



# CITY OF MILPITAS

## Economic Development and Trade Commission

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, February 9, 2026**  
**Committee Conference Room**  
**Milpitas City Hall, First Floor**  
**455 E. Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas**

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Norwood called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Student Commissioner Alice Nguyen led the pledge of allegiance.

#### ROLL CALL

Economic Development Specialist Khaled Zubair called the roll.

**PRESENT:** Chair Norwood, Commissioners Bill Bhagvat, Larry Ciardella, Parkash Daryani, Robert Jung, Jacob Sanchez, Conrad Schapira

City Council Liaison Councilmember William Lam

Staff: Economic Development Coordinator Michael Thomas and Economic Development Specialist Kal Zubair

**ABSENT:** Vice Chair Lynne Rice, Alternate Nguyen

#### SEATING OF ALTERNATES

Alternate Member No. 1: Conrad Shapira was seated in place of Vice Chair Rice

Alternate Member No. 2:

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**Recommended Action:** Approve February 9, 2026 regular meeting agenda of the Economic Development & Trade Commission as submitted.

**Mover / Seconder:** Schapira / Bhagvat

**Motion carried by a vote of:** AYES: 7 NOES: 0

**Ayes:** Norwood, Bhagvat, Ciardella, Daryani, Jung, Sanchez, Schapira

**Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Recommended Action:** Approve January 14, 2026 meeting minutes of the Economic Development & Trade Commission as submitted.

**Mover / Seconder:** Daryani / Ciardella

**Motion carried by a vote of:** AYES: 7 NOES: 0

**Ayes:** Norwood, Bhagvat, Ciardella, Daryani, Jung, Sanchez, Schapira

**Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

No speakers provided comments.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Ciardella announced that the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce will be hosting its Crab Feed on March 6 and invited Commissioners to attend.

Student Commissioner Nguyen introduced herself and provided some background on why she was interested in joining the Commission.

Councilmember Lam reported that City Council approved the housing allocation program and reviewed the FY2026 mid-year report.

Chair Norwood announced that fences have been put up in a section of the Innovation Campus and will be breaking ground on the Workforce Development and Early Childhood Education Center. MUSD will also be opening its theater in March.

Commissioner Jacob Sanchez arrived at 4:41 p.m.

Economic Development Coordinator Michael Thomas announced that City Council appointed Conrad Schapira to the Commission's technology seat, Robert Jung to the MUSD seat, and Alice Nguyen to the Student Commissioner Seat. Mr. Thomas also provided an overview of the Office of Economic Development's mandate for Ms. Nguyen and invited EDTC members to Rivian's ribbon-cutting event on February 27.

## **BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **9a. Election of Officers – Michael Thomas, Economic Development Coordinator**

Recommended Action: Elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson to serve one-year terms.

Chair Norwood introduced the business item and Coordinator Thomas provided an overview of the guidelines for the election process.

No public comment was provided.

Commissioner Sanchez nominated Commissioner Schapira for Vice-Chair and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Bhagvat. The vote was unanimous to elect Commissioner Schapira to the position.

**Mover / Seconder:** Sanchez / Bhagvat

**Motion carried by a vote of:** AYES: 7 NOES: 0

**Ayes:** Norwood, Bhagvat, Ciardella, Daryani, Jung, Sanchez, Schapira

**Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None

Commissioner Bhagvat nominated Commissioner Daryani for Chair and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Commissioner Daryani was elected as the Commission's Chair with votes from Commissioners Sanchez, Bhagvat, Norwood, and Daryani.

**Mover / Seconder:** Bhagvat / Sanchez

**Motion carried by a vote of:** AYES: 7 NOES: 0

**Ayes:** Norwood, Bhagvat, Ciardella, Daryani, Jung, Sanchez, Schapira

**Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None

### **9b. Report from the City Clerk Regarding Commissioner Terms**

Recommendation: Receive a presentation on upcoming changes to commissioner terms.

Chair Norwood introduced the item and Suzanne provided the presentation on changes to how Commissioner terms are managed.

No public comment was provided.

Commissioners discussed the details of the presentation and asked clarifying questions.

**Mover / Seconder:** Schapira / Jung

**Motion carried by a vote of:** AYES: 6 NOES: 0

**Ayes:** Bhagvat, Ciardella, Daryani, Jung, Sanchez, Schapira

**Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None

### **9c. 2026 Sports Events Planning – Michael Thomas, Econ. Dev. Coordinator**

Recommendation: Receive the presentation and provide suggestions on planning efforts.

Chair Norwood introduced the business item and Coordinator Thomas provided a summary of the City's activities for Super Bowl and its plans for the FIFA World Cup-related events.

No public comment was provided.

Commissioners discussed the details of the presentation and asked clarifying questions.

Commissioner Jung emphasized the importance of tracking visitation and foot traffic during the events and suggested developing partnerships for promotional offers to market Milpitas.

**Mover / Seconder:** Jung / Sanchez

**Motion carried by a vote of:** AYES: 6 NOES: 0

**Ayes:** Bhagvat, Ciardella, Daryani, Jung, Sanchez, Schapira

**Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None

**9d. New Business Item Discussion – Parkash Daryani, Commission Chairperson**

Recommendation: Note and file Commissioners' suggestions.

Chair Daryani introduced the business item and led a discussion on the workplan.

Commissioners agreed to engage in more community outreach to support the City's Economic Development team.

Student Commissioner Nguyen provided feedback on how MUSD can be leveraged to market the Taste of Milpitas event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Mover/Second:** Sanchez / Jung

**Motion carried by a vote of:** AYES: 6 NOES: 0

**Ayes:** Bhagvat, Ciardella, Daryani, Jung, Sanchez, Schapira

**Noes:** None **Abstentions:** None