

CITY / SCHOOL LIAISON

MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2023 2:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting
Morgan Hill Unified School District
Boardroom

Committee Members

Mark Turner – Mayor
Yvonne Martínez Beltrán - Council Member
Dr. Iván Rosales Montes– School Board President
Adam Escoto – School Board Vice-President
Christina Turner – City Manager
Dr. Carmen Garcia - Superintendent

Staff Members

Police Chief Shane Palsgrove
Captain Ramírez –Police Captain
Chris Ghione – Public Services Director
Edith Ramirez – Assistant City Manager for Development Services
Penny Timboe, Assistant Superintendent Business Services
Pat Sánchez, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 P.M

PUBLIC COMMENT / COMMUNICATIONS

There was no public comment during the meeting.

APPROVE MINUTES

Approve minutes from the meeting of June 15, 2023.

Motion Passed Unanimously: Passed with a motion by Mayor Turner and a second by Adam Escoto

CITY OF MORGAN HILL

City Manager Turner announced that the focus of today's meeting is residential developments as it relates to schools and the number of students coming from the developments. She introduced Assistant City Manager for Community Development Edith Ramirez who gave a powerpoint presentation providing updates on development projects. This presentation is available on the city website. Google maps shows the projects by neighborhood and the status of all projects is updated periodically. Ms. Ramirez covered the following projects: Vida, Jemcor, Borello Ranch Estates, Monterey-Jasper Trumark, MH Senior Housing, Royal Oak Village, Lumberyard, Andalusia, Appletree, Crosswinds, Cochrane Commons, New Horizons, Magnolias, The Gates, Denova Homes, Spring Giancola, Manzanita Park, Tennant Square and Sabini Court.

In the 1970's Morgan Hill passed a growth control measure where the council would determine how many lots would be allotted for construction. This growth control measure is on hold for the foreseeable future due to the housing crisis; this makes it easier for builders and leads to more units being constructed and a denser concentration. Morgan Hill has established development standards that builders have to abide by. In addition, the city has an inclusionary housing ordinance where we require 15% to be income restricted for affordability. In the past approximately 200 lots were approved per year. Approving lots does not mean that the building will actually take place at that time - there are many time consuming steps involved including processing entitlements, processing building permits, hearings, and environmental impact reports.

Vice President Escoto asked for clarification on what percentage of approved developments are dedicated to affordable housing. Ms. Ramirez responded that the residential growth control restrictions were removed for both housing and affordable housing. The city is obligated to process housing as it comes in. If the development is located downtown the affordable housing needs to be 10% and if it is outside of downtown it needs to be 15%. The inclusionary housing ordinance also requires a minimum of 50% of the affordable housing to be constructed on site. The city requires affordable housing to be included in all housing projects. City Manager Turner further stated that they have been

successful in providing affordable housing and the inclusionary housing ordinance has resulted in 1 in 8 homes being deed restricted. The city wants to ensure the state laws are helping provide affordable housing and not just market rate housing.

Mayor Turner said that 15% of housing construction projects goes to affordable housing as required. Over the next eight years, the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) requires the city to build nearly 1100 projects of which nearly 500 would fall into the affordable category which includes extremely low, low, and low income with specific numbers needed in each of those subcategories. The city is faced with needing to do a large volume of projects in order to meet the RHNA numbers. Vice President Escoto asked if the past practice of the city being able to negotiate with developers to build either affordable housing or perhaps a park instead was still in place. According to Asst. City Manager Ramirez, we do not have that flexibility anymore as there was a different construct under RDCS.

Chris Gione with Public Services explained that parks fall under different rules and they could be required to build a park if it is a large enough development. Builders can get credits on their impact fees for parks though but the city doesn't typically have projects that large.

Vice President Escoto inquired about student enrollment projections. Dr. Garcia stated that the district has a demographer who works closely with the city's Development Services Director Jennifer Carmen; they are aware of development projects and their analysts determine net families MHUSD would be receiving. The annual demographer report shows the numbers.

Council Member Martínez Beltrán asked if there was a ratio that the school district or the demographer uses to make projections - for example how many students in a 2 bedroom versus 4 bedroom unit. Dr. Garcia will get that information for her. Council Member Martínez Beltrán expressed her concerns regarding the loss of RDCS (the city used to generate at least \$1m in RDCS which they have lost and that money would go toward housing, building affordable housing and amenities), redevelopment monies are not available and impact fees have been scaled back too. These are areas the city is struggling with. There is a need for funding especially with the numbers required by RHNA. The city would like mixed housing throughout the community but in some instances this will be difficult.

President Rosales Montes asked if the presentation on the city's website includes a projected estimate of when projects will be completed, the city's projected growth rate, and estimated residential population. Ms. Ramirez said project completion dates are difficult to predict as projects are taking longer (esp after covid) and builders are still facing material backlogs. From a big picture perspective, the city looks at the General Plan level for forecasting and they are on track with that plan with a steady 2% growth rate. There does appear to be a lot of building currently but those projects have been in the pipeline. At full build out in 2035 the residential population is estimated to be 60-65,000.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Palsgrove provided the following updates from the SRO:

- In the past 30 days there were 48 calls (this doesn't include low level contacts) and 6 cases which mostly involved fights or trespassing on school grounds.
- Run Hide Defend presentations were given at Central High School and JAMM.
- SRO assisted in solving a hit and run which would have led to a misdemeanor arrest but instead led to a meeting at the high school to exchange information.
- There is a group of at risk youth that were involved in a stabbing last year. The SRO is using SCYTF and community outreach for intervention as the police are concerned that things will escalate and intensify which would lead to more violence.
- SRO attended secret service training on school shooting prevention.
- SRO has had positive police contacts during lunch at the middle and high schools.
- Restorative Justice Program is going strong with 52 individuals referred to the program - that's over 50% of all youth that had been arrested. 8 youth are on diversion contracts, 33 youth have completed the program and their cases were sealed, 9 youth are pending acceptance, and 2 youth failed so they are being referred back to probation.
- PD is holding their first Spanish Community Police Academy which started on September 11. It runs for 4 weeks on Monday nights and is free. Spanish speaking officers will be running the academy and currently there are 10 participants and they can have up to 27 per class. They have been advertising the program but would appreciate getting the word out. Dr. Garcia will have Communications Coordinator Lanae Bays and FACE Director Corina Sapien also spread the word.

Chief Palsgrove provided the following patrol updates:

- A Britton at risk youth committed an act of violence against another youth. It was reported to the PD and a community member thought they saw the handle of a gun. The youth fled on to the Britton campus. Thanks to

the school administration the police got quick access to cameras, were able to conduct a search, and they recovered a machete on school grounds in a garbage can. Chief Palsgrove appreciates and values the relationships between the SRO and Principals.

- *A group home resident youth was involved in an incident and tried to carjack a passerby which resulted in a physical altercation with the driver. The youth was arrested and booked into juvenile hall.*
- *There was a burglary at Oakwood School. The stolen vehicle was caught on camera and officers were able to retrieve the car. Chief Palsgrove thanked the city council for the flock cameras and community support as they are helping to solve crimes.*
- *There were 3 school threats or threats made to schools which required all hands on deck - responding to the schools, making sure officers are on campus, conducting searches and background checks, and ensuring the safe keeping of registered firearms. These threats involved allegations of active shooters or a threat of a student shooting up a school.*
- *The El Toro Bowl was a great event with no issues and they are looking forward to the Live Oak High School parade on Friday.*
- *In the last 30 days officers made a car stop where they recovered 4 lbs of fentanyl and 5 lbs of a combined drug. Fentanyl is on our streets and in great quantities. He stressed the need to talk to our youth about the dangers of fentanyl as it is airborne and lethal in small doses. All officers have received training related to fentanyl and the department has partnered with community based organizations to provide training along with the SRO. Officers carry Narcan which can revive someone who is overdosing; while on patrol they have saved about 12 lives as a result.*

In response to Council Member Martinez Beltrán's inquiry about threat assessment and vetting, Chief Palsgrove said that all threats are taken seriously until proven otherwise. A threat assessment is conducted in partnership with all Morgan Hill schools as well as day care and child care centers. The police department also involves counselors and other school personnel in follow up.

President Rosales Montes mentioned that during his ride along he was able to see the flock cameras in action and he wanted to extend his thanks and respect to the dispatchers and team.

GENERAL CITY

City Manager Turner invited everyone to a press event for the 4th train. The celebration will be September 25 at 7:00am in Gilroy with representatives from VTA and Cal Train in attendance. There will also be festivities in Morgan Hill too. The city is excited as the council has been advocating for more train service and it will provide more options for commuters. "4th train 4th lane" - still advocating for a fourth lane for Highway 101. Council Member Martínez Beltrán extended her thanks to the staff for their hard work on getting the 4th rail.

The 4th Saturday Event will be held on September 23rd with a Makers Market and car show. The city is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce for this event which will run 10:00-4:00 downtown. The Cars movie will be shown in the evening on 3rd Street.

The city is excited to announce the groundbreaking ceremony for the city's 3rd fire station. The city is overseeing this construction project.

MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent Dr. Garcia provided the following updates:

- *The MHELA Huddle, where management is officially welcomed back prior to the start of the school year, had about 87 administrators in attendance. They are reading the book Leading with Intention which focuses on professional learning communities (PLC) which is how the district is leveraging their school improvement efforts. Essentially teachers meet weekly to analyze student work - looking at alignment of grade level standards, assessment, intervention (for those who have not mastered the standards), and extension (for those who have already mastered them).*
- *The district used the beginning of the District Welcome Back as an opportunity to showcase a brief potpourri of student talent. Teachers then participated in the 3rd year of PLC - continuing to align curriculum both vertically and horizontally. Classified staff engaged in a workshop to ensure offices, schools, and spaces are family friendly.*
- *The district has formed a districtwide guiding coalition with Angie Freese where Principals are pulled in once a month. Teachers are also identified to be part of the districtwide guiding coalitions - which essentially forms concentric circles of leadership where district leaders can then take the information back to the sites.*
- *Dr. Garcia thanked the Edward Boss Prado Foundation, Cecelia, and the Board for the very successful Fit for Fall event.*

- *Five students graduated this summer after completing summer school.*
- *Students were welcomed back for the new school year and back to school nights have been taking place.*
- *Dr. Garcia offered congratulations to Paradise Valley 5th grade teacher Mr. Garcia who has been teaching in MHUSD for 50 years! Dr. Garcia would be happy to take you to his classroom.*
- *The Resource Fair at FACE Center had over 700 families participate with backpacks and such given away. The Kiwanas and other community based organizations were thanked for their help and for attending.*
- *The El Toro Bowl was a sold out event!*
- *Fiestas Patrias, Mexican Independence Day, was celebrated in honor of Hispanic Latino Heritage month which falls in September and October*
- *Youth Mariachi Concert - Dr. Garcia would like to bring mariachi programs to the schools*
- *Dr. Garcia is continuing to hold "Coffee Chats with Carmen" in the community and anyone can attend.*
- *Dr. Garcia is holding "Check ins with Carmen" where she is blocking off 3 hours at each site. She did this her first year with the district as a time to connect with certificated and classified staff in an informal setting with no agenda.*
- *Dr. Garcia introduced new members of her cabinet team: Asst. Superintendent Business Services Penny Timboe and Asst. Superintendent Human Resources Pat Sanchez along with Asst. Superintendent Educational Services Dr. Diana Jimenez who was not able to be in attendance today.*

OTHER REPORTS AND UPDATES

None

TOPICS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

- *Superintendent Dr. Garcia suggested providing the committee an update on the MHUSD Long Range Facilities Development Plan. This is an update to the 2017 Long Range Master Plan. Architect firm LPA will be presenting the plan to the MHUSD Board tomorrow night and soliciting input. It will then go to the Board in October for approval.*
- *Council Member Martínez Beltrán would like a presentation from the demographers on what growth might look like for our schools. Dr. Garcia said the demographer conducts his analysis in October during CBEDS. The next City/School Liaison Committee meeting is December 15 and if the information is ready at that time she would be happy to have it presented.*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm

FUTURE MEETINGS

December 15, 2023

February 16, 2024

April 19, 2024

June 14, 2024