



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 5, 2020
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: Arthur Ebright, Ed Ackerman, William (Bill) Devereux, Ricardo Martinez, Lilliana Ramos, Darl Travis, and Bruce Choy

Excused Absence: None

Late Attendance: None

Unexcused Absence: None

City Staff Present: Staff Liaison Tegan McLane and Recording Secretary Pam Caronongan

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Rich Tran
- IV. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** Ricardo Martinez
- V. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: February 5, 2020**
M/S: Devereux / Ackerman AYES: All
- VI. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 4, 2019**
M/S: Ramos / Choy AYES: All
- VII. **PUBLIC FORUM**
None
- VIII. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
Vice Chair Ackerman shared with the Commission that Vice Mayor Nuñez requested him to speak in commemoration of the now-departed Commissioner Weisgerber in an upcoming City Council meeting.

Vice Chair Ackerman also shared his disappointment with staff over certain items that he wished to have been included in the February 5, 2020 agenda but were not included. The Commission requested for the items to be included in the April 1, 2020 agenda.

IX. BUSINESS ITEMS - NEW

1. Election of Officers

The Commission elected Vice Chair Ackerman as the new Commission Chair.

The Commission elected Chair Arthur Ebright as the new Vice Chair.

2. Memorial Day Ceremony 2020

The Commission discussed logistics and possible arrangements for the event including but not limited to invitation of dignitaries, Masters of Ceremony, and the ringing of the bell.

The Commission requested Galen Boggs from Congressman Ro Khanna's office to assist the Commission in looking for an event speaker.

Consensus was made to commemorate the now-departed Commissioner Weisgerber and 2018 Veterans of the Year winner Dem Nitafan during the event by having an honorary chair and portrait.

Motion made to approve commemorating Commissioner Weisgerber and Dem Nitafan during the 2020 Memorial Day Ceremony event through an honorary chair and portrait.

M/S: Ebright / Devereux

AYES: All

X. BUSINESS ITEMS - OLD

1. Honoring Milpitas Veterans

The Subcommittee shared information with the Commission and discussion was made regarding the memorial bricks as well as logistics.

Motion made to continue discussion on how to honor Milpitas Veterans through the memorial bricks at the next Commission meeting.

M/S: Ackerman / Devereux

AYES: All

2. Veteran of the Year 2020

The Commission made preliminary discussions regarding the event including posting the form to be filled out via the internet.

Motion made to defer discussions regarding the Veteran of the Year 2020 until the next Commission meeting in April 1, 2020.

M/S: Ackerman / Devereux

AYES: All

Motion made for the Commission meetings to run from 5:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. due to the many projects that the Commission currently has in its workload.

M/S: Ackerman / Devereux

AYES: All

XI. LIAISON REPORTS

1. City Council Report

None

2. Staff Report

None

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- Agenda Items requested by Chair Ackerman.

XIII. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chair Ackerman adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Pam Caronongan, Recording Secretary