



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 5, 2023
5:30 p.m.**

**Barbara Lee Senior Center
Milpitas, CA 95035**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Liliana Ramos called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Liliana Ramos led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Liliana Ramos, William (Bill) Devereux, Victorino Monzon, Diego Hammett, Richard Tran, Puneet Sandhu

Absence: Bruce Choy (excused), Leo Garcia (unexcused)

Late Attendance: None

City Staff Present: Staff Liaison Lisa Mendes, Recording Secretary Ruby General, Recreation Coordinator Danny Clark, City Attorney Michael Multalipassi

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Carmen Montano, Vice Mayor Evelyn Chua
4. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:**
Richard Tran
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** April 5, 2023
M/S: Hammett/Tran AYES: All
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** February 1, 2023
M/S: Devereux/Sandhu
Abstain: Tran/Monzon/Hammett AYES: All
7. **PUBLIC FORUM**
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
Commissioner William Devereaux – Account Care Organization (ACO) - Medicare

Chair Liliana Ramos – Update on HOPE Veterans meeting. Suicide prevention information.

Introduction of new commissioners – Richard Tran and Diego Hammett

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Review of the Ralph M. Brown Act – City Attorney Michael Mutalipassi

City Attorney Michael Mutalipassi presents review of Ralph M. Brown Act.
Open Meetings and Transparency

b. Memorial Day – City Staff

- Danny Clark provides update
 - Memorial Day Ceremony - Monday, May 29, 2023 at 9 a.m. at Veterans Plaza.
- Speaker confirmed - Tom Spink Captain Retired Navy
- HOPE table
- Veterans Commission table
- Coffee provided
- Check condition of flags in Veterans Plaza – Danny Clark has checked flags and requested new flag. Rich Tran requests higher quality flags.
- Mayor Montano asks why we don't have food, and recommends food be provided. Recommends small American flags be given to participants.
- Commissioner Devereux recommends croissants from Costco.
- Commissioner Monzon shares that MHS NJROTC has two students that can sign the National Anthem.

c. Veterans Outreach – City Staff

Lisa Mendes – business cards will be created for all commissioners. The back of the business card will have QR code and short URL link that will take people to the Constant Contact page. Share at Marketing table at City events, Veterans group that meets at Omega.

Mayor Montano recommends sharing Meals on Wheels information flyer with Veterans.

Commissioner Tran recommends sharing Milpitas Assistance Program information with Veterans groups.

10. LIAISON REPORTS

1. City Council Report

Mayor Montano shares that City Council is going over the Budget.

2. Staff Report

Lisa Mendes shares first day of Summer Registration.

Danny Clark shares

Upcoming Events:

Earth Day – April 22, 2023 – 10 a.m.-Noon

Commissioners Recognition – Thursday, April 27, 2023 – 6:00-7:30 p.m.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Honoring Milpitas Veterans Project

Review sponsorship letter for Veterans Day luncheon

Veterans Car Show

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Ramos adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

13. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Ruby General, Recording Secretary