



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 2, 2020
5:30 p.m.**

**Via Teleconference
Milpitas, CA 95035**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ebright called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- II. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Ebright led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Arthur Ebright, Lilliana Ramos, Bruce Choy, and Darl Travis. William (Bill) Devereux arrived after Roll Call was taken.

Excused Absence: Rocky Lallana

Late Attendance: None

Unexcused Absence: None

City Staff Present: Staff Liaison Dale Flunoy and Recording Secretary Pam Caronongan

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Rich Tran
- IV. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** None
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: December 2, 2020**
M/S: Ramos / Choy AYES: All
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 7, 2020**
M/S: Ramos / Choy AYES: All
- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
Urvishkumar Mehta spoke in favor of Project Homekey.
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
Mayor Tran spoke regarding supporting veterans and the citizens especially during the pandemic. Chair Ebright, in behalf of the Commission, congratulated Mayor Tran for his re-election.
- IX. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Veteran of the Year 2020

The Commission discussed about the revised / simplified nomination form as well as the current processes for selecting the Veteran of the Year. Discussion items included but were not limited to veteran documentation DD-214, removal of certain question(s) from the revised nomination form that could be perceived as redundant or duplicative, and the addition of helpful information to make the revised form easier to use.

Motion to accept the revised / simplified nomination form for the Veteran of the Year with modifications: the Medals and Commendations section would be removed and helpful information on how to obtain veteran documentation DD-214 would be added.

M/S: Ramos / Devereux

AYES: All

2. Honoring Milpitas Veterans

The Commission received an update from sub-committee members, and continued discussion regarding the memorial brick project. Consensus was made for the Commission to move forward with the project proposal and present the plan before City Council.

Staff Liaison Flunoy advised the Commission that he would Chair Ebright review the project proposal as prepared by staff prior to presenting it before City Council.

Motion to move forward with the project proposal and present it before the City Council for consideration.

M/S: Devereux / Choy

AYES: All

X. LIAISON REPORTS

1. City Council Report

None

2. Staff Report

None

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

None

XII. NEXT MEETING

- Regular (Virtual) Meeting – Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Ebright adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

*Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Pam Caronongan, Recording Secretary*