**City of Milpitas**
**Veterans Commission**
**Meeting Minutes**
**Wednesday, April 5, 2017**
**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:** Denny Weisgerber, Dana Arbaugh, William (Bill) Devereux, Arthur Ebright, Ed Ackerman, John Schmidt, Liliana Ramos, Andre Ramones

**Excused Absence:** Ricardo Martinez

**Late Attendance:** None

**Unexcused Absence:** None

**IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** None

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (AS MODIFIED BY STAFF AND COMMISSION): APRIL 5, 2017**

M/S: Ramos / Ackerman AYES: All

**VI. APPROAVL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 8, 2017**

M/S: Weisgerber/Ramos AYES: All

**VII. PUBLIC FORUM**

None.

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/COORESPONDENCE**

Staff Liaison Flunoy shared information regarding "World War I in America," an event sponsored by the Milpitas Public Library.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Milpitas Veterans Car Show 2017**

Staff Liaison Flunoy led the discussion on the planning stages for the event. Discussion included potential sponsors and sponsorship levels, marketing, and event flyer. Further discussion will continue in subsequent Commission meetings.

**Motion** made to approve Sponsorship Form as proposed by City Staff, including amendments proposed by Commission.

M/S: Arbaugh / Ramos AYES: All

**2. Memorial Day Ceremony 2017**

Commission Subcommittee reported on arrangements made for the event such as guest speaker, bell-ringing ceremony, veterans seating area, and other logistical details to commemorate the occasion.

## X. NEW BUSINESS

**1. Veterans Service Office Presentation**

Marion Moses, County Veteran Service Officer, did a short presentation before the Commission regarding benefits and services available for veterans through the help of her office.

**2. Veterans Recognition Lunch 2017**

The subcommittee for this event – composed of Chair Ebright, Vice-Chair Weisgerber, and Commissioner Ackerman – reported to the rest of the commission regarding the following aspects of the event:

- Venue will be the Barbara Lee Senior Center. Proposed date is November 4, 2017.
- Subcommittee had generated a "wish list" from the Commission to the City on items requested or needed for the event.
- Table Sponsorship - $100.00 per table
  The sponsorship will pay for the centerpieces, which will be raffled off towards the end of the event. Each commissioner and alternate will be requested to seek out two table sponsors.
- Entertainment
  Vice-Chair Weisgerber (who serves as the Entertainment Chair for this year's event) volunteered to invite a well-known military guest speaker. Rosalinda will also be invited to provide entertainment.
- Invitations and Table Decorations
  Same invitation and table decorations from last year will be used this year.
- Attendees
  All Milpitas military veterans will be invited as well as the Mayor and City Council
- Food
  It is proposed for The Party Helpers be the official caterer for the event. This year's menu will be further discussed in future commission and subcommittee meetings.
- Miscellaneous
  Subcommittee proposes to use uniformed greeters and two commissioners to salute and usher guests to the reception table. Announcements regarding the event will be made during this year's Memorial Day and July 4th celebrations. It will be requested for the Mayor to issue a proclamation recognizing the Veteran's Recognition Luncheon be Veterans Recognition Day.

Consensus was made to continue the discussion regarding this item during the next meeting.

**Motion** made to schedule this year's Veterans Recognition Lunch on Saturday, November 18, 2017.

M/S: Arbaugh/Devereux AYES: All

## XI. LIAISON REPORTS

**a. City Council Report**
Mayor Tran stated that he would explore the possibility of having senior center, sports center, and recreation services fees waived for Milpitas veterans.

**b. Staff Report**
None

## XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Veterans Outreach (April 2017)
- Veterans Day Ceremony 2017 (June 2017)

**XIII. NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday, June 7, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Ebright adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

*Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:*
*Pam Caronongan, Deputy City Clerk*