

**MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS**

Minutes of: Special Meeting of the Milpitas City Council
Date: Tuesday, March 29, 2017
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Milpitas City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers
455 East Calaveras Blvd., Milpitas

ROLL CALL

Mayor Tran called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and City Clerk Mary Lavelle called the roll.

PRESENT: Mayor Tran, Vice Mayor Grilli and Councilmember Nuñez

ABSENT: Councilmember Phan. Councilmember Barbadillo was absent at roll call and arrived at 5:31 PM.

APPROVE AGENDA

On a motion by Vice Mayor Grilli, seconded by Councilmember Nuñez, the meeting agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC FORUM

None.

**STUDY SESSION
FY 2017-2022 CIP**

City Manager Tom Williams introduced the topic of the five-year Capital Improvements Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2017-2022. He asked the City Council to receive the entire presentation from the Public Works Director and after that, staff would hear and respond to questions from the Council.

The 5-year CIP was prepared each year consisting of six major categories: improvements for Community, Parks, Streets, Water, Sewer, and Storm Drains. Public Works Director Nina Hawk discussed the funding sources for the various CIP projects, and the relationship to the next Fiscal Year budget. She defined the schedule of public meetings held to seek public input and review. Ms. Hawk identified the major projects and their costs within each of the six categories.

Vice Mayor Grilli asked, under previously funded projects that were already approved if those could be changed. Staff replied that most of those were underway, but some are not done yet, so possibly. The Vice Mayor asked specifically about International Park, and the Recreation Services Director responded on steps taken so far.

Vice Mayor Grilli asked about the negative funding listed on the Water Fund line for the Source Funding 2017-2022 CIP. Ms. Hawk referred to the capital surcharge, which was moved from one place to another.

Councilmember Nuñez asked additional questions about International Park, and explicit dollars listed in the CIP book.

Councilmember Barbadillo asked about the major increase in the past two years of the costs spent on CIP. The Public Works Director talked about the major increase in the share of costs to pay toward sewer treatment plant upgrades planned. Mr. Barbadillo asked about prioritizing of the projects. He requested an explanation from staff on funding from year one, toward the end of the five years of the CIP plan.

City Manager Tom Williams responded to remarks by the Councilmember about assessing at end of the year if the City could afford future projects, for the next five years.

Ms. Hawk displayed a list of 19 discretionary (non-mandated) projects, as summarized, showing both previously approved projects and those proposed for the future.

Vice Mayor Grilli asked for clarification if the new City Council could remove or move up projects on that list, for example the Higuera Adobe Park Caretaker Cottage Renovation. Staff responded yes.

Councilmember Nuñez had looked at the chart of uncommitted balances for projects. He asked about conforming to the General Plan and the process of reporting back to the planning group (General Plan Advisory Committee). Planning Director Brad Misner came forward to explain the legal requirement to ask the Planning Commission to make a finding of conformance of the CIP with the adopted General Plan.

Mayor Tran was focused on the next Fiscal Year. He'd looked at the list of projects, with lots of exciting ones including the Skate Park and Main Street Park. He asked staff about the park next to the Library and what was scheduled in the CIP. Staff confirmed funding for it in the next fiscal year.

Vice Mayor Grilli asked if the City was able to build there. City Manager Williams explained there had been some tie-ups with that parcel, due to the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency and some controversy there. However, the recent ballot Measure K outcome was to have that land maintain zoning for a park. Mr. Williams explained some of the process to get to park construction which was two to three years away.

The Mayor next asked about the Alviso Adobe renovation. The Recreation Director explained the latest Phase V of the park improvement project at that site – approved by the prior City Council - which would deal with accessing inside the building and major renovation inside the home.

\$58.8 million was the CIP total requested for funding in the new Fiscal year 2016-17.

Mayor Tran wanted to make a change for CIP No. 3403, Fire Station 2 improvements. He requested that it get added to the next year's CIP and asked for more explanation from Ms. Hawk about the funding over years for this project (page 9 of CIP for No. 3403). The Fire Chief and City Manager responded further. The Mayor wanted to move funds from the Alviso Adobe project to the Fire Station Improvements CIP, stressing the need to update buildings for employees.

Councilmember Barbadillo said this effort was not for what they wanted and what they liked. Listen to the Fire Chief, who said the Fire Department was fine for now. Priorities were what the Council must consider.

Vice Mayor Grilli agreed with excellent remarks by her colleague. She understood what the Mayor was saying and Council needed information to determine if they should decide to re-build fire stations sooner than the CIP called for.

Councilmember Nuñez identified projects he needed to learn more about, such as "Permitting Technology Improvement." He noticed water was on the CIP list often, so he asked the City Manager if the water items were going to be reviewed by the Citizens Task Force.

Mr. Nuñez asked about Councilmembers attending the public meeting on April 6 for the community. It may need to be noticed as a Special Meeting, if a majority would be in attendance, said the City Attorney.

Next, the Mayor invited comments from the public.

Martha Lambdin, Milpitas resident, thanked City Council for support of the Milpitas skate park project. While kids were growing up, the City needed to expedite the process. There was still an interest in having a skate park.

Bernadette Gomez, Yosemite Drive resident, thanked Council for keeping this project (skate park) alive.

Robert Marini, Milpitas resident, felt it would be a good idea for the Task Force (on water rates) to comment on the CIP. Priorities were important, and there were higher priorities than recycled water, for example, leaking pipes that need fixing.

The City Manager responded to Mr. Marini about recycled water.

Mayor Tran asked what benefit did city residents get from the CIP for recycled water pipelines. Interim City Engineer Greg Chung came up to explain the major benefit of the “purple pipes” and to reduce the demand for potable water. Also, the cost to buy recycled water was much cheaper than potable, said the Public Works Director.

Mayor Tran asked what type of savings residents would enjoy from the recycled water project. He wanted to see some numbers on that. The City Manager further expressed the discretion that Council had on the CIP.

Councilmember Barbadillo discussed the Santa Clara Valley Water District and its expenditure on recycled water and the wholesale product to the City.

Mayor Tran thanked staff and expressed that he learned so much through the CIP document and this process.

Next on the calendar was a community meeting to provide information and outreach to the public, scheduled for Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 PM at the Senior Center.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tran adjourned the special meeting at 7:35 PM.

The foregoing minutes were approved by Milpitas City Council on April 18, 2017.

Mary Lavelle
Milpitas City Clerk