

MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes of: Special Meeting of the Milpitas City Council
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020
Time: 5:30 PM Study Session
Location: Meeting was held online only
Milpitas, CA

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tran called the virtual special City Council meeting to order at 5:35 PM. City Clerk called the roll.

PRESENT: Mayor Tran, Vice Mayor Nuñez, Councilmembers Dominguez, Montano, and Phan

ABSENT: None

Meeting was held via teleconference/webinar only, and made available for viewing on Facebook live, on YouTube and livestreamed from the City of Milpitas website.

PLEDGE

Mayor Tran led the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

Agenda for the study session was approved by unanimous vote of the City Council.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

City Attorney Diaz asked Councilmembers if they had any personal conflicts of interest or reportable campaign contributions. By roll call, no conflicts were reported.

Councilmember Dominguez asked the City Attorney to check if she had any conflict related to the location of her residence and an upcoming CIP project for road surface improvements on Abbott. City Attorney Chris Diaz agreed and would get back to her.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

DISCUSSION

Draft Capital Improvement Program FY 2020-2025

City Engineer Steve Erickson presented the plan for the next Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for Fiscal Years 2020-2025. He displayed projects accomplished in the past year's 2019-20 CIP, as highlighted, and described the health of the CIP for the near future along with projects proposed to be deferred or defunded next year.

The CIP consists of six project categories, with identified projects included within each. Mr. Erickson reviewed progress made on the projects during the current fiscal year 2019-20, while noting that delays would be expected for next year in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The City Engineer listed unidentified funding amounts in the CIP, across all funds and projects, totaling \$186.5 million and discussed the need for a long-term funding strategy to fund critical City infrastructure such as the Police and Public Works building, Fire Stations, Parks and Storm Infrastructure.

Proposed projects (19) to be defunded and deferred in FY 2020-21 included Police Department communications equipment, Fire Station improvements, Community Center building assessment, Mobile EOC, Performing Arts Center, Security Cameras, Parks rehabilitation, Sports Fields turf rehabilitation, The Pines Pilot Parking Permit Program, Dempsey Road Storm Drain improvements, and others.

Recreation Services Director Renee Lorentzen reported on the Performing Arts Center study conducted upon Council's direction last year. Consultant ArtsMarket conducted the study in the spring of 2020. Three types of potential facilities and possible funding sources were identified. City Councilmembers expressed interest in the outdoor amphitheater concept to be placed into the CIP for the future, with recognition that securing or purchasing any land for a site would need to occur first. Council asked staff to bring back information on a potential amphitheater.

Finance Director Walter Rossmann spoke on the status of the General Fund reserves (\$115.6 million in FY 2019-20), annual budget surplus allocation to reserves and potential tax measures to send to the voters. He described details on potential debt issuance, and/or ballot measures such as sales tax, parcel tax, or general obligation bonds. These were defined as possible funding sources for future CIP projects.

Mayor Tran expressed interest in a special sales tax measure for funds toward public safety infrastructure. He felt the voters would support that.

Councilmembers asked staff to provide past polling data that was conducted several years ago, on possible sales tax measure, and at that time, on a cannabis tax.

Mr. Erickson provided additional details about the projects proposed in the 2020-25 CIP draft document and next steps. \$39.7 million was the amount estimated for proposed FY 2020-21 CIP project costs. City Council would be asked to adopt the annual CIP along with the new FY 2019-20 Budget on June 2.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Tran adjourned the special City Council meeting at 8:47 PM.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Milpitas City Council on May 5, 2020.

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk