

Item # 10,17 & 20

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Doug Muirhead, a resident of Morgan Hill, for:
Morgan Hill City Council
Meeting May 18, 2016
Item #20. replacement of street trees
Item #17. downtown parking conditions study
Item #10. SV Regional Communication Systems radio purchase

Item #20. replacement of street trees

Staff reports for previous items concerning street trees
Annual Tree Maintenance Contract in July 2015
Sidewalk replacement in September 2015
indicate that the City has a street tree master list.
It has not been included with any staff report and cannot
be found by searching the City web site.
Please include it when this item is heard on June 1.

At the September meeting, Mr. Eulo said he would look into
my question of whether the City has a preference for fruit-bearing
trees (nuisance/cleanup) or a preference for pollen-generating trees
(allergies/asthma).

Item #17. downtown parking conditions study

It amazes me that 25 years after the passage of the
Americans with Disabilities Act you have a parking study
and staff report that has no mention of accommodations for
people with limited mobility. Planning Commissioner Spring
raised this issues with Assistant City Manager Little when
the parking study was presented to the Commission.
If she does not include that response in her presentation,
you should ask her for it.

Item #10. SV Regional Communication Systems radio purchase

If the Morgan Hill Fire Department is really a City department
first and a contracted State agency second, and if Fire Chief
Witmer is a member of the City Leadership Team who meets regularly
with the City Manager, why was staff time wasted on preparing an
RFP and vendor time wasted on responding to the RFP when a
competitive bid process had already occurred through a RFP by the
SVRIA in September 2012, in which the City participated?

The City Manager has seen multiple grants and purchase orders for
Regional Communication Systems radios over several years. The City
Manager sits on the Working Committee of the Interoperability Authority.

The Santa Clara County Fire Chiefs Association also have a seat there.

If the City is truly a learning organization, you would use this as an opportunity to admit the problem, say what was done to correct it, and what lessons were learned to prevent it from happening again. Putting this item on consent does not demonstrate an interest in improving.

The one good thing in this staff report is that it mentions that while we have radios we do not have connections to the County system. For that we need to build the four sites called the South Cell.

Staff says the South Cell will be operational in July 2016. Last week, County Communications said that the South Cell installation starts in early May and finishes in late August.

We have the equipment for the four sites in the Cell:

Holiday Lake (Prime): waiting on tower, AC upgrade

Woodland Acres: waiting on tower

Gilroy Reservoir: waiting on shelter & tower

Gilroy Target Range: waiting on shelter, tower analysis

Late last year Gilroy Police Chief Turner told about one of her officers who was transporting a prisoner to San Jose, experienced problems with the prisoner, tried calling for support on the SVRCS-compatible radio, but got no response because she was out of range of the Gilroy system. So when we get our cell does matter.

Thank you for your consideration,
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