



CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

City Hall 1st Floor Committee Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER	Chair Mbuga called the meetings to order at 6:04 pm. Staff Marshall called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Commissioners Hogg, Sexton; Chair Mbuga; Alternate Commissioners Bush, Coronel; Student Commissioner Tony; Vice Mayor Chua; Deputy PW Director Marshall and Staff Vergara. ABSENT: Vice Chair Lingle; Commissioners Acosta, Salian, and Venkataramana.
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE	Chair Mbuga led the pledge of allegiance.
ALTERNATE SEATING	Alternate Commissioners Coronel and Bush were seated.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion to approve the agenda for April 19, 2023 as submitted. Motion/Second Hogg/Sexton Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to approve the minutes for March 15, 2023. Motion/Second Bush/Hogg Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0
PUBLIC FORUM	None.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Commissioner Sexton announced her resignation from the Commission. Deputy Director Marshall announced Commissioner Salian and Venkataramana are also planning to resign from the Commission. Chair Mbuga shared information about a \$40,000 state grant to allow cities to streamline solar permitting and encouraging the City to apply. Deputy Director Marshall responded that she and the City's Building Official attended a meeting about the funding opportunity recently and would look into status.
BUSINESS ITEMS	a. Milpitas Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance Update Zoning Advisory Group Appointment Michael Fossati, Senior Planner with the Planning Department, spoke to the Commission about the City's upcoming Comprehensive Zoning Update project. The department is seeking to form an advisory body that will meet several times over the course of the project and provide feedback on key update areas. Commissioner Bush volunteered to join the advisory group. If additional Commissioners are interested, please let Deputy Director Marshall know.

b. Citizens Climate Lobby Presentation

Abe Mazliach provided a presentation on the Citizen Climate Lobby's Silicon Valley Easy Chapter's goals and focus on building electrification and efficiency and shared their interest in supporting the Commission and City's efforts. Mr. Mazliach shared information on home electrification rebate opportunities available through the Inflation Reduction Act. Mr. Mazliach also share information on CCL's broader goals on efforts to influence carbon pricing, increasing urban forests, and clean energy permitting Deputy Director Marshall and Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Milpitas resident Mary Goon expressed interest in promoting heat pumps and described her roles with the CCL. Milpitas resident Lisa Oliver shared her work with the CCL and science clubs to reduce waste at FUSD schools.

c. Update on 2023 Earth Day Planning

Deputy Director Marshall shared Earth Day event flyer, announced the confirmed vendors and demonstrations, and provided information for event setup and layout. Commissioners will provide information on the DIY indoor energy savings kit and their advanced power strip demonstration at their Earth Day table and promote Milpitas' Incentive Corner webpage and Rewiring America's online IRA calculator.

Commissioners reviewed essay submittals for the Earth Day Essay Contest and selected winners: Isabelle Nguyen (10th grade) and Natalie Chen (12th grade) tied for first place, and Noel Hwang (11th grade) for third place. First place winners will receive \$125 cash prize each and second place winner will receive \$50. Each winner will receive an advanced power strip and will be recognized at the Earth Day event and at an upcoming City Council meeting.

Student Commissioner Tony suggested organizing an environmental and sustainability themed bingo activity for a future event.

LIAISON REPORT

Vice Mayor Chua shared that the CIP budget, as well as water and sewer rate increases, were approved at the April 18 City Council meeting. Vice Mayor Chua invited the Commissioners to attend the Commissioners' Recognition Celebration on April 27 and the ADU Workshop on May 13, where Alternate Commissioner Coronel will be a panelist.

Deputy Director Marshall provided information on the Governor's executive order to ease drought restrictions and lift the requirement for local water agencies to enforce Water Shortage Level 2 actions. She also shared the SFPUC and Valley Water's statements rescinding the local Level 2 water shortage emergency and their plans encourage voluntary water conservation goals within their service areas.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mbuga adjourned the meeting at 7:39 PM.