



**Meeting Minutes
City Council**

Steve Tate - Mayor
Larry Carr - Mayor Pro Tem
Rich Constantine - Council Member
Caitlin Jachimowicz - Council Member
Rene Spring - Council Member

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 5:00 PM

**Council Chamber
17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037**

SPECIAL/REGULAR MEETING

(5:00 P.M. Closed Session/ 5:30 P.M. Workshop/ 7:00 P.M. Regular Meeting)

A special meeting of the City Council was called at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a closed session and a workshop.

SPECIAL MEETING

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Tate called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Deputy City Clerk Michelle Wilson called the roll.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Steve Tate	Mayor	Present	
Larry Carr	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Rich Constantine	Council Member	Present	

Caitlin Jachimowicz	Council Member	Present	
Rene Spring	Council Member	Present	

DECLARATION OF POSTING AGENDA

Deputy City Clerk Michelle Wilson declared the posting of the agenda.

CLOSED SESSION

City Attorney Donald Larkin read the closed session into the record.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment was opened at 5:01 p.m.

There being no requests to speak, the public comment was closed.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:01 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to: Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)

Number of Cases: One (1)

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to: Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: APN 817-21-001

Agency Negotiators: Steve Rymer and Anthony Eulo

Negotiating Parties: Fountain Oaks Ranch, LLC

County of Santa Clara

Open Space Authority

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

RECONVENE

The special meeting was reconvened at 5:42 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Attorney Donald Larkin announced that there was no reportable action.

WORKSHOP

Community Development Director Jennifer Carman, Principal Planner John Baty, and Interim Principal Planner Gina Paolini facilitated the workshop discussing potential Measure S Residential Development

Control System (RDCS) process changes.

The public comment was opened at 6:43 p.m.

Dick Oliver was called to speak.

Kerry Williams was called to speak.

John Telfer was called to speak.

Rick Nelson was called to speak.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment was closed.

Mayor Tate called a recess at 6:58 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting was convened at 7:04 p.m.

SILENT INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Constantine shared that as part of his outside duties, he sits on the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) for the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA). They have been charged with advising the Board on the Next Network Plan, which will streamline the current transportation structure. Some services to Morgan Hill and Gilroy will be reduced, but he is confident that the PAC will advise and work with the Board to add services where most needed. He will provide updates as he gets more information.

On Saturday, May 6th he attended an event with Mayor Tate and Council Member Spring that was organized by Live Oak High School's Voices Group celebrating immigration. He commended the students for putting the event together and for showing compassion to their fellow residents.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Steve Rymer recognized Sergeant Troy Hoefling for living the City's core values. While out on patrol he came across an individual in need and he took the time to stop and work with the individual and that person is now in a better place because of Sergeant Hoefling's efforts. He thanked all Fire Firefighters and Police throughout the south County region. He also recognized Kenny Christensen, Senior Utility Worker, for his outstanding customer service.

He announced that the Aquatics center will open on Weekends starting Memorial weekend and the following weekend. Starting June 10th, the Aquatics center will be open every day. He shared that the City Council Mid-Cycle Budget workshop will take place on Friday, May 19th at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber.

He reminded the community that the County is starting a safety improvement project on DeWitt Avenue at the "S" curve. The north bound lane will be closed in the near future with both lanes being closed after that.

He concluded by speaking to the evening's supplements and presentations.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Donald Larkin had no report.

OTHER REPORTS

Mayor Tate announced that his next Coffee with the Mayor will take place on June 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Grinds, Vines, and Automobiles. His guest will be City Attorney Donald Larkin.

He also shared with the Council that he would like to ride bikes in the 4th of July parade.

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclaiming the week of May 12-19, 2017 as Affordable Housing Week
Proclaiming the Month of May 2017 as Older Americans Month

COMMENDATIONS

Sakata Seeds 40th Anniversary Commendation
John Nelson, Director of Sales and Marketing

PRESENTATIONS

YAC presentation- Asset # 18 - Youth Programs

Recycler of the Year Presentation to The Lodge
by Julie Alter, Recology South Valley

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public comment was opened at 7:25 p.m.

There being no requests to speak, the public comment was closed.

COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM THE PUBLIC

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Adopting the agenda as posted.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION

Approving consent calendar items 1 through 10.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rene Spring, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

1. COMMUNITY PROMOTIONS FUNDING REQUESTS FOR 2017

Recommendation:

1. Receive report; and
2. Direct staff to provide \$41,300 for the requested Community Promotions Funding Support.

2. AUTHORIZATION TO PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT GRANT

Recommendation:

Adopt resolution approving and authorizing the City's participation in a grant application to the State for the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement.

3. EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL AND CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES IN THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL

Recommendation:

Approve an extension of the Fire Protection Reimbursement Agreement (Agreement) between the City of Morgan Hill (City) and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for fire protection services in the City of Morgan Hill per the terms of the Agreement.

4. THIRD AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT WITH BRIGHTVIEW LANDSCAPE SERVICES, INC.

Recommendation:

Approve the third amendment to the maintenance service agreement with Brightview Landscape Services, Inc.

5. THIRD AMENDMENT TO FIRATO SERVICE COMPANY AGREEMENT FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES

Recommendation:

Approve the third amendment to the maintenance service agreement with Firato Service Company.

6. EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Recommendation:

Approve Employee Compensation Guiding Principles

7. CITY POSITION ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT TRAILER BILL

Recommendation:

Receive legislative correspondence in opposition of trailer bill language proposing to cut Community Development Block Grant funding from State budget.

8. MARCH 2017 FINANCIAL AND INVESTMENT REPORT

Recommendation:

Accept and file report.

9. ADOPT ORDINANCE 2235, NEW SERIES, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL AMENDING SECTION 1.19.040 OF CHAPTER 1.19 OF TITLE 1, OF THE MORGAN HILL MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE AMOUNT OF FINES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

Recommendation:

Waive the reading, adopt Ordinance No. 2235, New Series, and declare that said title, which appears on the agenda, shall be determined to have been read by title and further reading waived

10. APPROVE THE MAY 3, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Recommendation:

Approve Minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS

11. INITIATE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS FOR LANDSCAPE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NUMBER 1

Recommendation:

Adopt resolutions approving the following actions:

1. Initiate the proceedings for the levy of assessments for Fiscal Year 2017-18;
2. Provide approval of the Engineer's Annual Report and the proposed assessment levy; and
3. Declare the City Council's intention to levy the assessments in the District and to set the Public Hearing date for June 7, 2017.

Community Services Director Chris Ghione presented the report.

The public comment was opened at 7:30 p.m.

There being no requests to speak, the public comment was closed.

MOTION

Approving the recommended action.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

12. COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Recommendation:

Receive report.

Communications and Engagement Manager Maureen Tobin presented the report.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN
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13. DOWNTOWN PARKS NAMING

Recommendation:

Approve the names recommended by the Parks and Recreation Commission for the new downtown parks.

Community Services Director Chris Ghione presented the report.

The public comment was opened at 7:44 p.m.

There being no requests to speak, the public comment was closed.

MOTION

Approving the following park names; Railroad Park, Third Street Creek Park, and Nob Hill Trail Park.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rene Spring, Council Member
SECONDER:	Caitlin Jachimowicz, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

14. OUTDOOR SPORTS CENTER UPDATE

Recommendation:

1. Receive the report on Outdoor Sports Center Operations; and
2. Provide direction as necessary.

Community Services Director Chris Ghione presented the report.

Mayor Tate called a recess at 8:02 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:15 p.m.

The public comment was opened at 8:15 p.m.

Jeff Dixon was called to speak.

There being no further requests to speak, the public comment was closed.

RESULT:	NO ACTION TAKEN
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PUBLIC HEARING

15. AMENDMENTS TO CITY'S WATER WASTE ORDINANCE EXPANDING PERMANENT CONSERVATION POLICIES

Recommendation:

1. Open/Close public hearing;
2. Waive the first and second reading of the ordinance;
3. Introduce ordinance.

Program Administrator Anthony Eulo presented the report.

The public hearing was opened at 8:58 p.m.

There being no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Waiving the first and second reading of the Ordinance.

RESULT:	WAIVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

MOTION:

Introducing the ordinance.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

16. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL AMENDING TITLE 17 (SUBDIVISIONS), CHAPTER 17.34 (STANDARDS FOR RESIDENTIAL AND PRIVATE STREETS), PARAGRAPH 17.34.060 (PRIVATE STREETS) TO ADD A SUB-PARAGRAPH DIRECTING THAT PRIVATE STREETS BE CONSTRUCTED TO PUBLIC STREETS STANDARDS

Recommendation:

1. Open/Close Public Hearing;
2. Waive the first and second reading of the Ordinance; and
3. Introduce the Ordinance.

Public Works Director Karl Bjarke presented the report.

The public hearing was opened at 9:14 p.m.

There being no further requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Waiving the first and second reading of the Ordinance.

RESULT:	WAIVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Caitlin Jachimowicz, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

MOTION

Introducing the Ordinance.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

17. ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 15.22 (BELOW MARKET RATE (BMR) HOUSING IN LIEU FEE) TO TITLE 15 (HOUSING CODE) OF THE MORGAN HILL MUNICIPAL CODE, ADDING 15.22.10 PURPOSE, 15.22.20 DEFINITIONS, AND 15.22.30 APPLICABILITY.

Recommendation:

1. Open/Close Public Hearing;
2. Waive the First and Second Reading of the Ordinance; and
3. Introduce Ordinance that:
 - A. Institutes a \$12.92 housing in-lieu fee (based on 8% affordability provision), per square foot of livable space of the entire project, effective with the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20 Residential Development Control System (RDCS) competition year; and
 - B. Maintains the existing .5 fractional threshold for payment and providing the unit on site.

Housing Manager Rebecca Garcia presented the report.

The public hearing was opened at 9:17 p.m.

There being no requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Waiving the first and second reading of the Ordinance.

RESULT:	WAIVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

MOTION

Introducing the Ordinance.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

18. DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS A. AAE 2017-0004 (DAA 14-06): COCHRANE – CAL ATLANTIC; B. AAE 2017-0009 (DAA 16-05): CONDIT -MANA; C. AAE 2017-0008 (DAA 15-05): LAUREL - DEROSE; D. AAE 2017-0014 (DAA 15-10): ALTIMIRA – DIVIDEND; E. AAE 2017-0017 (DAA 09-05): COCHRANE – TOLL BROTHERS; F. AAE 2017-0006 (DAA 14-09): MONTEREY - KB; G. AAE 2017-0012 (DAA 15-02): SAN PEDRO – PRESIDIO; H. AAE 2017-0015 (DAA 12-03): WATSONVILLE – DIVIDEND; J. AAE 2017-0018 (DAA 14-10): E. DUNNE – BUSK; AND K. AAE 2017-0019 (DAA 14-11): MONTEREY – CENTRAL ECA

Recommendation:

1. Open/close public hearing on requests A through H;
2. Waive first and second reading of Development Agreement Amendment Ordinances A and B incorporating allotments from the 2016 RDCS competition;
3. Introduce Development Agreement Amendment Ordinances A and B (by individual roll call vote);
4. Waive first and second reading of Development Agreement Amendment Ordinances C, D, and E incorporating allotments from the 2016 RDCS competition and incorporating extensions to allotments due to rain delays;
5. Introduce Development Agreement Amendment Ordinances C, D, and E (by individual roll call vote.);
6. Waive first and second reading of Development Agreement Amendment Ordinances F, G, and H incorporating extensions to allotments due to rain delays;
7. Introduce Development Agreement Amendment Ordinances F, G, and H (by individual roll call vote.);
8. Open/close public hearing on request J;
9. Waive first and second reading of Development Agreement Amendment Ordinance J incorporating a four-month extension to allotments due to City delay; and
10. Introduce Development Agreement Amendment Ordinance J.

Interim Planning Manager Terry Linder presented the report.

The public hearing for Ordinances A - H was opened at 9:25 p.m.

Rick Nelson was called to speak.

Dick Oliver was called to speak.

There being no further requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Waiving the first and second reading of Development Agreement Amendment Ordinances A and B.

RESULT:	WAIVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCE A

MOTION

Introducing Development Agreement Amendment Ordinance A.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCE B

MOTION

Introducing Development Agreement Amendment Ordinance B.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCES C, D, AND E

MOTION

Waiving the first and second reading of Development Agreement Amendment Ordinances C, D, and E.

RESULT:	WAIVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Caitlin Jachimowicz, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCE C

MOTION

Introducing Development Agreement Amendment Ordinance C.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Caitlin Jachimowicz, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCE D

MOTION

Introducing Development Agreement Amendment Ordinance D.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Caitlin Jachimowicz, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCE E

MOTION

Introducing Development Agreement Amendment Ordinance E.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Caitlin Jachimowicz, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCES F, G, AND H

MOTION

Waiving the first and second reading of Development Agreement Amendment Ordinances F, G, and H.

RESULT:	WAIVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Caitlin Jachimowicz, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCE F

MOTION

Introducing Development Agreement Amendment Ordinance F.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Caitlin Jachimowicz, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCE G

MOTION

Introducing Development Agreement Amendment Ordinance G.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Caitlin Jachimowicz, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCE H

MOTION

Introducing Development Agreement Amendment Ordinance H.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Caitlin Jachimowicz, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCE J

The public hearing for Ordinance J was opened at 9:45 p.m.
Scott Murray was called to speak.
Bill McClintock was called to speak.
There being no further requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Re-opening the public hearing.

The public hearing for Ordinance J was re-opened at 10:39 p.m.
Bill McClintock was called to speak.
Liam Downey was called to speak.
Michael Orosco was called to speak.
Yvonne Martinez Beltran was called to speak.
Joe Mueller was called to speak.
Wayne Tanda was called to speak.
There being no further requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

RESULT:	RE-OPENED [4 TO 1]
MOVER:	Caitlin Jachimowicz, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz
NAYS:	Spring

MOTION

Extending the meeting to 11:45 p.m.

RESULT:	EXTENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCE J

Mayor Tate called a recess 10:58 p.m.
The meeting was reconvened at 11:04 p.m.

MOTION

Waiving the first and second reading of Development Agreement Amendment Ordinance J with an extension of six months with a commencement of construction date of December 30, 2017.

RESULT:	WAIVED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Steve Tate, Mayor
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine
NAYS:	Jachimowicz, Spring

ORDINANCE J

MOTION

Introducing Development Agreement Amendment Ordinance J with an extension of six months with a commencement of construction date of December 30, 2017.

RESULT:	INTRODUCED [3 TO 2]
MOVER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Steve Tate, Mayor
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine
NAYS:	Jachimowicz, Spring

19. ZA2017-0003: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPETITION MANUAL FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT CONTROL SYSTEM (RDCS)

Recommendation:

1. Open/close public hearing;
2. Waive first and second reading of RDCS Competition Manual Ordinance; and
3. Introduce RDCS Competition Manual Ordinance.

Principal Planner John Baty presented the report.

The public hearing was opened at 11:36 p.m.

Rocke Garcia was called to speak.

Vince Burgos was called to speak.

Kerry Williams was called to speak.

Wayne Tanda was called to speak.

John Telfer was called to speak.

Wayne Tanda was called to speak.

Dick Oliver was called to speak.

There being no further requests to speak, the public hearing was closed.

MOTION

Extending the meeting to 12:05 p.m.

RESULT:	EXTENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Larry Carr, Mayor Pro Tem
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

MOTION:

Tabling the item to a future meeting.

RESULT:	TABLED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rich Constantine, Council Member
SECONDER:	Rene Spring, Council Member
AYES:	Tate, Carr, Constantine, Jachimowicz, Spring

FUTURE COUNCIL INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Tate would like to invite our innovative community members to a future City Council meeting to share their ideas and the work they are doing.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

MINUTES PREPARED BY

Michelle Wilson, Deputy City Clerk



Sustainable Morgan Hill Vision

Morgan Hill is a socially responsible, environmentally conscious, and economically sound community that embraces inclusiveness with participation by all.

CITY COUNCIL ONGOING PRIORITIES

Enhancing Public Safety · Protecting the Environment · Maintaining Fiscal Responsibility ·
Supporting Our Youth, Seniors, and Entire Community · Fostering a Positive Organizational Culture ·
Preserving and Cultivating Public Trust · Preserving Our Cultural Heritage

2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

High Speed Rail

Inclusiveness

Infrastructure

Regional Initiatives

Telecommunications

2017 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:



High Speed Rail

The City of Morgan Hill will directly advocate for our community's needs through our communications, discussions, and decisions. We will continue to engage the community, the High Speed Rail Authority, our state and federal legislators, and other regional agencies to mitigate negative impacts and convey our position that the High Speed Rail Authority should only use the existing Highway 101 right-of-way to avoid all impacts to residents, schools, and businesses. Should the Authority decide the 101 right-of-way is not feasible, we will strongly advocate for the route with the least impact on Morgan Hill.



Inclusiveness

We will celebrate the diversity, history, and culture of our community. Through City Council workshops, community meetings, and researching successes in other communities, the City will listen to and collaborate with the community to define how inclusiveness will be further woven into our community's fabric and to increase public participation. The City's communications, services, public spaces, and projects will embrace all community members as partners, advancing our vision of being a socially responsible community.



Infrastructure

The City will review its streets, parks, and public facilities infrastructure needs initially by updating its 2014 infrastructure study to quantify the funding gap. We will identify potential funding options as ongoing revenue is insufficient to fund our vital community assets at a sustainable level without significantly impacting existing service levels that our community has come to expect. Morgan Hill will actively work with the Valley Transportation Agency, the County, and the State to secure funding for the Santa Teresa extension and road maintenance. We will continue to work closely with our community to inform them of the needs and engage them to find an affordable and sustainable solution.



Regional Initiatives

City Council and staff will focus on influencing regional decisions that benefit Morgan Hill. This regional involvement will include, but not be limited to, partnering with the League of California Cities, Valley Transportation Authority, Santa Clara Valley Water District, Cities Association of Santa Clara County, the City of Gilroy, Santa Clara County, Morgan Hill Unified School District, the Local Agency Formation Commission, the Open Space Authority, and Silicon Valley Clean Energy to advance projects that further Sustainable Morgan Hill.



Telecommunications

The City will collaborate with the private sector to explore ways to provide fast, reliable access and wireless connectivity for residents and businesses. The 2016 Telecommunications Infrastructure and Economic Development Blueprint reports will be the foundation for continuing discussions with broadband providers, public utilities, and other infrastructure service providers in developing an implementation plan for growing our telecommunications infrastructure. The plan will be used to signal Morgan Hill's support for business expansion.