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Dear Morgan Hill City Council,

Comments for the Public Record submitted by  
Doug Muirhead, a resident of Morgan Hill, for:

Morgan Hill City Council

Meeting September 2, 2015

Item #14: Police Facility UPS+Doors

Item #15: El Toro Fire Station Kitchen Remodel

Item #16: Funding for state and local transportation infrastructure

Thank you for your consideration,

Doug Muirhead, Morgan Hill

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Item #14: Police Facility UPS+Doors

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The August 11, 2015 failure of the Police Facility  
Uninterruptable Power Supply (UPS) and the associated  
inoperable secured doors raises questions concerning

- 1) asset management and equipment monitoring
- 2) disaster drills

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1) asset management and equipment monitoring

The failed UPS was purchased in 2004.

The new unit will have at least a ten year life span.

Do you have an asset management plan?

What steps should have been taken as the old unit  
approached its end of life?

How much time elapsed between the failure of the old unit  
and the new unit became operational?

What was the state of power protection during that time?

The new unit has internal VRLA batteries with an estimated  
runtime of only 14-15 min @ 10kW. What provides power after that?

The new unit has RS485/232 Communication Ports and SNMP remote  
monitoring. Does your asset management plan include monitoring of UPS?

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2) disaster drills

Do you not do disaster drills?

If you do, they seem inadequate if the failure of the door control  
system was undetected when power is lost.

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Item #15: El Toro Fire Station Kitchen Remodel

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Staff is asking the Council to rescind the contract for the El Toro  
Fire Station Kitchen Remodel due to lack of response by the selected  
contractor.

What is troubling is that the June 17, 2015, staff report to award  
the contract contains no indication that staff performed any due  
diligence. Most contract staff reports contain statements that  
references were checked and that staff interviewed the bidder and  
found them to be responsible. But for this project, staff said only

that the bidder had several years of experience in construction and staff recommended award of the contract to the bidder.

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As with other contracts where staff later determines that performance is, in their view, unacceptable, we are told nothing about any corrective measures on the City side, be they training or management oversight.

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Item #16: Funding for state and local transportation infrastructure

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Missing from your list of WHEREAS reasons to provide new, sustainable funding for state and local transportation infrastructure is user vehicle repair costs (which could be viewed as a hidden tax).

This was one of two issues (the second being the PMI cost curve) highlighted at the Assembly hearing on the "Basics of Transportation Funding" on July 6, 2015 by Jennifer Whiting (California League of Cities) and Kiana Buss (California State Association of Counties).

Instead of paying a mechanic to fix the vehicle, why not pay that money to fix the roads instead?

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