I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Chair Albert Alcorn called the commission meeting to order.

Members Present, A. Alcorn, D. Gupta, N. Gupta, S. Ahuja, , W. Lam, , K. Bohan, H. Tran, R. Shaw, S. Banal

I.S. Staff: B. Marion, E. Pasion  City Council: R. Livengood.

Members Absent:
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II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

Staff noted that Mayor Livengood would be attending the meeting to present several items of interest to the commission.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Chair Alcorn noted that the commission would listen to the Mayor’s presentation after the review of the three telecom applications.

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S  N. Gupta / H. Tran  Ayes: 9

V. Approval of the Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2009, as submitted.

M/S  N. Gupta / W. Lam  Ayes: 9

VI. Citizen’s Forum:

No comments made for the record.

VII. New and Continued Business:


Tiffany Brown from the city’s planning department introduced the Clear Wire application for 420-450 Railroad Court in Milpitas. The request was to install support equipment, three panel antennas and three microwave dishes on an existing stealth monopole tower with Nextel communications.

Chair Alcorn noted that since that this was a communications tower that fire apparatus would have no major need to ladder the
structure but added there should warning notices in place of radiation hazards is use.

Commission Bohan noted that the stealth tower construction has changed a great deal over the years.

The commission found the application to be compliant and recommended approval.

Motion to approve the application and forward to the Planning Commission.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 9


Tiffany Brown from the city’s planning department introduced the Clear Wire application for 380 Fairview Way in Milpitas. The request was to install support equipment, three panel antennas and three microwave dishes, on an existing screened rooftop. The equipment would be part of a collocation use agreement with Sprint – Nextel.

Chair Alcorn asked staff whether this application was previously approved. Staff added that it was given approval in March of 2001 for a similar use but did not have the applicant information and the type of wireless technology being used for the location.

Chair Alcorn reiterate that since this location was on an existing rooftop and wireless equipment was already present that an effort be made to verify that proper placard information was in place signifying the presence of an active radiation hazard and that a similar placard information be placed at the building’s fire control panel.

Vice Chair D. Gupta commented on the proximity of the equipment to residential buildings. Applicant noted that it has microwave equipment at shorter distances with no issues of interference with residential dwellings.

The commission found the application to be compliant and recommended approval.

Motion to approve the application and forward to the Planning Commission.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 9


Tiffany Brown from the city’s planning department introduced the Clear Wire application for 1256 Piper Drive in Milpitas. The request was to install an equipment support cabinet, three panel antennas and three microwave dishes on an existing monopole.
The equipment will be part of a collocation use agreement with AT&T wireless.

The commission noted that no location address was given as part of the telecom questionnaire documentation. A part of the final approval the commission requested that a revised telecom questionnaire, with an address, be submitted for the final approval to the planning commission.

The commission found the application to be compliant and recommended approval.

Motion to approve the application and forward to the Planning Commission.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 9

3A. Council Presentation Discussion.

Staff introduced Mayor Livengood to the commission. The mayor reported to the commission on two items of interest to the Milpitas community.

The first was the discussion of the future use of the current Milpitas senior center. The Sal Cracolice Building will be vacated by the end of 2010 when the new Milpitas senior center is opened next to Milpitas City Hall. There has been a variety of discussion on how the Cracolice Building could be used in the future as a future Milpitas Teen Center or for a local non-profit organization to use in support of the Milpitas community. There has also been discussion leasing the building out for business use. Mayor Livengood noted there is no determined use of the building at this time however; city staff has developed a request for proposal period to see what possible interests could be used for this city facility.

The second item of interest was the consideration of a joint parcel tax with the Milpitas Unified School District. The city council will discussion the item at its December 17 meeting and reviews the merits and possible impacts on the Milpitas community.

Chair Alcorn asked if the current senior center had updated communications technology in the building. Staff noted that the Cracolice building would require equipment upgrades to accommodate its future technology needs.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S H. Tran / D. Gupta Ayes: 9

Chair called for the commission’s input on whether it should continue with its scheduled meeting on December 21st or cancel it the meeting to January 25th, 2010.

The commission agreed that it can cancel its December 21st meeting to January 25th, 2010.

Motion to cancel the December 21st meeting to January 25th 2010.

M/S N. Gupta / H. Tran Ayes: 9


Staff provided a summary of the proposed master plan presentation for the commission’s review.

Vice Chair D. Gupta noted that the value of the various revisions of the master plan should have a cost savings benefit to the Milpitas community and that needs to be mentioned in the presentation.

Chair Alcorn added that the commission needs to select the best technology accomplishments to showcase in the presentation the yields the greatest benefit the Milpitas community. The outline will require another review from the commission before it is presented to the city council. The commission will review once again at its January 25th meeting. He added that the commission needs to review several current items as well, such as, cable channels 15 and 26, the city’s website and the possibilities of conducting a technology faire and a possible science faire. All those items will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Bohan reiterated his interests of acquiring a server media storage and delivery technology for the for the public access channel. It was not part of the master plan discussions. Chair Alcorn noted that server technology was only one part of a larger puzzle and advocating for support for a larger project rather than on a single piece of server technology. He was seeking consensus on the larger picture for future success.

Staff added that engagement with the project would yield a better reception of any future success of expansion of the public access channel technology. There could be new items for consideration: a new media server technology for video on demand of public access programming content, future expansion of the public access channels, and study the type of new technology being considered.

Chair Alcorn noted that the commission should “push the frontier” of the technology being considered where we want to go with any future growth as presented in the master plan.
Staff added that the master plan presentations will require several revisions. The chair added that the commission will review the document and should have a final revision planned for April of next year. Chair Alcorn also noted that the first presentation slide should state "Why we do this…" as an opening statement.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / D. Gupta Ayes: 9

6. October ’09 Information Services Report and IS Dept Tour.

Staff reported on the monthly activities for October 2009.

Bill Marion, the director of the information services department, lead the commissioners on a tour of the city’s information services data center technology and noted that various equipment and technology updates to support the public safety operations.

The tour next moved to the second floor emergency 9-11 dispatch center. The dispatch center was currently receiving equipment upgrades as part of state grant program.

The tour then moved outside where the group was given a demonstration of the new computer communications technology being utilized in the police department’s patrol vehicles.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S D. Gupta / S. Bansal Ayes: 9

7. Roundtable Discussion

Commissioner Ahuja commented the city’s images of becoming a solar technology community for business and for its residents. He also noted that the commission should continue the discussion of changing the commission’s title from telecommunications to technology. Chair Alcorn reiterated that what to people do when work with computers from home? They “telecommute”. The commission will continues this discussion as the group the master plan presentation next year. The commission will review the master plan presentation several more times before April 2010.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting:

Meeting adjourned to January 25th, 2010.