



REGULAR MEETING OF THE MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026

The City Council of the City of Milpitas convened in a Regular Meeting of the Milpitas City Council on February 17, 2026, 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 7:00 PM. Roll Call was taken by Assistant City Manager Cano.

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

ABSENT: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City Council recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Councilmember Lien provided the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Montano, joined by the City Council, presented a proclamation recognizing Lunar New Year 2026. The proclamation was presented to members of the Milpitas High School Diabolo Club, including President Leah Wong, Vice President Forrest Lynn, and Treasurer Peter Lee, who accepted on behalf of their club and thanked the City Council for the recognition.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were the following public speakers:

1. Andres Mino
2. Alex Li
3. Kaveri

Acting City Manager Jared Hernandez responded that staff is preparing an information memo on cell tower installations for the Council that will be delivered within the next few days. Vice Mayor Barbadillo also requested follow-up information on the permitting process and policy considerations that the Council could address to alleviate community concerns.

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no public speakers.

Motion: to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion/Second: Councilmember Chua / Councilmember Lien

Motion carried by the following:

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

NOES: None

1. Receive City Council Calendar of Meetings (Staff Contact: Suzanne Guzzetta, City Clerk, 408-586-3001)

Received City Council Calendar of Meetings for February and March 2026.

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

Approved City Council Meeting minutes of January 19 and February 3, 2026.

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. Adopt a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Submit an Application for Elective Coverage of State Disability Insurance (SDI) for Professional and Technical Employees (ProTech) Bargaining Unit Employees (Staff Contact: Kelli Parmley, Human Resources Director, 408-586-3086)

(1) Adopted **Resolution No. 9477** authorizing the City to apply for State Disability Insurance (SDI) elective coverage for the Professional and Technical Employees (ProTech) Bargaining Unit; and (2)

Authorized the City Manager to execute the SDI application form DE 1378N and take any necessary steps to implement SDI for ProTech Employees, including negotiating and executing all necessary agreements and forms.

6. **Adopt a Resolution to Approve Project Plans and Specifications, Award Construction Contract to DeSilva Gates Construction, LLC for Dempsey Road and Great Mall Parkway (Phase II) Street Resurfacing Project and Approve Budget Amendment for Street Resurfacing Project FY24-25 (Staff Contact: Christian Di Renzo, Public Works Director, 408-586-2602; and Michael Silveira, City Engineer, 408-586-3303)**

Adopted **Resolution No. 9478** to (1) Approve project plans and specifications; (2) Award the Construction Contract to DeSilva Gates Construction, LLC, the lowest responsible bidder, submitting a responsive bid in the amount of \$4,229,695; (3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the construction contract with DaSilva Gates Construction, LLC; (4) Authorize the Public Works Director to negotiate and execute contract change order(s) in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$635,000 for the Dempsey Road and Great Mall Parkway (Phase II) Street Resurfacing Project, CIP Nos. No. 3440, 4283, 4295, 4304, 4305, 7118; and (5) Approve a Budget Amendment to increase the Senate Bill 1 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account funding in the amount of \$333,311.50 and Vehicle Registration Fee funding in the amount of \$39,502 for the Street Resurfacing Project 2024-25, CIP Project No. 4300.

7. **Adopt a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments and Ordering the Preparation of the Annual Engineer's Report for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District No. 95-1 - McCarthy Ranch for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Staff Contact: Christian Di Renzo, Public Works Director, 408-586-2602; and Michael Silveira, City Engineer, 408-586-3303)**

Adopted **Resolution No. 9479** initiating proceedings for the annual levy and collection of assessments and ordering the preparation of the Annual Engineer's Report for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District No. 95-1 - McCarthy Ranch for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

8. **Adopt a Resolution Initiating Proceedings for the Annual Levy and Collection of Assessments and Ordering the Preparation of the Annual Engineer's Report for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District No. 98-1 - Sinclair Horizon for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (Staff Contact: Christian Di Renzo, Public Works Director, 408-586-2602; and Michael Silveira, City Engineer, 408-586-3303)**

Adopted **Resolution No. 9480** initiating proceedings for the annual levy and collection of assessments and ordering the preparation of the Annual Engineer's Report for Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Assessment District No. 98-1 - Sinclair Horizon for Fiscal Year 2026-27.

9. **Adopt a Resolution to Approve Project Plans and Specifications, Award Construction Contract to Bosco Construction, Inc. for the Annual Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter Improvement Project 2025, CIP No. 3426 (Staff Contact: Christian Di Renzo, Public Works Director, 408-586-2602; and Michael Silveira, City Engineer, 408-586-3303)**

Adopted **Resolution No. 9481** to (1) Approve Project Plans and Specifications; (2) Award the Construction Contract to the lowest responsible bidder Bosco Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$700,756.87; (3) Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the construction contract with Bosco Construction, Inc.; and (4) Authorize the Public Works Director to negotiate and execute contract change order(s) in an aggregate amount not-to-exceed \$140,151 for the Annual Sidewalk, Curb, and Gutter Improvement Project 2025, CIP No. 3426.

10. **Accept Additional Grant Funding from Silicon Valley Clean Energy Member Agency Grant Program (Staff Contact: Christian Di Renzo, 408-586-2602, Public Works Director)**
- (1) Accepted additional grant funding from Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) Member Agency Grants program in the amount of \$38,461, increasing the previously accepted non-competitive grant from \$372,233 to a total grant of \$410,694; and (2) Authorized the Acting City Manager, or designee, to execute the Member Agency non-competitive grant agreement with SVCE.
11. **Approve the Addition of Samuel Ayer to the City Naming List for Streets, Parks and Facilities (Staff Contact: Renee Lorentzen, Recreation and Community Services Director, 408-586-3409)**
- Approved the addition of Samuel Ayer to the to the Milpitas Historical Names Naming List.
12. **Approve Milpitas Arts and Culture Grant Request for a Juneteenth Celebration Event (Staff Contact: Renee Lorentzen, Recreation and Community Services Director, 408-586-3409)**
- Approved a Milpitas Arts and Culture in-kind grant request from Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association for a Juneteenth Celebration Event on June 20, 2026.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

13. **Approve Increase to the Milpitas Assistance Program (MAP) Water Utilities Bill Subsidy Amount (Staff Contact: Renee Lorentzen, Recreation and Community Services Director, 408-586-3409)**

Acting City Manager Hernandez introduced the item and Recreation and Community Services Director Lorentzen presented a proposal to increase the MAP Water Utility Bill Subsidy using a tiered model (50-30-20) as previously directed by Council in November.

There were no public speakers.

Council discussion focused on the household cap, with Councilmember Lam initially suggesting increasing the cap from 205 to 230 households to accommodate the current 236 enrolled participants. After further discussion, he agreed with Councilmember Chua to advocate for removing the cap entirely for the first year to ensure all qualifying households are served. This included direction to staff to report back to the Council if funding issues arise. Recreation Director Lorentzen confirmed that this represents a substantial increase from the previous flat rate of \$22.52 per bill and that the program will conduct enhanced outreach efforts to reach more qualifying families through various channels including PG&E bill inserts, water bill mailings, social media, resource centers, and school district communications. Finance Director Cofresí-Howe confirmed that Fund 109 earns approximately 4% interest on its balance and that all late fees, including those from businesses, are deposited into the fund.

After discussion, motion: to approve an increase to the Milpitas Assistance Program (MAP) Water Utilities Bill Subsidy Amount with modifications removing the household limit for the first year and authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to suspend new enrollments if projected annual expenditures appear they may exceed projected annual revenues

Motion/Second: Councilmember Lam / Councilmember Chua

Motion carried by the following:

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

NOES: None

LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT SERVICES

14. Adopt a Resolution Appointing a Permanent City Attorney (Staff Contact: Jared Hernandez, Acting City Manager, 408-586-3059)

Acting City Manager Hernandez presented the report. Acting City Attorney Christopher Creech disclosed that the position salary is \$340,000 with benefits as outlined in the employment contract.

Mayor Montano commended the thorough search process, noting that the City had received several highly qualified candidates and expressing confidence that the selected candidate would greatly benefit the City and staff.

There were the following public speakers:

1. Voltaire Montemayor

After discussion, motion: to (1) Adopt **Resolution No. 9482** to appoint Christian M. Curtis as City Attorney; (2) Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute an employment agreement on behalf of the City; and (3) Authorize the Acting City Manager, or designee, to take such other actions as necessary and appropriate to carry out the purpose of this appointment..

Motion/Second: Vice Mayor Barbadillo / Councilmember Chua

Motion carried by the following:

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

NOES: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Councilmember Chua thanked the Recreation and Community Services team for organizing a well-attended and well-organized Lunar New Year celebration. Mayor Montano echoed this appreciation and commended staff for their excellent work.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Montano adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Milpitas City Council on March 3, 2026.



Suzanne Guzzetta
Milpitas City Clerk