



Mayor Livengood proclaimed “Arbor Day” on Saturday, March 13, 2010 and the proclamation was accepted by Paul Mullett, Public Works Supervisor.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice Mayor McHugh asked the Mayor to adjourn the meeting in honor and memory of Mr. Richard Combie, founder of Campbell Highland Games and a member of the VFW in Santa Clara.

Councilmember Giordano made a public announcement that there were vacancies on eight of the City’s Commissions. She requested that information be provided from staff on how to fill those vacancies.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: to approve the agenda, as submitted

Motion/Second: Vice Mayor McHugh/Councilmember Giordano

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

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion: to approve the Consent Calendar (items noted with \*asterisk), as submitted

Motion/Second: Councilmember Giordano/Councilmember Polanski

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

\*2. Appointments to Veterans Commission Appointed Liliana Ramos as Alternate No. 1 to a term that expires in February 2013. Appointed Robert McGuire as Alternate No. 2 to a term that expires in February 2013.

\*3. Councilmember Liaison to Veterans Commission Approved Mayor Livengood’s recommendation to appoint Councilmember Giordano as the City Council liaison to the new Veterans Commission.

\*4. Resolution Granting Final Acceptance of Project No. 6103 Adopted Resolution No. 7966 granting final acceptance of the Main Sewer Pump Station, Project No. 6103, and release of the contractor’s bond.

\*5. Resolution Approving MOU with Milpitas Supervisors Assoc. Adopted Resolution No. 7967 approving the Milpitas Supervisors Association Memorandum of Understanding for the period January 1, 2010 through Dec. 31, 2010.

\*6. Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement with Harris & Assoc. Approved and authorized the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 2 to the agreement with Harris and Associates for design services, in the amount of \$50,000 for Project No. 4252.

\*7. Non-Exclusive Collection, Transportation, and Recycling Agreement with HomeSite Approved a Non-Exclusive Collection, Transportation, and Recycling of Debris Agreement with HomeSite Services Inc. and authorized staff to grant a maximum of two, three-year extensions to this Agreement.

\*8. Agreements with Santa Clara Co. for Collection of AB939 Implementation Fees Authorized the City Manager to execute annual agreements with the County of Santa Clara for collection of AB 939 Implementation Fees and for administering the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.

\*9. Joint Use Agreements with Milpitas School District Approved joint use agreements with the Milpitas Unified School District regarding use of the Cesar Chavez Community Gardens and the Russell Middle School Bobby Sox Complex, and authorized the City Manager to execute those agreements.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Alternate Transit Center Location for BART Station

Planning Director James Lindsay explained a proposal by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) to alter the future Milpitas transit station area layout at the location near Montague southeast of Capitol Ave. He reviewed the approved Transit Area Plan, showing the highest density development planned in the City, at 70 dwelling units per acre. A compact urban form was emphasized, that maximized development opportunity. VTA has newly proposed a slightly different layout, where surface parking in a corner area was eliminated, and the encroachment of transfer facilities was onto land designated for private development (to the east of the station).

Next, VTA staff Carolyn Gonot reviewed efforts to date planning for the Milpitas BART station. With a greater amount of transfers anticipated from bus and light rail onto BART, the planners determined it would not fit all that was needed for support on the west side. Therefore, a newer layout proposal displayed the move of some of the support activities onto the east side of the station.

Vice Mayor McHugh asked if the staff position supporting a three-story parking garage was adequate. Staff responded that a five-story elevated parking structure was in plan, and it could go higher. The VTA representative responded further to Mr. McHugh.

Councilmember Giordano wanted to know if there had been any discussion as to impacts on surrounding businesses and people affected. Staff noted the significant stakeholder involvement in the transit area plan, which showed consolidation of transit on that site.

Mayor Livengood agreed with the VTA that all activity on the west side would not fit. On that land, the City had revealed it wanted to put housing on the site that VTA wanted for buses. He agreed with the need to keep people moving into/out of the station.

Councilmember Giordano asked for the City Manager to weigh in on the matter. Mr. Williams reported that staff felt strongly that a high-rise parking garage could fit on the west side of the station, as designed, with no reason to limit development on the east side land. Ms. Giordano asked him if housing goals would change and the City Manager responded that minimum densities could change, as would the Housing Element of General Plan.

Motion: to approve the alternate Transit Center Layout for future Milpitas BART station, as newly proposed by the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, utilizing some land for transit uses to the east of the future station

Motion/Second: Mayor Livengood/Vice Mayor McHugh

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 3  
NOES: 2 (Gomez, Giordano)

**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 7:51 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ABSENT:** None

**RA 2. MINUTES**

Motion: to approve the Agency meeting minutes of February 16, 2010, as submitted

Motion/Second: Agency/Councilmember Polanski /Vice Chair/Vice Mayor McHugh

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 4  
NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 (Livengood)

**RA 3.** Agenda Approval and Consent Calendar

Motion: to approve the agenda and consent calendar, as submitted

Motion/Second: Agency/Councilmember Polanski / Vice Chair/Vice Mayor McHugh

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

**RA4.** Update on Senior Center Construction, Project No. 8176

Project Engineer Steve Erickson updated the City Council on the recent construction activity on the new Senior Center building. \$3.2 million was remaining in the budget to complete the project and 23% of the change order contingency used to date. He displayed latest photos of the building's progress.

Motion: to receive the staff report on the Senior Center construction progress

Motion/Second: Vice Chair/Vice McHugh / Agency/Councilmember Gomez

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

**RA5.** Direction on Architectural Firm for Milpitas Silicon Valley Conference Center

Economic Development Manager Diana Barnhart reported that staff had made a request for submittals on a proposal for a possible Silicon Valley Conference Center and it yielded 20 proposals. The site recommended was at properties located at 540 and 570 Alder Drive. Of the 20 proposals, seven firms were interviewed, three were considered by the Council Economic Development subcommittee, and two were recommended to come to the City Council: Fentress Architects and Group 4 Architecture Planning & Design. She reviewed highlights of each firm.

Mayor Livengood asked Ms. Barnhart to explain what the job scope was here, once the Council gave direction and confirmed the need for a conference center in the south Bay area. Three products would be due at the end of Phase I: (1) complete a building program, (2) a conceptual design and cost estimate for conversion of buildings, and (3) to identify funding sources for decision makers to consider.

The Mayor noted that the Council did not yet know costs for such a project, so it was difficult to decide or commit to a building or the conference center or a budget at this point, but the firm selected would help get to that. He reported that the Subcommittee did review the proposals, and he and Ms. Polanski did recommend the two firms at this meeting to be presented to the full City Council.

Representatives of Group 4 gave its presentation first, and that was followed by the Fentress firm.

Vice Mayor McHugh noted Fentress did original work on the South San Francisco Conference Center, and Group 4 Architect did the expansion of that facility.

Councilmember Gomez asked about what would keep the center full and busy. Ms. Barnhart responded it would be a conference center for business, social, and private organizations with complete meeting room space.

Mayor Livengood commented that both firms were clearly qualified. His preference would be Group 4, yet he would be ok with Fentress if the City Council decided that.

Councilmember Polanski remarked that both firms have strong recommendations and experience, and she was impressed with the green sustainable experience of the two firms. Strong credentials were presented from both. She acknowledged the slight advantage of Group 4 in that they worked with Milpitas City staff on the new library recently, and has an understanding of the City.

