



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
5:30 p.m.**

**Milpitas City Hall Committee Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035**

Prior to the start of the meeting, it had been announced that Commissioner Denny Weisgerber passed away on the morning of December 4, 2019. Also announced that due to the absence of Chair Arthur Ebright, Vice Chair Ed Ackerman would preside the meeting.

I. CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Ackerman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. FLAG SALUTE: Vice Chair Ackerman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Ed Ackerman, William (Bill) Devereux, Lilliana Ramos, Ricardo Martinez, and Bruce Choy

Excused Absence: Arthur Ebright

Late Attendance: None

Unexcused Absence: None

City Staff Present: Staff Liaison Dale Flunoy and Recording Secretary Pam Caronongan

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Rich Tran

IV. SEATING OF ALTERNATES: Bruce Choy

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: December 4, 2019

M/S: Ramos / Devereux

AYES: All

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 2, 2019

M/S: Devereux / Ramos

AYES: All

VII. PUBLIC FORUM

Urvishkumar Mehta, a Milpitas resident, wished to do a presentation in a future Commission meeting to share information that would benefit Milpitas veterans. Staff Liaison Flunoy instructed the Commission to agendaize this item in a future Commission meeting. Staff Liaison Flunoy further instructed Mr. Mehta to coordinate with Recording Secretary Caronongan and submit draft presentation materials for Commission and staff review, feedback, and approval prior to presenting the

material before the Commission. Mr. Mehta's presentation would tentatively be scheduled on February 5, 2020.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

Vice Chair Ackerman, on behalf of the Commission, thanked Mr. Galen Boggs from Representative Ro Khanna's office for his help and efforts in securing a guest speaker for the Veterans Annual Luncheon 2019 and the Veterans Day Ceremony a success.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Honoring Milpitas Veterans

Per Vice Chair Ackerman's request to the Subcommittee for this project, Commissioner Choy shared that he and Chair Ebright had discussions regarding this project, but more information was needed to share more substantive information for the Commission.

Commissioner Ramos volunteered to take a spot for this project's Subcommittee, which became vacant due to the passing of Commissioner Weisgerber.

2. Veteran of the Year 2020

Vice Chair Ackerman, as a member of the Subcommittee for this project, shared with the Commission that he and Commissioner Choy have been discussing the Veteran of the Year 2020 draft application form. The Subcommittee concluded that there was a need for more nominations, and the Commission should consider different approaches to promote the project.

Discussions were made that the nomination application should be made simpler (less militaristic), outreach should be improved, and the criteria for selecting the Veteran of the Year must be clarified.

Consensus was made that discussions would continue the next Commission meeting.

X. LIAISON REPORTS

1. City Council Report

Mayor Tran shared fond memories regarding the now-departed Commissioner Weisgerber. He requested the Commission as well as staff to share their respective memorable experience with Commissioner Weisgerber.

2. Staff Report

Staff Liaison Flunoy informed the Commission that Recreation Staff Joshua Clevenger would be attending the February 2020 Commission meeting in his stead due to medical leave. He further informed the Commission that he would return from medical leave in March 2020.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

- Adopt-A-Vet
- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- Veteran of the Year 2020
- Memorial Day 2020
- Honoring Milpitas Veterans
- Presentation – Urvishkumar Mehta

XII. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, February 5, 2019, at 5:30 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – Vice Chair Ackerman adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Pam Caronongan, Recording Secretary