

Vice Mayor McHugh thanked the Finance Director and City Attorney for assistance reviewing documents for him, related to the ABAG Committees he served on.

Mayor Livengood reminded the public that the City Council had called for a new Veterans Commission. He encouraged any resident active military members or veterans who were interested to apply to serve on the new Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: to approve the agenda, as submitted

Motion/Second: Councilmember Giordano/Councilmember Gomez

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: to approve the Consent Calendar (items noted with *asterisk) as amended, adding Item No. 1 onto consent

Motion/Second: Councilmember Gomez/Councilmember Giordano

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

* 1. Resolution of Support for 49ers move

Adopted Resolution No. 7945 supporting the move of the San Francisco 49ers football team to the City of Santa Clara, CA.

* 2. Donation to Milpitas Kiwanis Club for Kohl's

Approved a donation in the amount of \$1,500 to the Milpitas Kiwanis Club for the Kohl's Cares for Kids event.

* 7. Adopt Ordinance No. 276.1

Waived the second reading and adopted uncodified Ordinance No. 276.1 establishing the 2010 and 2011 annual rates for solid waste and recycling and services

* 9. Resolution Approving Purchase of Two License Plate Recognition Cameras

Adopted Resolution No. 7947 authorizing the sole source purchase of two Mobile Law Enforcement License Plate Recognition Camera Systems from PIPS Technology for the not-to-exceed amount of \$49,363.

*10. Award Contract to Guerra Construction, Project No. 5088

Awarded a construction contract to Guerra Construction Group for Cardoza Park Playground Renovation & Electrical Cabinet Upgrade, Projects No. 5088 and No. 5085, in the amount of \$712,429.25, including one add alternate item. Authorized staff to execute change orders for these projects, provided that the change orders do not exceed the established construction contingency amount for the projects and do not require additional appropriation.

*11. Authorize Agreement with PG&E for SmartMeter equipment

Authorized the City Manager to execute the Streetlight License Agreement between the City of Milpitas and Pacific Gas & Electric Company for installation of PG&E's SmartMeter Equipment on certain existing streetlight poles in the City.

*12. Authorize Amendment to Contract for Code Compliance

Authorized the City Manager to execute an amendment to a contract for code compliance services for an amount not-to-exceed \$49,500.

JOINT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

RA 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor/Agency Chair Livengood called to order the regular meeting of the Milpitas Redevelopment meeting jointly with the City Council, at 7:21 PM.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair/Mayor Livengood, Vice Chair/Vice Mayor McHugh, Agency/Councilmembers Giordano, Gomez and Polanski

safety. They sought clarification which staff provided.

Mr. Williams returned to discuss General Fund Operating Costs, where benefits were now 59% of salary, and the City's payroll was 83% of the General Fund. Mayor Livengood asked the City Manager for a list of incentive pay currently offered: bilingual pay, motorcycle police officers, education certifications, confidential status pay, hazmat duty, longevity and miscellaneous were those he listed.

Primary revenue sources to the City were noted. A list of revenue generating ideas from the Task Force was distributed to the City Council. Councilmember Giordano expressed that the entire group did not recommend or support each and every one of the ideas on the list.

Councilmember Gomez questioned those ideas related to taxes, and the question of going to the voters. Mr. Gomez urged a look at the last election results and where ballot measures were successful.

Councilmember Polanski felt it was hard to give feedback at the same time that she received the information, as she needed time to review and then respond. On some of the suggestions, Council had already raised fees, for example. There were suggestions she was not thrilled about. Also, the public could not afford continued raising of fees, as it was a spending problem in this state.

Vice Mayor McHugh concurred that it was premature to give a response at this point. He needed to hear all the information and study it. He proposed a possible work session. Mr. McHugh preferred a description with pros/cons of each idea, along with the ease of implementation. Some suggested items required meet and confer with unions. He'd also need to receive numbers on what would be saved or the money generated.

Councilmember Gomez responded that if it was an idea that did not generate significant money, he would not be in favor of putting items on the ballot.

Councilmember Giordano inquired of the Mayor, on a final report back from Task Force, did he require the Task Force to close the budget gap, or come up with options for the Council to select where to go ultimately?

Mayor Livengood replied he was looking for recommendations from Task Force group, with their best perspective as government employees. He wanted to know how to close the ongoing budget gap in Milpitas. He sought a recommendation with real numbers, expected to close that gap over the next five years, since "doing nothing" would not work for the City in the long term.

City Manager Williams discussed a list of Cost Reduction ideas, including work furloughs and a re-organization of the city government.

Councilmember Gomez asked if the manager was going through program mapping at all? What about layoffs? Mr. Williams said those items were not discussed by the group. Mr. Gomez inquired if concessions were on the list and Mr. Williams said those were brought up in cost cutting ideas.

Mayor Livengood reiterated that he sought explicit ideas from the Task Force that would permit the City to reach the necessary goal of balancing the budget every year, in the long term.

Councilmember Gomez commented that if the City decided to go to voters, then the Council would have to make a good case for that. If doing nothing, that did not make a case for the voters to approve a ballot measure.

Mayor Livengood noted the report was very good as presented by the City Manager on the work done by the Task Force so far, and he looked forward to the final recommendations to come early next year. The second City Council meeting in February (02/16/2010) was when Council hoped to receive that final report. If it takes longer, that would ok, in order to be thorough, said the Mayor.

Mayor Livengood next asked if any there was any public comment. No vote was taken.

Mr. Robert Marini, Milpitas resident, asked about sewer charges for the business community, whereas the Council voted to tax the residents at higher rates. He suggested charging businesses more for sewer discharge.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Presentation from HF&H Consultants

Utility Engineer Kathleen Phalen introduced Mr. Robert Hilton, President of Hilton, Farnkopf & Hobson consultants, who presented an overview of the direction of City solid waste services for coming years.

Mr. Hilton gave a summary presentation of a larger version he had given to City staff. Solid waste management was a critically important public health issue, was the single largest contract the City had, and allowed for public contact with residents weekly (as a customer service issue).

He identified and recommended three next steps to the City Council: develop strategic plan, renegotiate agreement with contractor (Allied Waste) and implement new services.

Mayor Livengood thanked Mr. Hilton for his informative report.

6. Economic Development Report

Economic Development Manager Diana Barnhart provided a brief report, including the fact that the IHOP restaurant opened yesterday. She updated the City Council on the new Marketplace on Landess Ave., the Great Mall, and KLA-Tencor. She highlighted the small business classes planned in early 2010.

Mayor Livengood inquired about the Silicon Valley Business Journal, which ran some recent positive articles on Milpitas, specifically how Councilmembers could read that. Maybe the City could subscribe and copy relevant articles to Councilmembers. The City Manager would ensure that Councilmembers had access to the publication.

ORDINANCE

One ordinance was adopted on the consent calendar.

RESOLUTION

8. Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Parks & Recreation Director Bonnie Greiner presented the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a "roadmap" to all 33 city park facilities in the city and proposals to maintain and improve those and recreational services.

The Master Plan vision was identified. A summary of what was included in the plan document was reviewed. She discussed current funding sources, and possible future funding such as voter initiatives, bonds, fundraising and partnerships.

Vice Mayor McHugh complimented staff for an excellent document. He noted several references to synthetic turf fields. Staff responded that there were none in place now, but the City would seek to add those in the future.

Mayor Livengood noted the safety inspections routinely done and recognized that funding was not in place for all the items on the list. Safety concerns needed to be rectified, and stated it was imperative to fix those first. Facility uses were over/under built, as residents' habits changed over time.

Councilmember Gomez asked about school sites, and was the City looking at park needs, while factoring school sites in. Ms. Greiner responded that the Plan inventoried those in the document, and reported the shared use at two fields. Playgrounds at schools were sufficient for neighborhood recreation in some areas.

Public Works Director Greg Armendariz reported that \$116 million was the total estimated cost for park upgrades.

Councilmember Gomez commented on recreation buildings throughout the city and in the western area of City. He asked if a teen center at the Sal Cracolice building would satisfy the recommendation for such buildings, and staff replied yes. He asked about Calaveras Ridge Park in the hills. Staff reported it was a difficult site to develop since it was a steep sloped in the hills.

Councilmember Giordano inquired if this was the first Parks Master Plan and the City Manager said yes. She asked how long would it be a working document and to note future progress. Mr. Williams replied that every five years was a good standard for review and update., while every three years was best with a growing population.

Councilmember Polanski asked about signage and working on that through the CIP. She sought signs for different parks to include some bit of history on the name of the park. Ms. Greiner responded that all parks would be updated to the current sign design and the history idea, in the next CIP, following comments received from members of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Commission.

Mayor Livengood knew this project took a lot of time for the Parks & Recreation staff, along with Planning and Engineering, and he thanked all the staff that helped to get this major document prepared for the future of the City.

Motion: to receive the staff presentation and adopt Resolution No. 7946 approving the comprehensive Parks Master Plan for the City of Milpitas

Motion/Second: Councilmember Gomez/Councilmember Giordano

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5
NOES: 0

BIDS & CONTRACTS

Three items were approved on the consent calendar.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Livengood adjourned the City Council meeting at 9:10 PM.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Milpitas City Council as submitted on January 5, 2010.

Mary Lavelle
City Clerk