



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 2, 2019
5:30 p.m.**

**Milpitas City Hall Committee Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
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: Ed Ackerman, William (Bill) Devereux, Arthur Ebright, and Bruce Choy

Excused Absence: Denny Weisgerber, Ricardo Martinez

Late Attendance: Liliana Ramos

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:** Bruce Choy
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: October 2, 2019**
M/S: Ackerman / Devereux AYES: All
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 7, 2019**
M/S: Devereux / Ackerman AYES: All
- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
Urvishkumar Mehta, a one-year Milpitas resident and current military serviceman who recently applied for to be considered as a Commissioner for multiple Milpitas commissions, introduced himself to the Commission as an observer to today's meeting.
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
Staff Liaison Flunoy distributed the new edition of *The A-B-C's of Parliamentary Procedure* and had addressed Commission questions regarding attendance per the new Commission Bylaws.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Veterans Annual Luncheon 2019

Discussions and suggestions were continued from the Commission's last regular meeting. Items discussed included but were not limited to identifying and securing the Luncheon and the Veteran's Day guest speaker – with the possibility of availing help from Congressman Ro Khanna's office. The Commission requested help from staff as well as Mayor Tran in terms of searching and securing a guest speaker.

Also discussed was the Commission confirming that the same caterer would be used, inquiring Veteran of the Year nominations as well as other logistical arrangements.

The Luncheon is scheduled for November 16, 2019 at the Barbara Lee Senior Center.

2. Honoring Milpitas Veterans

The Commission continued discussions regarding the commemorative memorial bricks and other possible projects that would honor veterans. The Commission, along with Staff Liaison Flunoy, then continued discussing the Subcommittee's additional findings which included but not limited to cost analysis and feasibility of implementing the project in Milpitas.

Consensus was made to continue discussions in subsequent Commission meetings.

3. Veteran of the Year

The Commission along with Staff Liaison Flunoy discussed that there was a need for more nominations. Possibilities were discussed regarding potential nominees for Veteran of the Year, especially since the Veterans Annual Luncheon 2019 was fast approaching.

Discussions were made regarding implementing different approaches that would result in more nominations as well as nomination criteria for potential candidates for Veteran of the Year.

Motion: For the Commission to form a two-member Subcommittee to update Veteran of the Year 2020 Nomination Form. Vice-Chair Ackerman and Commissioner Choy would be the members of the Subcommittee.

M/S: Ebright / Ackerman

AYES: All

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Veterans Commission Brochure

Staff Liaison Flunoy presented to the Commission the draft Veterans Commission Brochure. The Commission provided feedback regarding modifications as well as overall approval of the brochure. Also discussed was updating the City website regarding veterans-related information.

Mayor Tran, after providing his feedback and approval, complimented staff and Commissioner Ramos regarding the brochure.

Motion: For the Commission to approve the brochure as presented by staff along with modifications proposed by the Commission and Mayor Tran.

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

1. City Council Report

Mayor Tran reported to the Commission that he was on military duty during the last Commission meeting. Mayor Tran shared his positive feedback and praised City Staff and the Commission regarding the Hot August Bites Car Show.

2. Staff Report

None

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- Adopt-A-Vet

XIII. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, December 4, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Ebright adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Pam Caronongan, Recording Secretary