



CITY OF MILPITAS Veterans Commission

MEETING MINUTES

5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 4, 2026
BARBARA LEE SENIOR CENTER
40 N. MILPITAS BLVD.
ROOM 140/141
MILPITAS, CA 95035

- CALL TO ORDER** Chair Choy called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- ROLL CALL**
- PRESENT:** Commissioners Brown, Choy, Chuan, Garcia, Karadi, Monzon, and Tomlin
- ABSENT:** Commissioners Devereux, Lingad, and Sandhu
- City Staff:** Daniel Clark – Recreation and Community Services Program Coordinator
Lisa Mendes – Recreation and Community Services Program Coordinator
- City Council Liaison:** Vice Mayor Barbadillo (absent)
- PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE** Chair Choy led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ALTERNATE SEATING** Alternate Commissioners Chuan and Tomlin were seated.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** Motion to approve the agenda for February 4, 2026.
Motion/Second: Chuan/Monzon
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** Motion to approve the minutes for December 3, 2025.
Motion/Second: Monzon/Tomlin
Motion carried by a vote of AYES: Brown, Choy, Monzon, and Tomlin
NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: Garcia and Chuan
- PUBLIC FORUM** Mrs. Karadi, Milpitas resident, asked what the role of the student representative is.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS** None.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. Chair and Vice Chair Elections – Daniel Clark, City Staff Liaison

In accordance with the Bylaws, the Veterans Commission is required to annually select a Chair and Vice Chair at the first meeting of the calendar year. Officers are nominated from among the appointed Commissioners and serve a one-year term.

Commissioner Monzon nominated Commissioner Garcia as Chair.

Motion to appoint Commissioner Garcia as Chair for the 2026 calendar year.

Motion/Second: Monzon/Choy

Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0

Commissioner Garcia nominated Commissioner Monzon as Vice Chair for the 2026 calendar year.

Motion to appoint Commissioner Monzon as Vice Chair.

Motion/Second: Garcia/Chuan

Motion carried by a vote of AYES: All NOES: 0

b. Memorial Day Ceremony 2026 – Recreation & Community Services Staff

Per the work plan of the Veterans Commission, they are to assist with the Veterans and Memorial Day Ceremonies. The commission discussed the upcoming Memorial Day Ceremony to take place on Monday, May 25, 2026, and decided to hold a rehearsal for the ceremony on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Chuan stated that he is the new moderator for the NJROTC at Milpitas High School, and will get their involvement with the ceremony. Commissioner Tomlin will research having a flyover and the cost of it. The commission also discussed the possibility of having a military branch or California Honor Guard do the 21 Gun Salute if the Milpitas Police Department is not available.

c. Veterans Recognition Luncheon – Recreation & Community Services Staff

Part of the Veterans Commission Workplan is to host the Annual Veterans Recognition Luncheon. The commission is to select the date, time, location, and programming for the 2026 Veterans Luncheon.

The Commission discussed the Luncheon and decided on the date of Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Jose Higuera Adobe Park Building. Staff member Clark said the commission should secure more chance drawing gifts, and he will give them the letter for donations. The commission requested BBQ or Mexican food. The Veteran of the Year is also to be honored at the luncheon.

STAFF LIAISON REPORT Staff member Clark announced that the City will be hosting the Lunar New Year special event on Friday, February 13, 2026, from 6-8 p.m.

LIAISON REPORT N/A

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS Veterans Brick Wall, Say Hi to a Hero, and Veteran Car Show

ADJOURNMENT With there being no further business, Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2026.