



CITY OF MILPITAS Veterans Commission

MEETING MINUTES

5:30 PM

Wednesday, October 2, 2024
BARBARA LEE SENIOR CENTER
40 N. MILPITAS BLVD.
ROOM 140/141
MILPITAS, CA 95035

- CALL TO ORDER** Vice-Chair Devereux called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- ROLL CALL**
- PRESENT:** Commissioners Devereux, Garcia, Hammett, Long, Monzon, Ramos, Mayor Montano
- ABSENT:** Commissioners Choy, Lingad, Sandhu,
- City Staff:** Daniel Clark – Recreation Program Coordinator
Lisa Mendes – Program Coordinator
Ned Thomas – City Manager
Matt Cano – Assistant City Manager
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Vice-Chair Devereux led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** Commissioner Garcia was seated
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda for October 2, 2024.
Motion/Second: Ramos/Devereux
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes for August 7, 2024
Motion/Second: Devereux/Monzon
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0 ABSTAIN 1 Garcia
- PUBLIC FORUM** Virgil King, a resident of Whittier St, directly behind Grocery Outlet in Milpitas spoke. He is a disabled Veteran and there is a lot of noise from delivery trucks and lights on at all hours of the night which is disrupting his sleep. He asked the Commissioners if there were any agencies for a disabled Veteran that would be able to assist him.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Commissioner Ramos announced that the Veteran Stand Down Event is taking place at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds through Friday October 4, 2024.

Commissioner Sandhu is at the event with her dental truck. There will be food, free haircuts and many more resources for Veterans.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Measure J: Milpitas Public Services Reauthorization Measure – Matt Cano, Assistant City Manager

Staff members Thomas and Cano gave a presentation to educate the Commission about Measure J.

b. Veterans Day Ceremony – Recreation and Community Services Staff

The Commission discussed the upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony to be held on Monday, November 11, 2024. Staff member Clark reminded the commissioners to calendar November 6, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. for the rehearsal for the ceremony. The NJROTC, Knights of Columbus, and the National Anthem singer have all been confirmed. Invitations have been sent to the local delegates and all have confirmed that they, or a member of their staff will be present. Sierra Club Military Outdoors will also be present. Staff member Clark reminded the commission that they are still in need of a keynote speaker for the event. He asked for their continued assistance with that and would like to have a speaker secured by Friday, October 11, 2024.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Staff member Clark provided updates about upcoming special events including Milpitas Fiesta, Pumpkins in the Park and Dia de Muertos. He also urged all commissioners to nominate and to encourage others to make nominations for Veteran of the Year.

LIAISON REPORT

Mayor Montano reported that the Milpitas City Council has been working on Measure J.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Veterans Brick Wall

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Vice-Chair Devereux adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, December 4, 2024.