



SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE MILPITAS CITY COUNCIL AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION

AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020
MILPITAS, CA
6:30 PM

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Conduct a Joint Study Session with the Milpitas Planning Commission and Receive a Presentation on Draft 2040 Milpitas General Plan (Staff Contact: Ned Thomas, 408-586-3273)

Recommendation: Conduct a Joint Study Session with the Milpitas Planning Commission and City Council, and receive a presentation on the draft Milpitas General Plan and provide feedback.

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CITY OF MILPITAS AGENDA REPORT (AR)

Item Title:	Conduct a Joint Study Session with the Milpitas Planning Commission and Receive a Presentation on the Draft 2040 Milpitas General Plan
Category:	Community Development
Meeting Date:	9/29/2020
Staff Contact:	Ned Thomas, Planning Director, 408-586-3273 Jessica Garner, Planning Manager, 408-586-3284
<u>Recommendations:</u>	1. Conduct a Joint Study Session with the Milpitas Planning Commission 2. Receive a presentation on the draft Milpitas General Plan and provide feedback

BACKGROUND

The Milpitas General Plan establishes a long-range vision for how the community will grow and a legal foundation for all land use and development decisions in the community. The General Plan is the City's "constitution" or blueprint because it establishes goals and policies to guide growth, land development, traffic circulation, housing, conservation, fiscal sustainability, economic development, and other important topics over the next 20 years. The current Milpitas General Plan was adopted on December 20, 1994, and last amended in November 2010.

In late August 2020, City staff and the consultant team released the draft General Plan Update for review by the City Council, Planning Commission, General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC), and the general public. On September 10, 2020, the GPAC met to review and discuss the draft General Plan document and provide initial feedback. Members of the public were also invited to review the document and provide feedback via the project website at www.Milpitas.generalplan.org.

This special joint Study Session with the City Council and Planning Commission will be an opportunity for both bodies to receive an overview of the draft General Plan, discuss the contents with staff and the consultants, and provide initial feedback. Members of the public may also provide initial comment on the draft General Plan.

The consultant team expects to complete work on the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the General Plan in mid-October. The EIR is a document that meets the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and provides analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the Draft General Plan. The draft General Plan and EIR will circulate for a six-week public review period, and the consultant and staff will hold a virtual public workshop during this time. The workshop will include an overview of the documents, provide an opportunity for the community to ask questions, and provide opportunities for feedback and input on the Draft General Plan and EIR, and all public comments will be presented to the Planning Commission and City Council for review and consideration during the formal adoption hearings in late 2020 or early 2021.

ANALYSIS

The draft General Plan document has been prepared to meet all applicable requirements of State law. Staff looks forward to receiving feedback on this draft document from the City Council and the Planning Commission. As noted above, the consultant team is also working on the draft EIR. The EIR will be circulated for a mandatory 45-day review period in conformance with CEQA to receive public input from the Milpitas community, public agencies, and stakeholders. The Planning Commission and City Council will have the opportunity to review the EIR during the adoption process for the General Plan.

Several critical steps have been completed throughout the process of updating the General Plan, and extensive public and community outreach has been a cornerstone of this effort. The list below summarizes the key approaches taken by the City to enhance community participation in the General Plan Update:

Project Website (www.Milpitas.generalplan.org)

- The project website is a clearinghouse of all project documents and reports and provides information on meetings and materials as well as opportunities for the public to contact the project team directly. Several dozen members of the public have sent emails to the project team via the website.

Community Visioning Workshops

- Three community visioning workshops provided an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project and provide input on land use changes, key issues and challenges, and priorities to be addressed in the General Plan Update.

Project Newsletters

- Two project newsletters provided periodic updates on project status and ways for the public to get involved, and stay involved, in the General Plan Update process.

Land Use Alternatives Report

- The Land Use Alternatives Report provided a summary of community and City leadership input related to potential land use changes. The Report presented analysis for 14 Opportunity Areas within Milpitas where land uses changes were identified for further consideration. Each Opportunity Area was quantitatively and qualitatively analyzed to determine potential growth effects, fiscal and economic implications, traffic implications, and the alternative's consistency with the community's vision.

General Plan Advisory Committee (GPAC) Meetings

- The GPAC held 13 meetings through September 2020, and additional meetings will be held to review the Draft General Plan. The GPAC has been instrumental in the development of the Draft General Plan and has provided specific input related to each General Plan topic. Additionally, the GPAC reviewed and provided feedback on General Plan goals and policies as they were developed.

City Council Briefings and Study Sessions

- The project team held six briefings or study sessions with the Council at significant points in the General Plan Update process to discuss important issues and receive direction. Significant meetings were held in May and October of 2019 where the Council reviewed the 14 Opportunity Areas identified in the Land Use Alternatives Report and provided specific input and direction on a draft Land Use Map. The Land Use Map included in the Draft General Plan reflects the Council's unanimous support and direction given in the October 2019 study session.

Email and Web Updates

- Staff has continuously maintained an email list of interested parties and has sent notifications and updates with each key milestone in the General Plan Update process. Updates have also been provided through both the City website and the General Plan website.

FISCAL IMPACT

This is an information item for Council review and comment with no fiscal impact.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

The City will prepare a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) as part of the General Plan Update project. The current phase of the overall process is not a project under CEQA because no decisions will be made at this meeting.

Recommendations

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