



CITY OF MILPITAS Veterans Commission

MEETING MINUTES

5:30 PM

Wednesday, February 5, 2025
BARBARA LEE SENIOR CENTER
40 N. MILPITAS BLVD.
ROOM 140/141
MILPITAS, CA 95035

- CALL TO ORDER** Chair Sandhu called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
- ROLL CALL** **PRESENT:** Commissioners Choy, Devereux, Long, Monzon, Ramos, Sandhu
ABSENT: Commissioners Garcia, Lingad, Vice Mayor Barbadillo
City Staff: Daniel Clark – Recreation and Community Services Program Coordinator
Lisa Mendes – Recreation and Community Services Program Coordinator
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Chair Sandhu led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** None.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda for February 5, 2025.
Motion/Second: Ramos/Devereux
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes for October 2, 2024
Motion/Second: Choy/Devereux
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
None.
- PUBLIC FORUM**
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** Commissioner Ramos announced that after 15 years as a member of the Veterans Commission, this will be her last meeting and she is resigning as a commissioner. She has enjoyed being a part of the commission and wishes everyone well.
- BUSINESS ITEMS** a. Chair and Vice Chair Election – Commission Chair

Commissioner Ramos nominated Commissioner Choy for Veterans Commission Chair.

Motion to elect Commissioner Choy as Chair.

Motion/Second: Sandhu/Devereux

Commissioner Sandhu nominated Commissioner Monzon for Veterans Commission Vice-Chair.

Motion to elect Commissioner Monzon as Vice-Chair.

Motion/Second: Sandhu/Ramos

b. Potential Realignment of Veterans Commission Terms – City Clerk Staff

Suzanne Guzetta, City Clerk, presented to the Commission regarding the potential realignment of the terms to the commission. Currently, the City Clerk's office oversees 12 commissions and 1 committee. At this time, all of the commissioners have the same end date as a commissioner, which makes it difficult to fill positions and the potential difficulty if many members do not renew their term on the commission. The City Clerk's office would like to change the dates to be staggered quarterly with 3 one-year terms, 3 – two-year terms, and 3 - three-year terms. The commission is in agreement to make this recommendation to the City Council.

c. Veterans Day Ceremony Review – Recreation and Community Services Staff

The annual Veterans Day Ceremony was held on November 11, 2024. The Commission discussed the ceremony and agreed that the practice before the ceremony was helpful and all other aspects of the ceremony were good.

d. Memorial Day Ceremony 2025 – Recreation and Community Services Staff

The commission discussed the Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled for May 26, 2025. They agreed that the practice prior to the ceremony was helpful, and set Friday, May 23, 2025, at 9 a.m. as the practice date and time. The commission would like to have a louder bell or a microphone next to it. Commissioner Ramos will send Staff member Clark contact information for a potential speaker. The commission also expressed an interest in asking Lieutenant Jackson if she would be interested in being the speaker.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT

Staff member Clark announced that the City will hold its Holi special event on Saturday, March 8, 2025, at Cardoza Park. The Veterans Luncheon was very successful last summer. It will be held at Jose Higuera Adobe Park and the preferred date is July 19, 2025.

LIAISON REPORT

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Veterans Brick Wall, Say Hi to a Hero, Veterans Appreciation Luncheon, and Memorial Day

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, Chair Choy adjourned the meeting at 6:21 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 2, 2025.