Mayor Tran, Vice Mayor Grilli, and Council Members

Planning Commission Approves Zoning Text Amendment to Prohibit Certain Cannabis Activities

Per Council’s direction on November 20, the Planning Commission held a special meeting on December 6 to consider the zoning text amendment prohibiting commercial cannabis activities and outdoor cultivation of cannabis for personal use, and regulating the indoor cultivation of cannabis for personal use. There were approximately 100 members of the public present; all expressed civility and the approximately 40 speakers generally respected the one-minute time limit imposed.

Following Commission deliberations, the motion to approve staff’s recommendation and adopt Resolution 18-022 was carried by a vote of 4-1 (Mandal, Ciardella, Maglalang, Chua in favor; Morris against [citing that the issue should be placed on the ballot for voters to decide]; and Sandhu and Mohsin absent).

Staff has placed the legally required notice in the newspaper for the Special Council Meeting on December 19 and information has been pushed on the City’s website, local government access channel, social media channels and local media.

Mabel Mattos Elementary School Visit

On Friday, December 7, 1st and 2nd graders from Mabel Mattos Elementary School visited City Hall. A presentation was made to the students in the Council Chambers and then they received a tour of City Hall. City departments contributed by including a keepsake in a goody-bag, which each student received.

Police Department Updates

On Friday, November 30 at 6:00 p.m., Police Chief Armando Corpuz attended the San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP Soulful Christmas Coat Drive. The Event was held at the Fairmont San Jose. Our Milpitas Police Department staff donated over 100 items to support the event.

On Tuesday, December 4, Lieutenant Raj Maharaj, Sergeant David Morris, and Officer Kita Inthasak participated in the Annual Shop with a Cop Heroes & Helpers Holiday Shopping Spree. The officers paired up with the children and had breakfast, and then went to the Target at Coleman in San Jose to accompany them for the shopping spree. Approximately 140 students participated this year; some of which have earned their way through Shop with a Cop’s “Readers are Leaders” reading challenge. The remaining children are those who have experienced a financial hardship or traumatic crisis in their life such as the loss of a parent due to violence or domestic violence in the home. Please see attached photo.

On Wednesday, December 5 at 8:15 a.m., officers from the Police-Community Relations Unit presented “what to do in case of an emergency” to kindergartners at Weller School located at 345 Boulder Street.

The Milpitas Police Department Recruitment Team attended the following events this week actively looking for those interested in applying for police officer and dispatch positions:

- Tuesday, December 4th from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Academy at Coyote Creek in San Jose.
Building Permits and Occupancy

Building permits were issued to the following:

1. Nanometrics, an advanced process control systems and solutions business, for tenant improvement at their existing facility located at 1550 Buckeye Dr. at an estimated construction cost of $1.5M.
2. Shangcheng Lameizi, for tenant improvements of a new Chinese hot pot restaurant located at 286 Barber Ct. at an estimated construction cost of $200,000.

Building permit applications were submitted by the following:

1. Western Digital, existing (SanDisk) research & development of flash memory business, for tenant improvements at their facility located at 901 Sandisk Dr. at an estimated construction cost of $937,633.
2. Venture Corporation, a Singapore-based electronic service provider, for tenant improvements at their new facility located at 1621 Barber Ln. at an estimated construction cost of $771,633.
3. Arevo, Inc., manufacturing business for 3D printing and machining of composites, for tenant improvements at their facility located at 1450 McCarthy Blvd. at an estimated construction cost of $220,000.

The following businesses have received final inspection and are now open for operation:

1. Public storage, a new storage facility located at 1080 Pecten Ct.
2. David S. Amin DDS Inc., a dental office located at 44 E Calaveras Blvd.
4. Yong Kang Street, an Asian restaurant located at Great Mall.
5. Liberty Laboratories Inc., an engineering and design company located at 484 Vista Wy.

Construction Update

Sprig Center - Floor & Decor, new shell building for 74000 sq. ft. retail store by McCarthy Ranch developer located at 1665 N. McCarthy Blvd. Photos show the concrete exterior walls being raised.
Houret Townhomes, 114 townhome development at Ellison Park by The New Home Company at 231 Houret Dr.: Two more 3-story buildings with a total of 6 units were finalized at the development, bringing it to a total of 42 completed units in the development.

District 1, 7-story mixed-used project with commercial retail space and 371 apartments by Lyon Community Developments located at 1315 McCandless Dr.: To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit for the residential units in phase 5 were issued.

Kate Spade located at Great Mall: To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to Kate Spade, a retail store at Great Mall.

Paisal Inc. DBA Mrs. Fields & TCBY located at Great Mall: To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to the above yogurt store at Great Mall.

Chengli Corporation DBA Cold stone Creamery located at Great Mall: To allow an earlier start of operation, a temporary occupancy permit was issued to the ice cream store at Great Mall.

View Dynamic Glass, located at 195 S Milpitas Blvd.: To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary building permit was issued to View Dynamic Glass, an intelligent, electrochromic window manufacturer.

Zollner Electronics Inc., located at 575 Cottonwood Dr.: To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary building permit was issued to Zollner Electronics Inc., an electronic manufacturing & engineering services provider.

Byton, located at 1801 McCarthy Blvd.: To allow an earlier start of construction, a temporary building permit was issued to Byton, an automotive research & design lab for a Chinese automobile manufacturer.

Upcoming and Past Events:
The City of Milpitas hosted its 31st Annual Tree Lighting event on Saturday, December 1, 2018 in the Civic Center Plaza. Staff had a wonderful event planned for the community, complete with music, sing-a-longs Santa and, with the help of City Council, the lighting of the Holiday Tree! Following the lighting of the big Holiday tree there were additional performances by the Community Concert Band and Carolers, photos with Santa, refreshments including a campfire s’mores area, coffee and hot chocolate and holiday cookies. There was numerous kids’ activities that included constructing an ornament, balloon artists, and face painting. There were approximately 750+ people in attendance.

On Monday, December 3, Deputy City Manager Steve McHarris presented to the Milpitas Rotary Club on community development activities. The presentation highlighted local and regional issues, including jobs-housing balance, last mile traveled, parking, and affordable housing.
On Tuesday, December 4, Deputy City Manager Steve McHarris gave a brief presentation on Milpitas at the Bisnow’s Annual Silicon Valley Construction and Development Forecast held at the Marriot Hotel in downtown San Jose. Bisnow is an international digital media company that produces regional events focused on commercial real estate trends.

On Thursday, December 6, staff attended and participated in Assemblymember Kansen Chu’s community meeting to set 2019 legislative priorities. The meeting began with a highlight of accomplishments over the past year and then attendees were asked to rank initiatives for the next year. Of about 15 initiatives, those that ranked highest were related to mental health, social justice and public safety.

Also on Thursday, December 6, Assistant City Manager Ashwini Kantak and the Public Works Director Tony Ndah attended a meeting in Foster City hosted by the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency (BAWSCA). Staff and water management representatives discussed several negotiating terms regarding the City’s water service agreement with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) and expects to bring forward recommended amendments to Council in the upcoming months.

On Saturday, December 8, the City of Milpitas will host Milk & Cookies with Santa. This event is a pre-registered program with nominal fees to participants. This year there will be three sessions: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m., and for adaptive/special needs families, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are very excited to offer a session open only for families with adaptive needs based on valuable feedback from Focus Groups conducted with Milpitas residents who have a child(ren) with special needs. At each session, participants will have an opportunity to decorate (and eat) a large sugar cookie, listen to holiday-based music, plus be treated to a special visit from Santa. Everyone will have an opportunity to take a photo with Santa, crafts, coloring and numerous other little holiday themed activities for them to enjoy. At the end of the session, kids are encouraged to write a letter to Santa and put it in a special mailbox that goes to the North Pole. Children who write a letter receive an email back from Santa letting him know he got their list! This event is very popular and always sells-out quickly.

Senior Center Updates:

Holiday Performances
Two of the Milpitas Senior Center’s programs performed prior to lunch service of the Senior Nutrition Program. On Monday, December 3, the Chinese Folk Dance class performed approximately 6 dances to holiday and non-holiday music with approximately 85 in attendance. On Friday, the Chinese Chorus program sang holiday songs to a similar sized audience.

Holiday Tea
The Senior Center’s annual Holiday Tea was on Tuesday, December 4, in the afternoon with 24 registered participants. They were able to social with each other while they sampled various blends of hot tea and enjoyed three courses of scones, sandwiches and desserts.

Terrace Gardens Satellite Class
Staff went to Terrace Gardens on Wednesday, December 5 and offered a brownie decorating class for its residents. Participants were able to decorate their brownies with frosting and a variety of holiday colored toppings.

“Socialization Leads to Ideal Mental Health” Workshop
Stanford researchers presented information on Thursday, December 6, from their studies regarding how socialization is related to good mental health. Also on the evidence on how socialization improves longevity, reduces stress and how one could get involved in one’s community both during the holidays and on a daily basis.
Senior Center Upcoming Events:
December 10-13: Holiday contest fun at the Senior Center
December 14: Quarterly Birthday Party Celebration at Lunch Program (Oct-Dec)

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