



**MILLBRAE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
March 11, 2014**

**RECONVENE CITY COUNCIL**

**CALL TO ORDER MILLBRAE CITY COUNCIL**

Mayor Lee reconvened the City Council at 8:10 p.m.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

1. **CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATION**

- Proclamation Proclaiming the Month of March 2014 as American Red Cross Month

Mayor Lee presented the Proclamation to Jim Ford, American Red Cross.

- Presentation by Mills High School American Red Cross Club

The Mills High School American Red Cross Club made a brief presentation to Council. Mayor Lee presented them with a Certificate of Commendation.

- Presentation on the Peninsula Health Care District's Apple Tree Dental Project

Cheryl Fama, CEO, Peninsula Health Care District introduced Dr. Michael Helgeson, CEO of Apple Tree Dental, who made a presentation on the Apple Tree Dental Project. They are a non-profit who partner with the private and public sectors, and they currently have programs in Minnesota, Louisiana, and North Carolina. They deliver on-site dental care via mobile truck units. The new center in San Mateo County will be located at 430 North El Camino Real and is scheduled to open in November.

- Millbrae Community Youth Center Update

Kevin Sved, Recreation Superintendent, made a brief presentation on the Millbrae Community Youth Center (MCYC). The Boys and Girls Club have been operating a pilot program at the MCYC, and he introduced Joe Egan of the Mid Peninsula Boys and Girls Club who provided an overview of current programs and future programs for the MCYC. There are 20 kids attending on a daily basis until 6:00 p.m.; they work on homework, arts and crafts, photography, and cooking programs. The MCYC will be open during Spring Break and they will have an Open House and BBQ on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Call 650-777-9083 for information.

2. **AGENDA OVERVIEW/STAFF BRIEFING**

- Report of Bills and Claims

City Manager Marcia Raines reviewed the agenda items.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- NONE

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

- NONE

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Wynn Grcich, Hayward resident, spoke on the detrimental health effects of fluoride in the drinking water. She invited the public to attend a march against fluoride on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in San Francisco from Union Square to Justin Herman Plaza.

Ann Schneider, Millbrae resident, asked that the City look at the tree trimming ordinance and consider changing the tree trimming rules. Currently only a certain percentage of the tree can be trimmed. Some of sycamore trees are sick and the branches will start dropping. Less water is being used due to the drought, and reducing the height of the canopy will allow for the trees to recover.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

5. Confirmation of Appointments to City Commissions/Committees
6. Approve Production and Installation of Signage for a Donor Wall in the Millbrae Community Youth Center

Upon a motion/second by Colapietro/Holober Consent Calendar items 5 and 6 were unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

NONE

**EXISTING BUSINESS**

7. Resolution Authorizing City Manager to Vote “Yes” on the Fire Assessment Ballots on behalf of the City

City Manager Marcia Raines presented the report. The current Fire Assessment is set to expire on June 30, 2014 and this will mean a loss of \$1.2 million. The City has created efficiencies in the Fire Department and in other City departments. The adoption of the third Fire Suppression Assessment is critical and the revenues generated will solely cover fire suppression costs. The City needs these revenues and to keep our community vibrant.

Fire Chief Ladas thanked staff for all of their efforts. He noted that the loss of the Fire Assessment revenues will force the Council to make cuts.

Councilmember Holober inquired as to what the proposed assessment for the City owned properties is.

City Manager Raines noted that one ballot, for 2 properties, totals \$625.19 and a second ballot for 23 properties \$23,866.44.

City Attorney Joan Cassman made a brief overview of how the properties were assessed, and that this is different from the current assessment.

Mayor Lee inquired as to how this relates to the fire station on Crestview.

Chief Ladas noted that the fire station will remain as is.

Councilmember Colapietro reiterated the efficiencies that have been achieved in the Fire Department. She noted that if the Fire Assessment does not pass there will be cuts and changes to the current way of life for residents.

Councilmember Holober stated that Fire Assessment currently pays for 22 percent of the fire department budget and echoed the sentiments of Councilmember Colapietro.

Councilmember Oliva noted that what is before the Council is to direct the City Manager to vote “yes” on the City ballots.

Begin public comment.

Daniel F. Quigg, Millbrae resident, encouraged the public to vote and stated that if we want to keep our fire services we need to support this ballot.

End of public comment.

Mayor Lee read the resolution into the record.

Upon a motion/second by Colapietro/Oliva Resolution No. 14-14 authorizing the City Manager to Vote “Yes” on the Fire Assessment Ballots on behalf of the City was unanimously adopted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

8. Resolution in Support of the Formation of a Downtown Business Improvement District

Mayor Lee presented the report and noted that the Millbrae Business Advisory Committee wants to form a Business Improvement District (BID). This is not a new concept; there are many cities that have created Business Improvement Districts and in order for one to be created, 50 percent plus one of all businesses in a defined area would need to sign a petition in support of the formation. The businesses would then create their own board. What is before the Council tonight is showing that the City is in support of the formation of a BID.

Council inquired:

- what is the process;
- who would be in charge;
- is a resolution necessary;
- does it include both business owners and property owners?

Staff responded:

- owners of businesses in a defined area ban together and pay for improvements;
- any property owner of a business, in the defined area, would be part of the process;

- it is not a City appointed committee;
- a resolution is needed to show that the City is serious about the formation of the BID;
- it would be up to the interested parties to decide if property owners and business owners would be included.

Vice Mayor Gottschalk stated that he supported the formation of a BID, but expressed hesitation due to assessments collected by property owners and the difficulty of encouraging another property tax.

No public comment for this item.

Upon a motion/second by Lee/Oliva Resolution No. 14-15 in support of the formation of a Downtown Business Improvement District was unanimously adopted.

9. Resolution Supporting Senate Bill (SB) 1014 (Jackson) – Home-Generated Pharmaceutical Waste Collection and Disposal Act and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support

Public Works Director Nick Nguyen presented the report. This Bill will create a group of stakeholders who will create a program on how to dispose of pharmaceutical products. What is being asked is to create a system and to support this legislation; not defining how this will occur. Council is being asked to take a position because of upcoming meetings in Sacramento regarding this issue.

Councilmember Colapietro inquired how the pharmaceuticals would be collected from residences, and if staff had discussed this with the local garbage hauler. She also expressed concern regarding the handling of hazardous pharmaceuticals.

Public Works Director Nguyen stated that the process of how these products would be picked up was not yet defined.

Begin public comment.

Ann Schneider, Millbrae resident, stated that this legislation will make the pharmaceutical companies responsible for their products and would remove costs to cities to provide these services. This type of program will be a benefit to the City as it will help save money and discourage the public from flushing these products down the toilet. She stated that local garbage haulers generally do not want to pick up this product.

End of public comment.

Upon a motion/second by Oliva/Holober Resolution No. 14-16 supporting Senate Bill (SB) 1014 (Jackson) – Home-Generated Pharmaceutical Waste Collection and Disposal Act and authorizing the Mayor to Sign a Letter of Support was unanimously adopted.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Lee:

- Requested that Councilmembers highlight the topics of the Commission/Committee meetings they attend;
- Attended the recent BART Board meeting;
- Asked residents to support the upcoming Blood Drive on March 21<sup>st</sup>;

- Congratulated the City Attorney for being inducted as one of the top attorneys in the State.

Vice Mayor Gottschalk:

- Stated that he had no comments, in view of the hour.

Councilmember Colapietro:

- Stated that she was present at all meeting assignments.

Councilmember Oliva:

- Vote for the Fire Assessment.

Councilmember Holober:

- Thanked the Lions Club for a well attended Crab Feed last Saturday;
- Attended the Youth Advisory Committee and Community Preservation Commission meetings.

**RECESS CITY COUNCIL**

There being no further regular business to discuss the City Council recessed at 9:49 p.m.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

Conference with Legal Council – Existing Litigation

Closed Session held pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)

City of Millbrae v. FlightCar Case CIV 525586

FlightCar v. Millbrae Case 4:13-cv-05802-SBA

Conference with Labor Negotiators

Closed Session held pursuant to Government Code §954957.6

Agency Negotiator: Marcia Raines

Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 856

**ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL**

There being no further business to discuss, the City Council adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

/s/ Angela Louis  
City Clerk

/s/ Wayne J. Lee  
Mayor