City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 7, 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, William (Bill) Devereux, and Darl Travis

Excused Absence: None

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: October 7, 2020
M/S: Ramos / Travis AYES: All

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 5, 2020
M/S: Ramos / Travis AYES: All

VII. PUBLIC FORUM
None

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE
None

IX. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **Election of Officers**
   Due to the resignation of Commissioner and Chair Ed Ackerman, an election was held to fill his

vacant seat as Commission Chair. Consequently, an election was also held for Vice-Chair.

The Commission members unanimously elected Commissioner Ebright as Chair and Commissioner Choy as Vice-Chair, to serve the remainder of the term per stipulated in the Veterans Commission By-Laws.

2. Veteran Representation on Milpitas HOPE Suicide Prevention Task Force

Assistant Director Tegan McLane provided a brief update regarding the Milpitas HOPE Suicide Prevention Task Force and requested the Commission's assistance in recruiting at least one Task Force member who is well-connected in the veterans community.

After a brief discussion, the Commission stated to Assistant Director McLane that they will stay in touch and assist in this effort.

3. Virtual Veterans Day 2020 Overview

The Commission provided staff their final input regarding the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony which will be held virtually this year due to Covid-19. The final feedback pertained to the Ceremony program and other logistics.

Consensus was made that Mayor Tran will read the poem and Chair Ebright will provide the opening and closing comments.

4. Veteran of the Year 2020

The Commission discussed the Veteran of the Year award. Consensus was made to postpone this year's award until Memorial Day 2021 since no applications have been received to date.

Motion to postpone the 2020 Veteran of the Year award which is normally presented in November, and reschedule it to Memorial Day 2021.

M/S: Travis / Choy AYES: All

5. Honoring Milpitas Veterans

The Commission received an update from sub-committee members, and continued discussion regarding the memorial brick project. Consensus was made that although the Commission needed to conduct more research, the general concept for the project was sound and feasible.

The general details for the project was finalized, with the Commission wanting to move forward the project proposal for City Council consideration.

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

M/S: Ramos / Travis 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, December 2, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Ebright adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

M/S: Ramos / Travis AYES: All

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Pam Caronongan, Recording Secretary