



CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 pm

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

City Hall 1st Floor Committee Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER	Chair Mbuga called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. Staff Marshall called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Commissioner Hogg; Chair Mbuga; Alternate Commissioners Bush, Coronel; Student Commissioner Tony; Deputy PW Director Marshall and Staff Vergara, Connors. ABSENT: Commissioner Acosta; Vice Mayor Chua.
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE	Chair Mbuga led the pledge of allegiance.
ALTERNATE SEATING	Alternate Member No. 1 Coronel was seated. Alternate Member No. 2 Bush was seated.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion to approve the agenda for September 20, 2023 as submitted. Motion/Second Bush/Coronel Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to approve the minutes for April 19, 2023. Motion/Second Bush/Coronel Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0
PUBLIC FORUM	None.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Deputy Director Marshall introduced Brianna Connors, Sustainability Fellow with Public Works. Brianna will provide support for the Climate Action Plan, organize community engagement events, and promote sustainability and decarbonization at the events.
BUSINESS ITEMS	a. Earth Day Event Debrief Commissioners shared that the Earth Day event went well, and many residents showed an interest in the Commission's Advanced Power Strip demonstration and booth. Commissioners showed support for the event's location but noted that parking was difficult. Chair Mbuga enjoyed hosting the Earth Day essay competition and announcing the contest winners at the event. Commissioner Bush suggested including an electric vehicle information session at next year's Earth Day event.

b. **Program Updates**

Staff Vergara provided a presentation with an overview of the City's water conservation programs and incentives and summarized the programs' performance through Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Deputy Director Marshall shared that Staff Connors will be organizing 1-2 community engagement events each month and will assist with creating outreach for decarbonization and electrification programs.

Deputy Director Marshall provided an update that the Carbon Neutral Homes Incentive Program is currently being processed through the Department of Energy.

c. Commission Work Plan

Deputy Director Marshall asked Commissioners to share topics that they would be interested in discussing over the next fiscal year. Student Commissioner Tony proposed an environmental bingo activity and energy use reduction contest. Commissioners Hogg and Bush, and Chair Mbuga suggested discussing SMART shuttle program updates, electric vehicle accessibility programs, and discussing upcoming Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) deadlines.

LIAISON REPORT

Deputy Director Marshall invited the Commissioners to attend BayREN's Celebrity Chef Induction Cooktop Demo and Info Session on September 26.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mbuga adjourned the meeting at 7:25 PM.