

CITY OF MILPITAS
MINUTES of: CITY COUNCIL (FINANCE) SUBCOMMITTEE
Date/Time: Monday, January 24, 2011 – 5:30 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Council Member Althea Polanski called the meeting to order at 5:35

Attendance:

City Council: Mayor Jose S. Esteves, Council Member Althea Polanski
 Staff: Tom Williams, Emma Karlen, Jane Corpus, Greg Armendariz, Dennis Graham, Bonnie Greiner, Carmen Valdez, Kathleen Phalen

II. PUBLIC FORUM: Mr. Ed Riffle, Milpitas Resident – Requested the Finance Subcommittee consider placing an item on the City Council’s agenda to possibly contract with Cal Fire to provide fire protection services for the City of Milpitas. It is his understanding that this may save the City 30% – 40% of the cost of firefighters’ salaries for an annual savings of \$3 - \$4 million and the level of service to the City would not change.

Council Member Polanski – Indicated the Finance Subcommittee would take this request into consideration.

III. APPROVAL of MINUTES: The December 15, 2010 meeting minutes were approved.

IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Request for Donation – Robotics Club

The Robotics Club made an original donation request of \$1,500. After discussion with City staff the City would be able offer assistance of \$500. **Emma Karlen, Director of Financial Services** suggested that the Robotics Club consider contacting the City’s high-tech industry for assistance.

Diana Barnhart, Economic Development – Will assist the Robotics Club with contacts for financial assistance.

Finance Subcommittee – Approved the recommendation for the \$500 donation. The recommendation will go to the City Council for final approval.

B. City Costs Associated With Milpitas Unified School District

Council Member Polanski mentioned that all the programs are valuable resources. However, the City should look at the various programs in the budget process for cost effectiveness.