



CITY OF MILPITAS

Planning Commission

MEETING MINUTES

7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
via Teleconference (Virtual Meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Tao called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Recording Secretary Elizabeth Medina called the roll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Tao led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Tao, Vice Chair Alcorn, Albana, Chuan, Belong

ABSENT: Ablaza

STAFF: Ned Thomas, Jessica Garner, Martin de los Angeles, Alex Andrade, Steve Chan, Albert Zamora, Jaime Garcia, Elizabeth Medina

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

City Attorney Martin de los Angeles asked if any member of the Commission had any personal or financial conflict of interest related to any of the items on the agenda and there were none.

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2021

By motion, re-elect Steve Tao as Chair for 2021.

Motion/Second Commissioner Chuan/Commissioner Belong
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0

By motion, elect Bill Chuan as Vice Chair for 2021.

Motion/Second Chair Tao/Vice Chair Alcorn
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0

By motion, re-elect Tim Alcorn as Vice Chair for 2021.

Motion/Second Commissioner Albana/none

APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

By motion, approve the meeting agenda for January 27, 2021.

Motion/Second Vice Chair Chuan/Commissioner Belong
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion, approve the regular meeting minutes of August 12.

Motion/Second Commissioner Belong/Commissioner Albana
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0

By motion, approve the regular meeting minutes of October 14 (Special).

Motion/Second Vice Chair Chuan/Commissioner Belong

Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0

By motion, approve the regular meeting minutes of October 14 (Regular).

Motion/Second Commissioner Belong/Commissioner Albana

Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Planning Director Ned Thomas shared that the Milpitas Metro Plan will be discussed at next week's City Council meeting and that the two new Planning Commissioner vacancies will be appointed by Mayor Tran.

PUBLIC FORUM

Chair Tao invited members of the public to address the commission and there were none.

PUBLIC HEARING

MILPITAS 2040 GENERAL PLAN AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (FEIR): The City of Milpitas Planning Commission will review and consider the proposed Milpitas 2040 General Plan and its associated Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), receive public testimony, and provide recommendations to the Milpitas City Council regarding certification of the FEIR and adoption of the Milpitas 2040 General Plan. Copies of the proposed 2040 General Plan and the FEIR are available for public review on the City's website at www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov and on the project website at www.milpitas.generalplan.org. Questions about the project can be directed to Jessica Garner, Planning Manager, at jgarner@ci.milpitas.ca.gov.

Summary Project Description

The City of Milpitas 2040 General Plan establishes a vision for future growth and development of the community and provides a policy framework to guide decisions on citywide issues such as the location and intensity of new residential and commercial development, public investment in roadways and infrastructure, resource conservation and sustainability, economic development, housing, and community health and wellness.

The proposed 2040 General Plan supersedes and replaces the 1994 General Plan but carries forward some of the major goals of the previous document. The 2040 General Plan has been substantially updated to address current local conditions, community priorities, and goals. The new document has also been reorganized to make it more user-friendly and straightforward. The Plan is organized into separate elements (chapters) to address land use, circulation, community design, economic development, conservation and sustainability, utilities and community services, safety, noise, parks and open space, and community health and wellness. A final chapter outlines a detailed implementation plan

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

A Final EIR has been prepared for the Milpitas 2040 General Plan pursuant to the requirements of CEQA. The FEIR incorporates the analyses, impact conclusions, and mitigation measures discussed in the Draft EIR, provides responses to comments received on the Draft EIR, and notes text revisions to correct minor errors and clarify certain impact analyses and conclusions presented in the Draft EIR.

For reference, the Draft EIR evaluates the potentially significant environmental impacts of implementing the 2040 General Plan. The Draft EIR was previously circulated for public and agency review from November 2, 2020 through December 17, 2020. The Draft EIR analyzes potential impacts in the CEQA categories of air quality, biological resources, cultural and tribal resources, geology, greenhouse gas emissions and energy, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and population/housing, mineral resources, noise, transportation, utilities and service systems, and wildfire. Potentially significant impacts are identified in the CEQA impact categories of noise and transportation. These impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level through specific General Plan policies and actions.

Planning Manager Jessica Garner, Project Consultant [Ben Ritchie/De Novo Planning Group], City Economic Development staff [Alex Andrade/Economic Development Director] addressed commissioners' clarifying questions in regards to being consistent with the Hillside Ordinance, hierarchy of ordinances and General Plan, the process to make revisions/amendments to General Plan after it is adopted (considering public comments received at this evening's meeting), and if the General Plan provides enough framework from an economic development stand point,

Chair Tao invited members of the public to address the commission. The following resident(s) commented: Allyson McDonald, John Doll, William Korbe, and Barbara Jo Navarro.

Motion to close the Public Forum.

Motion/Second Vice Chair Chuan/Commissioner Albana
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Planning Commission conduct a public hearing and adopt Resolution No. 21-001 recommending that the City Council certify the Milpitas 2040 General Plan Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) (SCH#: 2020070348), and adopt the Milpitas 2040 General Plan. **Adding that staff provide written response to public comments received.*

Motion/Second Vice Chair Chuan/Commissioner Alcorn
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0

NEW BUSINESS

No items.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Tao adjourned the meeting at 9:15 pm
Motion/Second Commissioner Alcorn/Commissioner Albana
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0

Meeting Minutes submitted by
Planning Commission Secretary Elizabeth Medina