



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025

The City Council of the City of Milpitas convened in a Special Meeting of the Milpitas City Council on April 2, 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 Special City Council meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Roll Call was taken by City Clerk Guzzetta.

PRESENT: Mayor Montano, Vice Mayor Barbadillo, Councilmember Chua, Councilmember Lam, Councilmember Lien

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor Barbadillo led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no public speakers.

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. 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.

READING OF THE CITY COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

Councilmember Chua 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, Councilmember Lien

NOES: None

AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Receive Staff Presentations on the Proposed FY 2025-26 Operating and FY 2026-30 Capital Improvement Program Budgets and Provide Feedback to Staff (Staff Contact: Luz Cofresi-**

Howe, Finance Director, 408-586-3111; Christian Di Renzo, Public Works Director, 408-586-2602; and Michael Silveira, City Engineer, 408-586-3303)

City Manager Thomas made introductory remarks.

CIP Manager Eam presented the report on the Capital Improvement Program.

Council members asked questions and provided feedback on various aspects of the CIP:

Councilmember Lam inquired about the funding sources for the CIP projects. CIP Manager Eam clarified that \$2.46 million comes from the general government CIP fund, while other sources include dedicated funds for specific categories like water, sewer, and streets.

Councilmember Chua asked about the urban search and rescue vehicle. Fire Chief Jason Schoonover explained that the current vehicle is 25 years old and has exceeded industry standards for replacement. He emphasized the importance of the vehicle for earthquake response and technical rescue operations.

Vice Mayor Barbadillo expressed concern about the impact of CIP expenditures on the city's structural deficit. Staff clarified that most CIP funding comes from dedicated sources and does not significantly affect the general fund deficit.

Mayor Montano inquired about various projects, including fire station improvements, public art funding, and the Technology Drive repair project. Staff provided explanations for each item.

The City Council took a break at 6:26 PM and reconvened at 6:47 PM

Finance Director Cofresí-Howe presented the report on the Preliminary Operating Budget Study Session.

Council members discussed the proposed reductions and provided feedback:

Councilmember Chua expressed concerns about cuts to community programs, such as youth scholarships, the July 4th event, and recreational swimming. She requested more information on certain items and suggested keeping some programs intact.

Vice Mayor Barbadillo questioned the long-term sustainability of the proposed cuts and asked for more detailed information on potential savings from vacant positions and contract reviews.

Councilmember Lam expressed disappointment that many of the proposed cuts directly affect residents and community services.

Mayor Montano echoed concerns about cutting community services and emphasized the need to focus on reducing costs and increasing revenues through economic development.

After discussion, the council reached a consensus on moving forward with approximately \$1 million in reductions, primarily from staffing-related items. They requested staff to explore alternative options for the remaining \$500,000 in reductions and to continue discussions on items like crossing guard services.

Staff agreed to provide more detailed information on contracts, vacancies, and potential revenue sources at the next budget study session

There were the following public speakers:

1. Clint Jackman

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City Manager Ned Thomas announced that this would be his last council meeting as he is leaving his position. He thanked the council and staff for their support during his tenure.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Montano adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Milpitas City Council on May 6, 2025.



Suzanne Guzzetta
Milpitas City Clerk