

MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes of: Special Meeting of Milpitas City Council
– Council Retreat
Date: Friday, February 22, 2019
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Sal Cracolice Building at R. McGuire Park
791 Garden St, Milpitas

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tran called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM. City Clerk Mary Lavelle called the roll.

PRESENT: Mayor Tran, Vice Mayor Dominguez and Councilmember Nuñez

ABSENT: Councilmembers Montano and Phan were absent at roll call. Mr. Phan arrived in the meeting at 1:10 PM.

City Manager Julie Edmonds-Mares and all department heads were present at this meeting. Consultant Greg Larson from Management Partners was present.

PUBLIC FORUM - None

1. Review of Council-Identified Accomplishments

City Manager Julie Edmonds-Mares introduced the agenda and process for this meeting, and stated that Mr. Greg Larson would lead most of the discussion. Mr. Larson reviewed identified accomplishments of FY 2017-18 with the City Council and those were displayed on posters.

Mr. Larson then led a communications style exercise with the City Council. He reported results of one on one interviews he had conducted with each Councilmember. He identified the staff's goal for direction on the City Council Handbook at this meeting.

Councilmember Nuñez and Vice Mayor Dominguez strongly expressed their desire for the City Council to establish a Rules Committee, or something similar, for setting the Council's meeting agendas and for transparency. This was in response to Mr. Larson's identifying Council's need for an established agenda setting process. Among Councilmembers present, there was support for a Rules-type committee, and staff could return to the Council with a way to establish this type of Council committee.

2. Council Staff and Roles

Regarding the City Council Handbook, staff agreed to bring this document back to the Mayor and City Council for further review at an upcoming meeting.

Following a lunch break, the City Council was encouraged to discuss, establish and confirm or adjust its priorities for the new Fiscal Year 2019-20. Housing topics were uniformly desired by Councilmembers, including having a discussion about the Housing Authority, its resources, purpose and funding.

3. Council Priorities

After consultant Mr. Larson conducted an exercise with the City Council, the City Manager asked the Mayor and City Councilmembers to notate the topics viewed as their highest priorities by placing colored dots next to issues each member wished to prioritize. This resulted in seven significant priority issues:

1. Public Safety
2. Transportation and Transit
3. Economic Development
4. Neighborhoods and Housing
5. Community Wellness and Open Space
6. Environment
7. Government and Administration (fiscal responsibility)

At the conclusion of the meeting, discussion and priority setting exercise, Mayor Tran thanked staff and the consultant for the productive discussion and meeting. He then adjourned the special Council meeting at 2:48 PM.

The foregoing minutes were approved by Milpitas City Council on March 5, 2019.

Mary Lavelle
Milpitas City Clerk