



# CITY OF MILPITAS

## Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

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### MEETING MINUTES

6:00 pm

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Committee Conference Room

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| <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>        | Chair Mbuga called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm. Deputy Director Marshall called the roll.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>ROLL CALL</b>            | <p><b>PRESENT:</b> Chair Mbuga; Commissioners Bush, Hogg, Parikh, Batilo; Alternate Commissioner Cayabyab; Vice Mayor Chua; Deputy PW Director Marshall; Staff Vergara; Sustainability Fellow Connors.</p> <p><b>ABSENT:</b> Commissioners Acosta, Oliver; Alternate Commissioner Coronel; Student Commissioner Tony.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE</b> | Chair Mbuga led the pledge of allegiance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>ALTERNATE SEATING</b>    | Alternate Commissioner Cayabyab was seated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>   | <p>Motion to approve the agenda for March 20, 2024 as submitted.<br/>Motion/Second: Bush/Batilo</p> <p>Motion carried by a vote of   AYES: 6           NOES: 0           ABSTAIN: 0</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  | <p>Motion to approve the minutes for February 21, 2024.<br/>Motion/Second: Parikh/Bush<br/>Motion carried by a vote of   AYES: 5           NOES: 0           ABSTAIN: 1</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>PUBLIC FORUM</b>         | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>        | None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>BUSINESS ITEMS</b>       | <p>a. Earth Day Planning</p> <p>Deputy PW Director Marshall brought the Advanced Power Strip (APS) kit for Commissioners to use for an Earth Day demo, and Commissioner Bush agreed to take the kit home. A training for the APS kit will be held after the next EESC meeting in April. Chair Mbuga suggested promoting the Incentive Corner at the EESC table.</p> <p>Deputy PW Director Marshall provided updates regarding the vendors that are confirmed to have a table at Earth Day.</p> <p>Commissioner asked clarifying questions about the Youth Earth Day contests. Alternate Commissioner Cayabyab shared that he helped place flyers for the contests around City facilities.</p> |

Commissioners provided their availability to volunteer at the EESC table on Earth Day. Commissioners Mbuga, Batilo, Cayabyab, and Bush confirmed they can arrive at 9:30 to volunteer, and Commissioner Parikh can arrive at 11:30.

## **LIAISON REPORT**

Vice Mayor Chua announced the Commissioner Handbook has been updated to allow Commissions to do presentations for other commissions to share information on what kind work is done and what topics are discussed by each Commission. She also announced her proposal of Commissioners' Art Month, where commissioners can submit their own artwork to be displayed at the Phantom Art Gallery. Vice Mayor Chua also provided updates on the City's budget process and invited the Commissioners to attend the City's Retail Theft Forum luncheon on March 21.

Deputy Director Marshall shared information about the City's two tree planting events on March 23 and April 6.

Staff Vergara announced that the City is hosting two landscape education classes with BAWSCA: a Water Wise Irrigation Practices webinar on April 16 and in-person Gardening with Succulents class on May 4 at the Senior Center. She also announced that National River Cleanup Day is scheduled for May 18 and site details will be announced soon.

Sustainability Fellow Connors asked the Commission for availability to volunteer at the City's Big Bunny Scramble event on March 23. She also announced the following outreach opportunities: Earth Day on April 20, Family Game Night on May 23, and Family Camp Out on June 8.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mbuga adjourned the meeting at 6:36 PM.