



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Date: Monday, August 14, 2017
Location: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room
Start Time: 4:04 pm
End Time: 5:52 pm

I. Flag Salute, Call to Order, Roll Call

Chair Ablaza called the meeting to order at 4:04 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ricardo Ablaza, Chair
Warren Wettenstein, Vice-Chair
Jeffrey Chen, Commissioner
Charlene Tsao, Commissioner
Donald Peoples, Commissioner
Minh Nguyen, Commissioner
Lynne Rice, Commissioner (4:08pm)
Dhaval Brahmbhatt, Commissioner (4:29pm)
Anthony Phan, Councilmember

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Anna Wang, Commissioner (Excused)
Raghu Reddy, Alternative Commissioner (Excused)

CITY STAFF PRESENT:

Edesa Bitbadal, Economic Development Director
Daniel Degu, Economic Development Specialist

II. Public Forum

Bruce Karney, from Carbon-Free Mountain View, encouraged Milpitas to join Silicon Valley Clean Energy.

III. Approval of Agenda

Economic Development Director Edesa Bitbadal requested to add two "Subcommittee Formations" from Economic Development Commission to New Business as Item 6D.

Motion: to approve the agenda, as amended.

Motion/Second: Vice-Chair Wettenstein/Commissioner Peoples

Motion carried by a vote of:	Ayes:	7
	Noes:	0
	Absent:	Brahmbhatt, Wang, Reddy
	Abstain:	0

IV. Approval of Minutes

A. April 10, 2017

The June 12, 2017, Economic Development Commission meeting minutes will be provided at the September monthly meeting.

V. New Business

A. Approve the Revised Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Workforce Development Services for North Valley Job Training Consortium

Economic Development Director Edesa Bitbadal explained services that the North Valley Job Training Consortium provides, and asked the Economic Development Commission to approve a recommendation to the City Council to approve the revised Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement: Workforce Development Services for the NOVA Consortium to include the addition of San Mateo County.

Motion: to recommend the approval of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement with North Valley Job Training Consortium to the City Council.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Peoples/Commissioner Nguyen

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes:	8
Noes:	0
Absent:	Wang, Reddy
Abstain:	0

B. Economic Development Workplan

Economic Development Director Edesa Bitbadal reviewed the economic development workplan goals and projects, and informed the Economic Development Commission of dates of the upcoming Manufacturing Day and Business Development Seminar.

C. Subcommittee Formation

Economic Development Director asked the Economic Development Commission to form two Subcommittees for the Manufacturing Day and Small Business Seminars. Vice-Chair Wettenstein and Commissioner Chen agreed to join the Manufacturing Day Subcommittee. Commissioners Tsao and Brahmhatt agreed to join the Small Business Seminars Subcommittee.

Motion: to form the Manufacturing Day Subcommittee

Motion/Second: Vice-Chair Wettenstein/Commissioner Brahmhatt

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes:	8
Noes:	0
Absent:	Wang, Reddy
Abstain:	0

Motion: to form the Small Business Seminars Subcommittee

Motion/Second: Commissioner Tsao/ Commissioner Rice

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes:	8
Noes:	0
Absent:	Wang, Reddy
Abstain:	0

D. China Tourism in Milpitas

Commissioner Rice provided a presentation on Chinese tourism in Milpitas. Commissioner Rice noted that in the future China will take over the United Kingdom and Japan as the top overseas inbound market, and pointed out how the growing Chinese tourism could benefit the local economy of Milpitas.

VI. Announcements

A. Council Liaison Update

No update

B. Commissioners Update

Commissioner shared that the Chamber is hosting a mixer at Outback on Thursday, August 17, and notified the group that a small business seminar is taking place in San Mateo on Thursday as well. Commissioner also mentioned an organization called SEMI that recently moved to Milpitas that will host many events in the future.

C. Great Mall Update

Commissioner Rice reported that Great Mall renovations are taking place in October with the president of the company attending. New businesses including Popeye's and Jamba Juice will open in October and True Religion in September.

D. Staff Report

Economic Development Director Edesa Bitbadal introduced Michael Casas, one of the interns and shared with the Commission that the Economic Development Division has five interns through the month of September from universities including USC, SJSU, and Cal Poly. The Economic Development Director also notified the group that the BART station will open in June 2018, and showcased the quarterly city-wide newsletter, CONNECTED, that is available online and mailed to all residents in Milpitas.

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Brahmbhatt motioned, and seconded by Commissioner Rice adjourn the meeting at 5:52 pm to the regularly-scheduled commission meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017, at 4:00pm. The motion carried unanimously.