



**MILLBRAE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
June 24, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER MILLBRAE CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Lee called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Mayor Wayne J. Lee, Councilmembers Marge Colapietro, Anne Oliva, and Reuben D. Holober. Vice Mayor Gottschalk was excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

**1. CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATION**

- Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of July 2014 as Parks and Recreation Month

Mayor Lee presented the proclamation to Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Jennifer Price.

**2. AGENDA OVERVIEW/STAFF BRIEFING**

- Report of Bills and Claims
- Report out from Closed Session of June 10, 2014

City Manager Marcia Raines reviewed the agenda items.

City Attorney Joan Cassman stated that the Council had met in closed session and discussed the matter of labor negotiations. Instructions were given and no reportable action was taken.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Regular Meeting of June 10, 2014

Upon a motion/second by Colapietro/Oliva, the minutes were unanimous approved.

**4. ORAL REPORT FROM CITY COMMITTEE/COMMISSION CHAIRS**

- Update Report by the Parks and Recreation Commission

Parks and Recreation Commission Chair Jennifer Price presented the update report. She presented the Commission's new Mission Statement: "To provide safe and welcoming opportunities for the citizens of Millbrae to play, learn, and build community. The Commission aims to do this through protecting and enhancing current City parks and programs while developing new ways for all residents to be connected and engaged in the community." She listed the projects and priorities of the Commission:

- Assess under utilized parks;
- New playground park benches at Central Park and other park locations;
- Refurbish Community Center tennis courts;
- Solidify programming at the Millbrae Community Youth Center;
- Create community garden;
- Identify location for dog park.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Wynn Grich, Hayward resident, spoke on depopulation through the spraying of chemical trails and the detrimental health effects of fluoride.

Rick Eastman, Millbrae resident, stated that he lives on a permitted parking street where there are two hours of parking allowed without a permit. There is home remodeling/construction work going on and there is no parking available for the residents who have paid for their permits. He proposed that part of remodeling or construction permit process should include parking permit fees.

Jack Diaz, Millbrae employee, asked Council to listen to the needs and concerns of the employees. Their wages are 8% lower than other cities. The employees took a 5% concession in the past, and in 2013/14 the 5% was restored but not their health benefit or COLA. The employees have not had a COLA since 2008. He noted that maybe the employees should be included in the City's infrastructure budget. We gave when you needed us and now we need you in return.

Ray Mendez, Millbrae employee, stated that Millbrae is in good order: water, sidewalk, streets, and parks, and this is due to the efforts of the work force. All employees complete their tasks with pride. It is hard to come to work when your job does not pay you back. He would like to see the employees appreciated. Morale is low and not a priority. The last counter offer from the City was zero. He asked the Council to pay attention to what they have heard tonight before making any decisions.

Jack Gollier, Millbrae employee, stated that the last time he was in the Council Chamber was to be congratulated for work on the seven water main breaks. He finds the current proposal unacceptable. He is disappointed with the City and since 2001 promises that were made never came to fruition.

Carlos Robledo, Millbrae employee, stated that he has grown up in this City but can no longer afford to live here. Do not forget about your loyal employees.

Noel Gantley, Millbrae employee, stated that he is very proud to work in Millbrae and make the water safe for the City. The infrastructure is kept up to date. When the phone goes off at 3:00 a.m. he is expected to come in and work just like other first responders and would like to be compensated as a first responder. He has trained many young employees only to see them leave and to go work for other cities who pay more. He stated that he earns \$26 per hour, how can you raise a family on that. Forget the past, do something now.

John Roias, Millbrae, employee, stated that employees gave during the hard times. We have lost new employees to other cities who pay more. We are 8% below the lowest paid cities; we are just trying to get up to the bottom of the ladder. We like working for the City, but the current situation is insupportable.

Peter Finn, Teamsters Local 856, every Councilmember has said that they are for the working people. The people who provide the services are sitting in this room tonight. The City is dissolving, there is no police, and fire is going away, no Finance Director, no Public Works Director, no Community Development Director and no Human Resources. This is your human infrastructure, do not forget about them.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mayor Lee pulled item 8 to make a comment.

5. Adoption of Resolution No 14-32 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Second Amended Contract for Shared Fire Chief Services between Central County Fire Department, City of Millbrae and City of San Bruno
6. Adoption of Resolution No. 14-33 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Shared Deputy Fire Chief, Fire Marshal and Division Chiefs between the Cities of Millbrae and San Bruno
7. Adoption of Resolution No. 14-34 Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Funding Assigned to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and Committing any Necessary Matching Funds and Stating the Assurance to Complete the Priority Development Area

Upon a motion/second by Colapietro/Oliva Consent Calendar items 5-7 were unanimously adopted.

8. Adoption of Resolution No 14-35 Authorizing a Contract Extension for Auditing Services for One Year through 2013-2014 with Maze & Associates

Mayor Lee commented that he wanted to address recent remarks made about bidding for a new auditing firm. He noted that the auditing services will be bid out for the next year.

Upon a motion/second by Lee/Oliva Consent Calendar item 8 was unanimously adopted.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

NONE

### **NEW BUSINESS**

9. Report from Mills High School PTO President Regarding the Charter School Proposal at Mills High School

Mills High School PTO President Paul Seto thanked the Council for their recent letter of support that was sent to San Mateo Union High School Superintendent Scott Laurence. Back in November the San Mateo Union High School District approved a Charter School in the district but the location was not disclosed until April; there was a lack of transparency on the part of the District. Mills High School is designed for one campus. The Charter School would be occupying one wing of the school and sharing other locations on campus. A Task Force was assembled to discuss the co-location. Over time, Mills High School will have less classrooms; the facility can not support both campuses at this one location. Many parents are disillusioned with what has happened regarding the co-location and the process. There are safety concerns around the campus, especially traffic during drop off and pick up time. Parents would like to see the continuity of sending their children to the local high school. The introduction of a charter school could also divide the community. The PTO is asking for the Council's assistance in this process, should they decide to challenge Brown Act requirements, CEQA challenge, or the Education Code. He stated that he will continue to keep the Council apprised of the situation and thanked them for their time.

Councilmember Holober inquired if the current contract for the co-location was only for one year.

Mr. Seto replied yes and this is per Proposition 39.

Councilmember Oliva stated that just by looking at the numbers provided this evening, the campus can not support that number of students in the classrooms.

Mr. Seto concurred that the analysis does not make sense.

Mayor Lee stated that the fear is that the charter school will eventually push out the public school. He recommended that Council, staff and school staffs get together to discuss these issues. The San Mateo Union High School District has not communicated with the City nor responded to the Council's letter.

Mr. Seto stated that there are more questions than answers and requested to have a task force be set up with Council and Millbrae School District.

Mayor Lee stated that he would take this recommendation under consideration.

At 8:11 p.m. Mayor Lee announced that Councilmember Colapietro had to leave unexpectedly and stated that Council would take a short break. Council reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

#### Begin public comment.

John Lok, Millbrae resident, stated that the reason he moved to Millbrae was for the good schools. When he moved from Daly City, he paid three times the amount of money to live in Millbrae. He would like to see his grandchildren attend Mills High School and hopes that the Council will keep their promises to help the residents of Millbrae and to take care of this issue. It would not be right that if the residents of Millbrae can not have their children attend Mills High School.

Norman Yu, Millbrae resident, stated that parents have no information on the co-location. The uncertainty is of this situation affects the City. The charter school may affect property values. He would like the Council to provide more information to the parents.

#### End of public comment.

Mayor Lee stated that the City has no authority over the San Mateo Union High School District, but is trying to work with them.

### **EXISTING BUSINESS**

#### 10. Adoption of the City of Millbrae's Mission Statement and Selection of a City Logo

Council requested that this item be continued to the July 8, 2014 Council meeting so that all Councilmembers could be a part of the discussion. There was one comment made regarding the proposed Mission Statement: the Mission Statement needed to be "active and not passive". Additionally, the City Clerk was asked to post the two City logo concepts on the City's Facebook page.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Lee:

- Stated that the Vice Mayor was out of town on a trip to China. The trip is being sponsored by China Silicon Valley;
- Announced the Millbrae Machines Car Show on August 16<sup>th</sup>;
- Announced that the Mayor's Civic Coordinating Council is no longer meeting. Event information can be forwarded to the City Clerk for posting on the City's Facebook page;
- Announced that the Council should form a team for Relay for Life to help raise money for this wonderful cause. Councilmember Oliva stated that she would be part of the team.

Councilmember Oliva:

- No comments.

Councilmember Holober:

- Attended the recent Parks and Recreation Commission meeting where there was discussion about the leash law at Meadows Park.

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL**

There being no further business to discuss the City Council adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

/s/ Angela Louis  
City Clerk

/s/ Wayne J. Lee  
Mayor