

**City of Milpitas
Unapproved Minutes
Telecommunications Commission
May 19, 2008**

I. Call to Order & Roll Call:

Telecommunications Commission Vice Chair Dinesh Gupta called the meeting to order.

Members Present: I. Munir, R. Shaw, D. Gupta, H. Tran, W. Lam, Satish Bansal, N. Gupta, S. Ahuja Alt 2

I.S. Staff: B. Marion, E. Pasion

Members Absent:

Excused: A. Alcorn

City Council: A. Gomez

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

The members of the Commission recited the Pledge of the Allegiance.

III. Announcements:

Vice Chair D. Gupta welcomed new Telecom Commissioner Sumeet Ahuja to the meeting. Commission Ahuja will serve as Alternate #2.

IV. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as submitted.

M/S N. Gupta / R. Shaw Ayes: 8

**V. Approval of the Minutes
April 21, 2008:**

Commissioner N. Gupta reported that he was not present at the April 21 meeting to make a motion

Motion to approve the minutes as amended.

M/S N. Gupta / R. Shaw Ayes: 8

VI. Citizen's Forum:

No comments made for the record.

VII. New and Continued Business:

1. Verizon Monopole Extension 1010 Ames Ave.

Cindy Hom, with the city's planning department provided a summary of an existing cellular monopole located at 1010 Ames Avenue in Milpitas. The applicant is seeking approval to

increase the existing height of the monopole and additional 15 feet to increase the signal coverage from the north due to an existing building blocking it cellular coverage.

The applicant Matthew Yergovich, with Crown Castle representing Verizon wireless, noted that the cellular technology will not change at this location only the height of the existing monopole. The existing height is 75 feet. The new proposed height of the monopole is 90 feet. No changes to the technology will be made.

Vice Chair Gupta added if the height of the monopole will be raised the coverage of the radiated beam pattern will also change. He added that the technical document submitted did not detail that change and requested that it be added as a revision as part of the approval process. Vertical radiation will change due to the down-tilt to the antennas.

The commission recommended that the technical documentation be updated relating to question item 6 as a condition to the final approval of the application project.

Planning staff added that the project is still under review and

Motion to approve the Verizon monopole extension on the condition that the applicant returns with a revised technical data with the application.

M/S

D. Gupta / R. Shaw

Ayes: 8

2. EarthLink Wi-Fi Update.

Bill Marion, director of the city's Information Services Department, updated the commissioners on the status to the Milpitas EarthLink W-Fi assets transfer agreement.

Staff reported that as of midnight Sunday, May 18, 2008, the EarthLink wireless network operations were suspended in Milpitas. The city's information services staff will be configuring the former EarthLink wireless network to maintain the operational requirements for the City's public safety wireless network. Plans are also in place to provide free public access wireless at city hall, the community center, senior center and sports center. All paid consumer services provided by EarthLink wireless was suspended.

Staff also reported that there have been other interested parties interested in the operating the former EarthLink wireless network and staff is seeking legal council to examine the overall requirements for a new operator and any franchising agreements are also being reviewed as part of the review process.

Vice Chair Gupta asked of the overall cost of operating the Wi-Fi network. Staff noted that it can operate the wireless network to support the city's public safety network connectivity. The public paid service that EarthLink provided cost the provider \$10,000

each month to provide it's to Milpitas subscribers. At the end of its service EarthLink reported that it had a total of 199 paying subscribers paying anywhere from \$5 to \$10 per-month for wireless internet service.

Staff noted that it would report back on the status of potential Wi-Fi operators. A presentation to the city council is planned to be made at their first meeting in August.

Mr. Alvin White commented that a public access wireless model could provide greater benefit if it to the entire Santa Clara county area and not just Milpitas. He also added that the EarthLink wireless internet access at the Milpitas sports center has not worked since it was introduced in January of 2007.

Motion to note receipt and file.

M/S N. Gupta / H. Tran Ayes: 8

2. MCTV Studio and Working Group.

Vice Chair D. Gupta reported that the working group met regarding participation on the growth of MCTV26.

He reported that formal filing of the of non-profit status has been applied with the State and the next goal will be to develop by-laws language for the non-profit.

Commissioner Tran reported on the programming for MCTV26 and the assistance from Information Services staff for providing needed help in maintaining daily operations and updating programming.

Vice Chair Gupta reported on the ongoing involvement of the commissioners in operating MCTV26. Staff reported that the webcast stream feature was added to the MCTV36 website. Staff also reported that due to planned construction, Comcast had temporarily disconnected the cable feed to MCTV26 and the city's government cable channel 15 Monday morning. Staff had been assured by Comcast that the service would return online by noon the following day. He also added that MCTV26 volunteer Bob Burril had completed a training video for the studio.

Motion to note, receipt and file.

M/S S. Bansal / H. Tran Ayes: 8

3. April 2008 Information Services Report

Staff reported on the monthly highlights for April 2008.

Staff produced several cable programs for Milpitas cable 15: annual state of the city address, DARE graduations and the city's budget hearings.

Staff updated that a security new card key system was being implemented to the Milpitas Public Works building and corporation yard and police department building as well as the information services data center.

As earlier reported, staff continues to work on the EarthLink operational transfer status. Information Services staff is also helping with the Milpitas police department document management program allowing to do high-speed scanning of police reports via document imaging allowing for better management of all their police reports. Additionally, staff is also working with the police department on obtaining matching grants funds in purchasing computer mobile equipment and displays.

Information Services staff have been working on adding Linux software to several public counter computers.

Staff is has been working with the city's building department managing the new interactive voice response system. The system has handled over 7500 phone calls for the expediting service calls originally managed by building staff members.

GIS staff has been proactively working to update new residential developments in the community. Staff has been working with building and fire inspection staff by updating and adding new residential locations and associated city resources located in the streets.

The city's website received over 1,000,000 hits to the site.

Commissioner Shaw asked if a demo of the city's GIS program be given to the commission as a future meeting.

Motion note, receipt and file.

M/S S. Bansal / I. Munir Ayes: 8

4. Roundtable Discussion

Commissioner Tran asked regarding the MCTV26 voice messages. Staff noted that it has been checking on the status of voice messages to MCTV26.

Commissioner Lam asked on the buildings located with at the new Milpitas library location. Staff noted that a new county health center and parking garage was being constructed and a new senior housing development was also being completed.

VIII. Adjournment of Meeting:

Meeting adjourned to June 16, 2008 commission meeting.