

## CITY OF MILPITAS

**MINUTES of: CITY COUNCIL (FINANCE) SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**Date/Time: Wednesday, October 28, 2009 – 4:00 p.m.**

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- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Council Member Debbie Giordano called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm

**Attendance:**

City Manager: Thomas C. Williams  
City Council: Council Member Debbie Giordano, Council Member Armando Gomez  
Staff: Emma Karlen, Mike Ogaz, Greg Armendariz, Kathleen Phalen

- II. CITIZENS FORUM: No Comments**

- III. APPROVAL of MINUTES: The April 22, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.**

**IV. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**A. Donation to Curtner Elementary School – Annual Walk-A-Thon**

**Emma Karlen, Director of Financial Services** – The City of Milpitas has assisted Curtner Elementary School in their past walk-a-thons. Mayor Livengood is supporting the school's request and has referred the school to this Subcommittee.

**Rachael Decker, Teacher at Curtner School** – Requested a \$500 donation from the City of Milpitas to assist the Curtner Elementary School's annual Walk-A-Thon. The money is used to help the first, second and third grade classes with such things as transportation for school field trips, field trips and cooking projects.

**Council Members Debbie Giordano and Armando Gomez** – Approved the \$500 donation request. The recommendation will go before the City Council for final approval.

**B. Biennial Rate Adjustments for Recycling and Solid Waste Services**

**Kathleen Phalen, Principal Civil Engineer** – Biennially Allied Waste provides the City with an application for a rate increase package for recycling and solid waste services. It has come to Staff attention that by the rate formula, the "roll-off" customer class has been experiencing a very high rate impact. Therefore, staff is requesting to defer the recommendation on this item until staff has more time to look over the effect the rate increase will have on the "roll-off" customer class.

There will be a meeting with Allied Waste, the City and the City's consultant, HF&H, to review Allied's rate increase application for accuracy and to ensure that it conforms to the contract. The complexity of the cost formula is more involved than in-house staff able to review.

**Gil Cheso, Allied Waste** – Mr. Cheso explained that the rate formula package is very complicated and he is in agreement with staff’s recommendations.

**Council Members Debbie Giordano and Armando Gomez** – Moved to table this item for further review until the next Finance Subcommittee Meeting scheduled for November 18, 2009.

**V. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VI. NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be scheduled November 18, 2009

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**