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Morgan Hill City Council
Meeting March 02, 2016
Item #3: Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update
Item #4: Update on Regional Minimum Wage Efforts
Item #10: Economic Blueprint
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3. Bikeways, Trails, Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

What is the schedule for the EIR for the infrastructure plans?
From the timeline attachment, you see a draft master plan in June,
a final plan in August, and Council adoption in September.
What you do not see is the linkage between this infrastructure
master plan and the General Plan and its EIR.

Joanna Jansen, at the February 23 meeting of the Planning Commission
to receive comments on the draft GP EIR, stated that the infrastructure
master plans were not complete enough to be covered in that EIR, so
that a subsequent CEQA document will be required.

Council and the Parks and Recreation Commission have study sessions
in July and approve the Parks plan in August.
If, as I believe, the master plans will explain and/or expand on the
contents of the General Plan, is some of this infrastructure information
arriving after the important decisions have already been made?

As a reminder to myself, the final EIR covering the General Plan
and RDCS will be published May 30. Comments on the EIR are not on
the merit of projects, only on the adequacy of the analysis.
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4. Update on Regional Minimum Wage Efforts

This is a repeat comment. What is our ultimate goal?
If it is to improve the economic health of our residents,
is minimum wage the best starting point to achieve the goal?
I ask this because of alternative approaches brought up by the
business community at the December 2015 forums:
starting wage, minimum wage, living wage
total compensation
I feel you may be approaching this piecemeal and bottom-up
by focusing only on the minimum wage issue.

As a reminder to myself, staff says that there are two major
components under review by the consultant team.
The first is a deep analytical dive on the impacts to workers
of a incremental increase in minimum wage using a modeling format
developed by IRLE which has been academically reviewed and used by

other jurisdictions.
The second component is a Countywide statistically significant
sampling of businesses evaluating the anticipated impacts of
implementing a local minimum wage of $15 an hour.
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10. Economic Blueprint

You do not address what lessons, if any, you have learned from several
earlier efforts to chart a path for Economic Development in Morgan Hill.
You had an Economic Development Symposium in May 2013.
There was a panel organized by Ms. Ramirez with a free lunch at Mama Mia.
The January 2015 meeting of the GPAC focused on Economic Development.
Council held an Economic Development Workshop in July 2015.
None of these activities are mentioned under the heading of
PRIOR CITY COUNCIL AND COMMISSION ACTIONS nor COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

In addition, as I commented to you at the May 2015 Council Budget
Workshop, you want to be clear that we are looking to cooperate and
not just compete for business coming to Morgan Hill. The County
Economic Development Strategy in June 2015 noted comments from
stakeholders
City of Morgan Hill (Economic Development)
Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce
And last month, County Board President Cortese indicated that one of his
initiatives for 2016 is to renew and strengthen Economic Development efforts.

Thank you for your consideration.