



CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

City Hall 1st Floor Committee Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER	Chair Mbuga called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm. Deputy Director Marshall called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Chair Mbuga; Commissioners Bush, Hogg, Parikh; Student Commissioner Tony; Vice Mayor Chua; Deputy PW Director Marshall; Staff Vergara. ABSENT: Commissioners Acosta, Batilo, Oliver; Alternate Commissioners Cayabyab and Coronel.
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE	Chair Mbuga led the pledge of allegiance.
ALTERNATE SEATING	No Alternate Commissioners were seated.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion to approve the agenda for February 21, 2024 as submitted. Motion/Second: Bush/Hogg Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to approve the minutes for January 24, 2024. Motion/Second: Hogg/Bush Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 1
PUBLIC FORUM	None.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Commissioner Bush invited the Commission to the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association's Community Breakfast at San Jose City College on March 2.
BUSINESS ITEMS	a. Silicon Valley Clean Energy Presentation Juliette Pascual of Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) shared a presentation with the Commission to discuss SVCE's functions and strategies to meet California's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. The presentation included information on SCVE's building electrification programs, findings from the 2023 impact report, and an overview of upcoming projects. Chair Mbuga asked questions about electrifying public transit, and Commissioner Bush asked clarifying questions about residential solar projects. b. Earth Day 2024 Planning Deputy Director Marshall shared updates on the City's Earth Day event planning and shared that Acterra has agreed to do an electric vehicle showcase. City staff is currently reaching out to vendors from previous Earth Day events.

Chair Mbuga asked about the Commission's tabling activity. Deputy Director Marshall shared that she still has the advanced power strip (APS) demo kit and additional APS kits for giveaways. Chair Mbuga suggested creating flyers with QR codes to the City's Incentive Corner webpage to hand out at the table.

Staff Vergara shared the finalized youth Earth Day contest flyers and the draft Earth Day webpage and requested comments from the Commission. Chair Mbuga suggested adding a word limit for the photo and caption contest.

LIAISON REPORT

Vice Mayor Chua announced the special City Council meeting on February 22 to discuss capital improvement projects and budget and provided updates. Vice Mayor Chua also introduced the new Milpitas Community Hero initiative to City Council, which allows each councilmember to nominate a community member to receive recognition.

Vice Mayor Chua shared her experience attending the Coffee with a Cop event, where crime prevention information was shared. She also invited the Commission to attend the Silicon Valley Reads event at the Milpitas Library on February 24.

Deputy Director Marshall announced that the City is partnering with the Our City Forest and the Milpitas Rotary Club to host two tree planting events on March 23 and April 6.

Staff Vergara shared that the City has two upcoming landscape education webinars with BAWSCA. The Healthy Soils webinar will be on Tuesday, March 19 on Zoom and the Water Wise Irrigation Practices webinar will be on Tuesday, April 16 on Zoom.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mbuga adjourned the meeting at 7:00 PM.