REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025

The City Council of the City of Milpitas convened in a Regular Meeting on March 18, 2025, in the City Council Chamber, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas, CA, and via teleconference/Zoom webinar.

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

Mayor Montano called the Regular City Council meeting to order at 5:31 PM. Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Guzzetta.

PRESENT: Mayor Montano, Vice Mayor Barbadillo (6:34 PM), Councilmember Chua, Councilmember Lam
ABSENT: Councilmember Lien

Acting City Attorney Creech briefed the City Council on the Closed Session Agenda.

The City Council adjourned to Closed Session at 5:34 PM.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

(a) CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6
Agency's Designated Representatives: Rick Bolanos, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization(s): Professional and Technical Employees, Mid-Management and Confidential Employees, Milpitas Employees Association, Unrepresented Employees

(b) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: APN No. 086-37-018
Agency's Negotiator(s): City Engineer Michael Silveira
Negotiating Parties: City of Milpitas and Santa Clara Valley Water District
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

(c) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: 1480-1488 South Main Street, Milpitas, CA 95035
Agency's Negotiator(s): Economic Development and Strategic Initiatives Director Alex Andrade
Negotiating Parties: City of Milpitas and Espana's Collision Repair DBA CARSTAR Espana's
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

(d) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8
Property: APN Nos. 028-34-001 through 028-34-094
Agency's Negotiator(s): Economic Development and Strategic Initiatives Director Alex Andrade
Negotiating Parties: City of Milpitas and Milpitas Community Museum
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT:

The City Council reconvened at 7:35 PM.

Acting City Attorney Creech had nothing to report from the Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Barbadillo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Mayor Montano provided the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Montano, joined by the Milpitas City Council, presented certificates to recipients of the Neighborhood Beautification Awards.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were the following public speakers:
1. Voltaire Montemayor
2. Zack

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS

Acting City Attorney Creech asked the Mayor and City Councilmembers if they had any personal conflicts of interest. By roll call, there were no conflicts of interest (Vote: 4-0-1. Absent: Lien). Acting City Attorney Creech asked the Mayor and City Councilmembers if they had any reportable campaign contributions. By roll call, there were no reportable campaign contributions (Vote: 4-0-1. Absent: Lien).

READING OF THE CITY COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

Councilmember Lam read the City Council Code of Conduct.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

After discussion, motion: to approve the agenda.

Motion/Second: Councilmember Chua / Vice Mayor Barbadillo
Motion carried by the following:
AYES: Mayor Montano, Vice Mayor Barbadillo, Councilmember Chua, Councilmember Lam
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Lien

CONSENT CALENDAR

Staff had no comments on the Consent Calendar.

Public comment:
1. Voltaire Montemayor

After discussion, motion: to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion/Second: Councilmember Chua / Councilmember Lam
Motion carried by the following:
AYES: Mayor Montano, Vice Mayor Barbadillo, Councilmember Chua, Councilmember Lam
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Lien

1. **Receive City Council Calendar of Meetings for March and April 2025 (Staff Contact: Suzanne Guzzetta, City Clerk, 408-586-3001)**

   Received City Council Calendar of Meetings for March and April 2025.

2. **Approve City Council Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2025 (Staff Contact: Suzanne Guzzetta, City Clerk, 408-586-3001)**

   Approved City Council Meeting minutes of March 4, 2025.

3. **Receive the Preview List of Anticipated Items for the Next Regular City Council Meeting (Staff Contact: Suzanne Guzzetta, City Clerk, 408-586-3001)**

   Received the list of anticipated agenda items for the next regular City Council meeting.

4. **Receive and Review the List of Agenda Items Requested by City Councilmembers (Staff Contact: Suzanne Guzzetta, City Clerk, 408-586-3001)**

   Received the list of items that have been requested by City Councilmembers and received consensus in previous meetings to date.

5. **Authorize and Approve a Travel Request to the City of Milpitas Sister City Dagupan, Philippines, from April 25 to May 1, 2025 (Staff Contact: Matt Cano, Assistant City Manager, 408-586-3012)**

   Authorized and approved travel to Dagupan, Philippines, by Vice Mayor Gary Barbadillo from April 25 to May 1, 2025, for a total estimated amount of $3200, budgeted under the Individual Elected Official Allocation for Conferences/Meetings/Trainings.

6. **Authorize the City Manager, or Designee, to Execute Purchase Orders with Pace Supply Corp. for Clow Fire Hydrants and Related Parts (Staff Contact: Luz Cofresí-Howe, Finance Director, 408-586-3111; and Christian Di Renzo, Public Works Director, 408-586-2602)**

   (1) Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to issue purchase orders to PACE Supply Corp. for Clow fire hydrants and check valves in an amount not to exceed $165,157; and (2) Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to issue additional purchase orders to PACE Supply Corp. for Clow fire hydrants and related parts as required for a period of up to five years, subject to existing contract authority and the appropriation of funds.

7. **Authorize the Surplus of City Vehicles and Equipment (Staff Contact: Luz Cofresí-Howe, Finance Director, 408-586-3111)**

   Authorized the surplus of City vehicles and equipment with JJ Kane Auctions.

8. **Adopt a Resolution to Approve Project Plans, Award the Construction Contract to Cratus, Inc., and Authorize Contract Change Order(s) for the Dempsey Road Water Line Replacement (Staff: Christian Di Renzo, Public Works Director, 408-586-2602; and Michael Silveira, City Engineer, 408-586-3303)**

(1) Adopted **Resolution No. 9395** to approve project plans and specifications, (2) Awarded the construction contract to Cratus, Inc. in the amount of $5,463,800, (3) Authorized the City Manager to execute the construction contract with Cratus, Inc., and (4) Authorized the Public Works Director to negotiate and execute contract change order(s) in an aggregate amount not to exceed $1,093,000 for the Dempsey Road Water Line Replacement, Project Nos. 7110 and 7118.

9. 2023 Community Project Funding for the Milpitas Carbon Neutral Homes Retrofit Program (Staff Contact: Christian Di Renzo, Public Works Director, 408-586-2602)

(1) Adopted **Resolution No. 9396** to accept and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the grant award and agreement from the U.S. Department of Energy for the Milpitas Carbon Neutral Homes Retrofit Program in the amount of $3,000,000 and appropriating the respective revenue and expenditure; (2) Authorized the City Manager, or designee, to approve a subrecipient agreement with Silicon Valley Clean Energy in an amount not to exceed $2,655,000 for the administration and issuance of additional rebates for Go Electric Milpitas program applicants; and (3) Approved a limited-term, grant-funded Administrative Analyst I/II position for the Public Works Department.

10. Receive an Update on the Security Improvements at the McCarthy Ranch Sewer Lift Station (Main Lift) and Determine that the Condition Continues to Constitute an Emergency (Staff Contact: Christian Di Renzo, Public Works Director, 408-586-2602)

(1) Received an update on the security improvements at the McCarthy Ranch Sewer Lift Station; and (2) Determined by a four-fifths vote that the condition continues to constitute an emergency.

11. Approve Installation of Womanhood Project Marker at Delano Manongs Park (Staff Contact: Renee Lorentzen, Recreation and Community Services Director, 408-586-3409)

Approved installation of a Womanhood marker in commemoration of Dr. Dawn Mabalon at Delano Manongs Park from The Womanhood Project funded by the County of Santa Clara Office of Women's Policy.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

12. Receive Update on Milpitas Innovation District Branding Initiative and Logo Design Status (Staff Contact: Alex Andrade, Economic Development and Strategic Initiatives Director, 408-586-3046)

Assistant City Manager Cano introduced the item. Economic Development and Strategic Initiatives Director Andrade presented the report.

There were the following public speakers
1. Voltaire Montemayor

Councilmember Chua expressed concerns with the tagline, stating it was too vague and required explanation. She suggested a more action-oriented tagline such as, "Milpitas Innovation District: Where Ideas Become Reality," emphasizing that taglines should be self-explanatory and original. Councilmember Chua requested an original logo and tagline be developed and asked for community engagement regarding logo development. Consultant Ross Martinez from the Navajo Company responded that "reimagine" was intended to invite developers and investors to envision the district's future, although taglines could evolve over time.

Mayor Montano spoke in support of the concept of the Logo Mark 1 but noted it resembled existing designs and raised potential originality and intellectual property concerns. Mayor Montano expressed support for Logo Mark 3. She proposed a new tagline, "Great Ideas Come from Great Minds," emphasizing the need for simplicity and clarity. Economic Development Director Andrade asked if the

Council preferred to proceed with refining the current options or starting over, to which the Mayor replied that improvements were needed for both the logo and tagline.

Vice Mayor Barbadillo raised a broader concern about whether the timing was appropriate to develop branding for the district, given that much of the area was still under development. He requested a visual representation of the 74-acre district to better understand its commercial-to-residential ratio. Director Andrade provided an overview of the area, explaining the recent rezoning to Business Park Research and Development and the potential value that branding could create. The Vice Mayor also suggested involving existing businesses in the area early on to ensure alignment with the branding effort, rather than imposing it on them later.

Continuing his comments, Vice Mayor Barbadillo proposed a community engagement approach by having high school students participate in a contest to create the logo and tagline. He suggested local involvement would generate more meaningful branding, emphasizing a grassroots approach that could organically spread the district's message. Director Andrade acknowledged the suggestion and mentioned that Economic Development and Trade Commission student member had provided feedback but agreed that further community outreach could be pursued.

Councilmember Lam voiced concerns with Logo Mark 1, suggesting it lacked originality. He emphasized the importance of developing something unique that would effectively communicate the city's brand.

Mayor Montano concluded the discussion by instructing staff to refine both the logo and tagline and return with more options for the Council to review. The Council's consensus was to incorporate community input and explore additional design possibilities before approving the branding proposal.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

13. Approve Design for Historical Park Marker Project (Staff Contact: Renee Lorentzen, Recreation and Community Services Director, 408-586-3409)

Assistant City Manager Cano and Recreation and Community Services Director Lorentzen introduced the item. Assistant Director for Recreation and Community Services McLane presented the report.

There were the following speakers:
1. Voltaire Montemayor

Councilmember Lam asked how many markers were planned and asked about the durability of the materials. Assistant Director McLane confirmed seven markers for the first phase, with a total cost of approximately $100,000, and explained the powder-coated steel would be easy to clean and resistant to graffiti.

Vice Mayor Barbadillo asked if the markers would replace existing park signage, and Assistant Director McLane clarified that they were intended as educational additions. He expressed approval of the project's progress and emphasized replicating the process for all 20 named parks.

Councilmember Chua commended the collaboration between the Commissions and staff, and noted that funding came from the Arts Fund, not the General Fund.

Councilmember Lam inquired about marker color schemes, and Assistant Director McLane explained that uniformity would enhance recognizability, but varying colors could be considered.

Mayor Montano asked how the historical information would be presented, and Assistant Director McLane clarified that it would be developed with the Milpitas Historical Society, with community artwork potentially selected through a contest. The Mayor raised concerns about maintaining existing art pieces and suggested prioritizing parks without art for future installations.

After discussion, motion: to (1) Approve the design for Historical Park Markers by Vickie Jo Sowell; and (2) Transfer $10,000 from Delano Manongs Park CIP Project Budget to the Public Art CIP Project to fully fund this project.

Motion/Second: Councilmember Chua / Vice Mayor Barbadillo
Motion carried by the following:
AYES: Mayor Montano, Vice Mayor Barbadillo, Councilmember Chua, Councilmember Lam
NOES: None
ABSENT: Councilmember Lien

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Lam proposed a revision to the Council Code of Conduct, suggesting a word be added to the rule on electronic devices be modified to state "Refrain from using electronic devices *inappropriately* while on the Council dais."

Vice Mayor Barbadillo requested an update on the timeline for new signage at the Milpitas Library. Assistant City Manager Cano confirmed that the contract for installation had already been signed and anticipated completion within the next few months, with a schedule update to be provided to the Council via email.

Councilmember Chua announced that the Energy and Sustainability Commission would be hosting a movie day at the library, screening multiple films focused on climate change, and invited the public to attend.

Mayor Montano reminded everyone that March 31st is Cesar Chavez Day, a recognized holiday for the city, and extended well wishes to all.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Montano adjourned the meeting at 9:08 PM.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Milpitas City Council on April 1, 2025.

Suzanne Guzzetta
Milpitas City Clerk