



**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
5:30 p.m.**

**Via Teleconference
Milpitas, CA 95035**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Ramos called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Ramos led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL**
Present: Liliana Ramos, William (Bill) Devereux, Bruce Choy, Reynaldo Lingad and Victorino Monzon.

Excused Absence: Rocky Lallana, Puneet Sandhu

Late Attendance: None

Unexcused Absence: None

City Staff Present: Recreation Supervisor Josh Clevenger, Staff Liaison Lisa Ciardella, Recording Secretary Vince Collantes

Elected Officials Present: Mayor Rich Tran
4. **SEATING OF ALTERNATES:** Alternate member Lingad was seated.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: February 2, 2022**
M/S: Choy/Devereux AYES: All
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 1, 2021**
M/S: Devereux/Choy AYES: All
7. **PUBLIC FORUM**
Inderjit Mundra commented on publicizing more Veterans Commission events and activities,
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE**
N/A

9. **BUSINESS ITEMS**

a. **Election of Officers 2022**

Commissioner William “Bill” Devereux was elected as Commission Chair. Commissioner Liliana Ramos was elected as Commission Vice Chair.

Motion to nominate and elect Commissioner Devereux as Commission Chair.

M/S: Choy/Lingad

AYES: All

Motion to nominate and elect Commissioner Ramos as Commission Vice Chair.

M/S: Lingad/Devereux

AYES: All

b. **Veterans Annual Luncheon 2022**

The Commission formed an ad hoc committee comprised of Commissioners Monzon, Ramos, and Choy to assist staff in planning of the Veterans Annual Luncheon. Will present ideas for menu to full commission for voting in following meetings.

c. **Veterans Issues: Homelessness and Suicide Prevention**

The Commission discussed finding a speaker to educate the commission on homelessness and suicide prevention within the City of Milpitas.

Inderjit Mundra from the public commented to arrange events to invite homeless to a lunch or dinner to get a better understanding of who they are and how the Commission can help them. Urvishkumar Mehta from the public commented about grants, specifically for homeless, and establishing a Fisher House in the City.

Motion to invite speaker with expertise in veterans homelessness and suicide prevention.

M/S: Ramos/Devereux

AYES: Ramos, Choy, Lingad, Devereux

d. **Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) Involvement**

The Commission discussed appointing the ad hoc committee from the Veterans Annual Luncheon to involve NJROTC during the luncheon.

Urvishkumar Mehta from the public commented on legislation for affordable housing and homelessness.

e. **Adopt A Vet Program**

Vice Chair Ramos said there is no update on the Adopt A Vet Program at this time. Vice Chair Ramos will continue to contact nearby schools to get a response on the interest of the program.

Urvishkumar Mehta from the public commented on SB245 legislation.

10. **LIAISON REPORTS**

1. City Council Report

Mayor Tran reported on the Homelessness Task Force providing recommendations for the City Council and the installation of pickleball courts at Gill Memorial Park and Browne Park.

2. Staff Report

Lisa Ciardella reported on the Family Fun Night on March 25 at the Milpitas Sports Center and Spring registration is open for all recreation classes from February through May.

11. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Veterans Luncheon
- Veterans Homelessness and Suicide Prevention
- Honoring Milpitas Veterans
- Veterans Chamber

12. ADJOURNMENT – Chair Devereux adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.

13. NEXT MEETING

- Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 6, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Draft Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Vince Collantes, Recording Secretary