

**City of Milpitas
Approved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
September 21, 2009**

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Commissioner Niranjan Gupta called the commission meeting to order.

Members Present, N. Gupta,
I. Munir, S. Ahuja, R. Shaw, W. Lam, S. Bansal, K. Bohan,

I.S. Staff: B. Marion, E. Pasion City Council: A. Gomez

Members Absent:
A. Alcorn, D. Gupta, H. Tran

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

No announcements made for the record.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S D. Gupta / S. Bansal Ayes: 7

V. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of August 17, 2009, as submitted.

M/S D.Gupta / S. Bansal Ayes: 7

VI. Citizen's Forum:

No comments made for the record.

VII. New and Continued Business:

1. Milpitas SVU Report.

Andrew Gold and Karl Garcia with Silicon Valley Unwired provided an update to the commission on the current operation of the free-use Milpitas Wi-Fi network. They provided current usage data of the Milpitas Wi-Fi network that has total to about 19 thousand users at various times in the past 30-days. They added that the Milpitas Wi-Fi network was another avenue of access for travelers and local users to access information to accounts but not a complete replacement for faster fee-based broadband services. Residential home users can use customer premise equipment that can improve the Milpitas Wi-Fi network with a home. Silicon Valley Unwired has provided a list of recommended equipment that can improve that signal reception.

The commission asked of the long-term business operation of the Silicon Valley Unwired. Mr. Gold and Mr. Garcia added it

has received seed funding from Google as part of investment in the non-profits start-up. The use of the Silicon Valley Unwired Milpitas Wi-Fi network will always be a free-use network. They have been providing updates to all the city's commissions of the fact that Milpitas has free-use Wi-Fi network and further out reach will be done in the coming months. In the long run the Milpitas Wi-Fi network will continue to expand and the speed of the network will also be a goal of the non-profit group.

The commission asked of customer service inquiries. Mr. Gold and Garcia added that the Milpitas Wi-Fi network service is a free-use. Information on service and connection issues can be accessed at www.svuwired.org and users can get updated information connection issues. The network operates on an 802.11 b/g signal service.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S W. Lam / S. Bansal Ayes: 7

2. MCTV Corporation Group.

Commissioner K. Bohan reported that the board is drafting a letter listing a number of concerns relating to the maintenance of the MCTV 26 equipment and the documentation related to the equipment currently installed in the MCTV 26 studios.

Staff noted that it would review commissioner Bohn's comment letter when it is formally submitted to the city of Milpitas.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S S. Ahjua / W. Lam Ayes: 7

4. August '09 Information Services Report

Staff reported on the monthly highlights for August 2009.

Staff updated that it would have a draft of recommendations for the commission to review for the city's master plan technology recommendations before presenting a final document to the city council.

Staff is currently working with Comcast involving cable related connection issues with several city locations for cable television service.

Staff has been providing technology assistance for a public works department in monitoring a local water pumping station.

As part of the Silicon Valley Unwired project, the city has provided a fiber link, via Level 3, directly to the Google Mountain View campus that has data connection service for the SVU service.

Staff has completed an equipment upgrade to the host of the city's police vehicles with new SVGA displays providing greater flexibility.

Staff has been reviewing the costs of converting nearly three thousand city documents to PDF documents. The project still requires further review before any recommendations can be presented for any formal discussion.

Staff offered to the commission that a meeting can be held at the either Milpitas police community room or the Milpitas public works department. Commissioner N. Gupta suggested commission consider holding its November 16th meeting to do a field trip and site visit to the city's data center and police department. Part of the technology being used by the cities is a license plate reader technology that scans vehicle license plate frames to locate possible stole plates and vehicles.

Staff reported to the commission that construction of the new Milpitas senior center is on schedule and anticipates working on the technology component at the start of January 2010.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S S. Bansal / W. Lam Ayes: 7

5. Roundtable Discussion

No comments added to the record.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting:

Meeting adjourned to November 16, 2009.