



**MILLBRAE CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

August 30, 2011

CALL TO ORDER MILLBRAE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Quigg called the special meeting to order at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL: Mayor Daniel F. Quigg, Vice Mayor Marge Colapietro, Councilmembers Gina Papan, Nadia V. Holober, and Paul Seto

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE U.S. FLAG

AGENDA OVERVIEW/STAFF BRIEFING

City Manager Marcia Raines gave an overview of the agenda and recommended that New Business be discussed before the Old Business item. Council concurred

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

NONE

PUBLIC HEARING

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

City/County Association of Governments' (C/CAG) Request for City's Appointment of an Elected Official for C/CAG's Policy Advisory Committee

City Manager Marcia Raines gave an overview of the item.

There was discussion by Council who came to a consensus that Vice Mayor Colapietro would be designated as the representative for the C/CAG's Policy Advisory Committee with Councilmember Papan as the alternate.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Services Discussion

City Manager Marcia Raines gave an overview of the staff report and the study done by Municipal Resources Group adding that at this point the City of San Bruno does not feel the savings warrant continuation of a merge and have requested the termination of the agreement for the shared service of the Police Chief. Ms. Raines added that staff has contacted other cities in the area, however none presented alternatives that could be brought to the Council for consideration. Staff feels that the options available for consideration are:

1. Hire a fulltime Chief and fulltime Commander which would require the reduction of staffing in other departments to cover costs.
2. Contact the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office to find out if they would be interested in taking over the department.

Ms. Raines suggested that other options may come to light during tonight's discussion.

Council discussion focused on options such as additional revenues, a more formal approach to other cities, getting input from the public and possible candidates for the chief's position.

Begin public comment.

Robert Raw, President, Millbrae Police Officer's Association, stated that the POA's main concern is that the City Council may not act swiftly to choose direction and wait for new Council members. They would like to hear from the community and employees, but this needs to move forward to have a clearer vision of where we are going. It has been very difficult having 4 interim chiefs and would like to know what the County would offer our current employees.

Mark Raffaelli, Contract Millbrae Police Commander stated that having interim employees is like sending people to foster homes making it difficult especially when there are issues. Each interim employee has his or her own ideas and vision. The department needs permanent full time people for stability. He agreed that the 2 choices staff has identified are the only way to go and the department can not continue the way it is now.

Neil Telford, Police Chief currently shared with San Bruno, stated that it has been a pleasure serving with the organization. When he started in March there was a plan which did not come to fruition and he agrees with Commander Raffaelli that the city needs to come up with a definite plan soon.

Ron Caine, Millbrae resident and retired Millbrae Police Officer, stated that he has been affiliated with the Millbrae Police Department for 54 years, and would hate to see it go somewhere else as he has dedicated 2/3 of my life to the department.

End public comment

Vice Mayor Colapietro asked Officer Raw to approach the microphone, and asked if he knew how other officers feel about the options. Officer Raw responded that there are 100% in favor of having a full time chief and commander; however they are somewhat split on which way to go. They wonder if the county would be able to offer the services this City wants and would the City be able provide the services.

Upon a motion/second by Colapietro/Papan, Council unanimously authorized the City Manager to initiate discussions with the county regarding sheriff services, to continue discussions with other cities and pursue other alternatives that may come up including funding sources.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Quigg had no comments

Vice Mayor Colapietro

- Attended many Commission and Committee meetings.

Councilmember Papan

- Announced that the Friends of Millbrae Dog Park will have booth at Art & Wine on Sunday;
- Announced there will be a Greek Festival in Belmont on Sunday;
- Attended the CMAQ meeting;
- Announced that school is starting and asked that everyone drive carefully;
- Announced that there are still openings on various City Commission & Committees;
- Congratulated the City Council candidates and urged everyone to get involved and vote.

Councilmember Holober

- Reported that SamTrans is applying for funding for Senior Mobility, stated that she had written a letter in support, and urged other Councilmembers and the public to do the same;
- Toured the Belamor development and reported that some of the businesses do not feel the allowed signage is appropriate or adequate and announced there are several new businesses and urged the public to visit them.

Councilmember Seto

- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting tonight;
- Thanked everyone who signed up for Commissions & Committees;
- Stated that he feels it will be good to see a diverse number of candidates for the open Council seats;
- Announced that the Art & Wine festival is this weekend and thanked the Chamber of Commerce for their continued sponsorship of the event.

There being no further business to discuss the City Council adjourned at 8:02 p.m. in memory of San Bruno business man Joe Welch.

/s/ Fran Nelson
Acting City Clerk

/s/ Daniel F. Quigg
Mayor