DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes of:	**Regular Meeting of Milpitas City Council**
Date:	**Tuesday, April 4, 2006**
Time:	**6:00 PM (Closed Session)** **7:00 PM (Public Business)**
Location:	**Council Chambers, Milpitas City Hall,** **455 East Calaveras Blvd.**

ROLL CALL

Mayor Esteves called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

PRESENT: Mayor Esteves, Vice Mayor Gomez, Councilmembers Giordano, Livengood and Polanski. Councilmember Giordano arrived for Closed Session at 6:07 PM.

ABSENT: None

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Esteves publicly stated the Council would convene in Closed Session to discuss the following two issues:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
(Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6)
City Negotiators: Art Hartinger, Ed Kreisberg, Carmen Valdez. Employee Organizations: International Association of Firefighters (IAFF), Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA). Under Negotiation: Wages, Hours, Benefits, Working Conditions

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956(a))
Arechiga vs. City of Milpitas, WCAB #SJO0211975 and SJO0242886

The City Council reconvened in Open Session at 7:00 PM with Mayor Esteves presiding and all Councilmembers present.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

NONE

PLEDGE

Boy Scouts Troop No. 92 Color Guard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

Mayor Esteves offered a prayer.

MINUTES

MOTION: to approve minutes of the March 14 and 21, 2006 City Council meetings, as submitted.

Motion/Second: Vice Mayor Gomez/Councilmember Polanski

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

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

MOTION: to approve the Schedule of Meetings, as submitted

Motion/Second: Councilmember Giordano/Councilmember Polanski

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

CITIZENS FORUM

Gary Wang, practitioner of Falun Gong, provided information from the news (in the paper) about a death camp in China. He expressed his concern for victims in such camps, and the treatment of prisoners in China who are Falun Gong members. He asked for government investigation.

Stephanie Lee, San Jose resident and Milpitas business owner, said her sister was involved with Falun Gong in China, and claimed her sister was being kept against her will.

Jer Hsieh, age 14, spoke also about Falun Gong, and complained about treatment of Falun Gong followers in China.

A man, from Fremont, Falun Gong practitioner also, spoke about a concentration camp in China, with Falun Gong practitioners kept there in terrible conditions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Esteves announced the very successful Job Faire held last Thursday evening and sponsored by the City, which was well attended (close to 450 visitors). It was an event undertaken to help inform people about job opportunities.

Mayor Esteves also mentioned that the City held a successful Cesar Chavez Day celebration at the Community Garden in Milpitas last Saturday. The event reminded the public about non-violent efforts made by Sr. Chavez.

Vice Mayor Gomez thanked Councilmember Giordano for the Job Faire, which came out of the Council's Finance Subcommittee. Staff deserved a lot of credit for the very successful event.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: to approve the agenda, as submitted

Motion/Second: Councilmember Giordano/Councilmember Polanski

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

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: to approve the Consent Calendar, as submitted

Motion/Second: Councilmember Giordano/ Polanski

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

*** 1. Agreement Amendment with RBF Consulting, Abel Street Improvements**

Authorized the City Manager to execute the agreement amendment with RBF Consulting for an amount not to exceed $27,562 for the Environmental Services needed for the construction of the Abel Street Improvements, Project No. 8157.

*** 2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to Dispose of Police Salvage Vehicle**

A Police vehicle, a Ford F 150 XLT, truck license # 6M46797, was demolished in a broadside collision. The cost to repair the vehicle exceeds its value and it has been removed from service. Bids for disposal as salvage were received. Council approved the request to dispose of the vehicle for its salvage value.

*** 3. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to Dispose of Six Surplus City Vehicles**

The City owned five vehicles that have reached the end of their useful lives. The cost to repair these vehicles exceeded their value and they have been removed from service.

Nation Wide Auction estimates the value of these units at auction to be as follows:

1994 Ford F350 Dump Truck	license # 010131	$2,500.00
1994 Ford F350 Dump Truck	license # 022757	$2,500.00
1991 Ford F350 Super Duty Truck	license # 330182	$3,000.00
1991 Tarco Big T Vac	license # 914501	$1,000.00
1996 Ford Crown Vic	license # 030438	$1,200.00

City Council approved the request to dispose of the vehicles at auction.

*** 4. Award the Contract for Ball Field Turf Renovation**

Awarded the bid and authorized the City Manager to execute a contract with Pacheco Brothers Gardening Inc. to provide ball field turf renovation for the Sports Center field, for the not to exceed amount of $14,748, subject to approval by the City Attorney.

PRESENTATIONS

Each Council member presented the Commissions, to which they serve as liaison.

Mayor Esteves

- Economic Development Commission
- Mobile Home Park Rental Review Board
- Planning Commission

Vice Mayor Gomez

- Bicycle Transportation Advisory Commission
- Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission
- Recycling & Resource Reduction Advisory Commission
- Telecommunications Commission

Council Member Livengood

- Sister Cities Commission

Council Member Polanski

- Citizens Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission
- Community Advisory Commission

Council Member Giordano

- Arts Commission
- Library Advisory Commission
- Senior Advisory Commission
- Youth Advisory Commission
- Terrace Gardens Board of Directors

Each of the 14 Commissions and the Terrace Gardens Board of Directors were honored by the Mayor and Council for their volunteer service to the City. Those Commissioners who were present stood at one time for recognition by the Mayor.

Mayor Esteves gave a message to the Commissioners to continue their caring, keep your greatness in your voluntarism to the City; to do something more to inspire greatness in terms of community service. He announced "Thank You very much" several times for helping City of Milpitas as a Commissioner. He those present that they make a positive difference in the Community.

Following the presentation, Mayor Esteves invited all to a reception in the City Hall lobby.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Esteves adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk