 8, 2021, Special Meeting agenda.

AGENDA ITEM

1. American Rescue Plan Act Update (ARPA) and Proposed Investment Framework and Preliminary Investment Plan

Assistant City Manager Kantak gave a presentation on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), provided background information, a review of the State and Local fiscal recovery funds goals and uses, and an outline of the proposed ARPA preliminary investment plan.

The following spoke during public comment:

1. Warren Wettenstein
2. Drew Mitchell
3. Makiko Barrett
4. John Agg
5. Voltaire Montemayor
6. Kunal Khandwala
7. Inderjit Mundra
8. Rick Wakida
9. Lesley Makishima
10. Jackie Romero
11. Julie Carreira
12. Lisa Shenefiel
13. Michael Anderson

Mr. Wettenstein, President of the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce, stated that the money would help businesses, bring back the International Barbeque Festival, business workshops, and provide business assistance to get started. He stated that they could provide a defined plan on how the money would be allocated.

Kunal Khandwala, representative from the hospitality industry, provided additional information on the amount of money needed for the hotels.

Mayor Tran spoke about the Chief Fire Enforcement Officer position.

Councilmember Chua requested that the Rent and Mortgage Relief funding be extended over three years instead of two years, to allow more time to see if more funding will be available from the federal government.

Mayor Tran requested that Council consider a minimum one year of funding for the Chief Fire Enforcement Officer position through the ARPA funds.

Vice Mayor Montano requested the following adjustments:

1. Low and Moderate-Income Assistance line item increase from \$300,000 to \$500,000;
2. Rent and Mortgage Relief line item increase from \$1,200,000 to 1,500,000;
3. Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program line item reduce from \$1,500,000 to \$1,000,000; and
4. Workforce Development line item increase from \$270,000 to \$300,000 with funding taken from the ADU Program line item and include a summer youth job program for low-income households.

Council discussed removing the Curbside Trash Pickup Pilot Program line item and after further discussion, Council decided to leave it on the list for funding.

Councilmember Dominguez requested a decrease in the HR/Financial Management System line item by \$230,000 and use that funding to increase the Workforce Development program line item, to \$500,000.

Mayor Tran proposed decreasing the funding of the HR/Financial Management System line item to \$2 million.

Councilmember Dominguez requested that the \$1 million funding decrease from the HR/Financial Management System line item be used to increase the Social Services line item from 500,00 to \$800,000.

Vice Mayor Montano commented on reducing the HR/Financial Management System line item to \$2 million and requested that \$200,000 of that money go to the Low and Moderate-Income Assistance line item, to increase it from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Councilmember Chua stated that she did not want to reduce the ADU Program line item.

Councilmember Phan proposed splitting up the funding years so the Fire Inspector position is defunded for one fiscal year and the Chief Fire Enforcement Officer position would be funded for one fiscal year.

Mayor Tran polled the Council on the proposal and by roll call, the votes were as follows:

AYES: 1 (Phan)

NOES: 3 (Chua, Montano, Tran)

ABSTAIN: 1 (Dominguez)

Mayor Tran stated there was consensus from the Council for funding line item three the Low and Moderate-Income Assistance program, decreasing the funding of the HR/Financial Management System line item from \$3 million to \$2 million, and increasing funding for workforce development.

After discussion, Mayor Tran asked if there was a consensus from the Council to fund everything as proposed by staff and use the \$1 million requested to be taken out of the HR/Financial Management System line item for the items Councilmembers would like to increase. There being no objections, he directed staff to move forward with the recommendations with the change to move the HR line item from \$3 million to \$2 million to free up \$1 million for discussion at the next meeting. He stated that Councilmember's requests for increased funding for certain line items will be discussed at the next meeting or a special meeting.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting

Motion/Second: Mayor Tran / Vice Mayor Montano

Motion carried by a vote of:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tran adjourned the special City Council meeting at 9:26 PM.

The foregoing minutes were approved by Milpitas City Council on June 15, 2021.

Wendy Wood
City Clerk