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Milpitas Launches Open Budget Portal for the FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget
And Cautions about Potential Increased Revenue Losses

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Today, the City published the FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget in the amount of $220.3 million and the FY 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) in the amount of $396.6 million on the City’s website. The City Council approved the FY 2020-21 Budget and the CIP at the June 2, 2020 City Council Meeting.

“Milpitas has made smart financial decisions in the past, but we do need to be prepared for the negative economic impacts of this pandemic,” says Mayor Rich Tran. “Keeping residents and businesses informed is one of our top responsibilities and launching this enhanced Budget Transparency Tool and a Budget-in-Brief document will help improve accessibility and transparency of the budget during this economically challenging time.”

The enhanced Budget Transparency Tool, available on the City’s website, provides residents and businesses with many views of the City’s FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget and prior year budget and actual revenue and expenditure data. Viewers can see trends in revenues and expenditures over time; drill down into expenses by fund, department, or account type; display the data as graphs or charts; download data into Excel; and send comments directly to the City online.

The 12-page Budget-in-Brief document highlights major investments being made in the City of Milpitas for this fiscal year and provides facts about the City. It presents the major sources of funding and the services provided by the City, including the infrastructure it constructs and maintains.

In the Adopted Budget transmittal letter to the Mayor and City Council, City Manager Steve McHarris cautions that "a substantive second lockdown of the regional and state economies was
not anticipated in the City’s Adopted Budget,” and “an unanticipated decline in General Fund revenues may require expenditure and service reductions during the next six months.”

The City’s overall budget, including the General Fund, Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), and Water and Sewer funds, is $220.3 million. The General Fund is balanced with expected revenues of $112.6 million, use of $4.5 million in reserves, and expenditures of $117.1 million. The General Fund, the City’s main fund supported mainly with tax revenues, pays for city services such as police and fire protection, 9-1-1 emergency response, recreation services for all ages, maintenance of streets, parks, and recreation centers, and city administration.

Major revenue sources for the City of Milpitas’ General Fund include Property Tax (32.8%), Sales Tax (25.2%), Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) (12.0%) derived from hotel stays, and fee revenue (8.8%) related to construction activity. Together, these sources comprise 79% of the General Fund’s revenues estimated for FY 2020-2021.

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**About the City of Milpitas**
Located at the southern end of San Francisco Bay, Milpitas is a progressive community that is an integral part of Silicon Valley. A full-service city with water utility, sewer utility, police and fire services, Milpitas celebrates a diverse population of nearly 84,000. Under a Council-Manager form of government, the City Council has established the following seven priority areas of service and policy: public safety, environment, transportation and transit, economic development and job growth, neighborhoods and housing, community wellness and open space, and governance and administration.

More information at: [http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/](http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/)

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