



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 6, 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 5:31 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Liliana Ramos led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Liliana Ramos, Diego Hammett, William Devereux, Victorino Monzon, Puneet Sandhu, Connor Long

Absence: Bruce Choy (excused), Reynaldo Lingad (excused), Rich Tran (excused),

Late Attendance: Leo Garcia

City Staff Present: Josh Clevenger, Danny Clark, Lisa Ciardella, Ruby General

Elected Officials Present: Carmen Montano
4. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:**
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** December 6, 2023
M/S: Hammett/Sandhu AYES: All
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** October 4, 2023
M/S: Monzon/Hammett AYES: All
Abstain: Sandhu, Devereux
7. **PUBLIC FORUM**
N/A
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Ramos:
 - Josuee Palacios – add group to resource list Represent veterans exposed to mesothelioma
 - Keith Scott – Veterans history project library of congress
 - WIMSA – Women’s Memorial
 - Veteran Support Group – need help planning from Veterans

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Veterans Day Ceremony and Luncheon Review – City Staff

- a. Commissioner Garcia – More resourceful vendors and more military presence
- b. Commissioner Sandhu – More people from the public
- c. New marketing – target veterans and families
- d. Chair Ramos - Luncheon – not enough vendors
- e. Possibly move Veterans Luncheon date
- f. Commissioner Garcia – July Luncheon – BBQ?
- g. Mayor Montano – recommends combination Luncheon and Car Show

b. Say Hi to a Hero – Chair Ramos

- a. Chair Ramos – presented at Sinnott Elementary School
 - i. Learn about the branches, stories, poems,
- b. Commissioner Monzon – participated in Military inspection at MHS NJROTC

c. Fundraising Ideas – City Staff

- a. Staff Clevenger – Veterans commission is not a fundraising commission. Fundraising is done for the Luncheon.
- b. Use money to do a mailer to reach out to Milpitas Veterans, speakers, or giveaways
- c. Donate extra money to Veterans organization
- d. Commissioner Garcia – clarification on use of money provided from Council.
- e. Commissioner Garcia – Toys for Tots – team up with Fire Department
- f. Commissioner Garcia – use money for scholarship
- g. Commissioner Devereux – what was the cost for the Car Show?

d. Veterans Website – City Staff

- a. Create ad hoc committee to work on the website.
M/S: Ramos/Monzon AYES: ALL
- b. Ad hoc committee: Hammett, Ramos, Monzon

10. LIAISON REPORTS

1. City Council Report

- i. N/A

2. Staff Report

- i. Commissioner Clark:
 - Spring Registration – activity guide
 - Completed 9th event in 10 weeks
 - Next event: Lunar New Year

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Veterans Brick Wall
- 2. Honoring Milpitas Veterans Project
- 3. Election Chair and Vice Chair
- 4. Holding account update
- 5. Past Car Show cost
- 6. Recommendation to council - \$3,000

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Ramos adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

13. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Ruby General, Recording Secretary