



CITY OF MILPITAS

Economic Development and Trade Commission

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 13, 2026
Committee Conference Room
Milpitas City Hall, First Floor
455 E. Calaveras Blvd. Milpitas

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Daryani called the meeting to order at 4:34 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Interim Economic Development Director Madison Nguyen led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Economic Development Specialist Khaled Zubair called the roll.

PRESENT: Chair Daryani, Vice-Chair Conrad Schapira; Commissioners Bill Bhagvat, Larry Ciardella, Anu Nakka, Jacob Sanchez

Staff: Interim Economic Development Director Madison Nguyen, Economic Development Coordinator Michael Thomas, and Economic Development Specialist Kal Zubair

ABSENT: Commissioner Lynne Rice, Student Commissioner Alice Nguyen, Alternate #2 Michael Nguyen, City Council Liaison Councilmember William Lam

SEATING OF ALTERNATES

No alternates were available to be seated.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Recommended Action: Approve the April 13, 2026 regular meeting agenda of the Economic Development & Trade Commission as submitted.

Mover / Second: Schapira / Nakka

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5 NOES: 0

Ayes: Daryani, Ciardella, Nakka, Sanchez, Schapira

Noes: None **Abstentions:** None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Recommended Action: Approve March 9, 2026 meeting minutes of the Economic Development & Trade Commission as submitted.

Mover / Second: Schapira / Ciardella

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 4 NOES: 0

Ayes: Daryani, Ciardella, Sanchez, Schapira

Noes: None **Abstentions:** Nguyen

PUBLIC FORUM

No speakers provided comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chair Schapira reported attending the Office of Economic Development's and Venture Dock's technical assistance workshop for small businesses on AI on April 2. Mr. Schapira commented that the presenter was knowledgeable and that the content was useful. Mr. Schapira also reported attending the Milpitas Unified School District's April 1 job fair and reported that more local business should participate in the next job fair.

Commissioner Nakka announced the soft opening of the MUSD Performing Arts Center and that school district staff are busy with graduation season approaching.

Commissioner Ciardella announced that the Chamber of Commerce is planning an event for May and will have more updates soon.

Commissioner Sanchez reported that despite interest rates increasing, activity in the commercial real estate market has been resilient.

Chair Daryani provided an update on the construction of a fence at Hillview Executive Park where his business is located.

Commissioner Bhagvat joined the meeting at 4:47 PM.

BUSINESS ITEMS

9a. Keep Milpitas Safe & Stable – Madison Nguyen, Interim Economic Development Director and Kal Zubair, Economic Development Specialist

Recommended Action: Receive a presentation on the City of Milpitas' efforts to gather input from the community, advance equity, and ensure fiscal sustainability.

Chair Daryani introduced this item and Specialist Zubair provided a presentation on the City's exploration of an update to the current business license tax structure.

No public comment was provided.

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

Mover / Second: Nakka / Schapira

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

Ayes: Bhagvat, Ciardella, Daryani, Nakka, Sanchez, Schapira

Noes: None **Abstentions:** None

9b. Taste of Milpitas and FIFA World Cup Preparations Update – Michael Thomas, Economic Development Coordinator

Recommended Action: Receive the presentation and provide suggestions on planning efforts.

Chair Daryani introduced the item and Coordinator Thomas provided an update on the City's planning efforts.

Commissioner Nakka left the meeting at 5:11 PM.

No public comment was provided.

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

Mover / Second: Schapira / Sanchez

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5 NOES: 0

Ayes: Bhagvat, Ciardella, Daryani, Sanchez, Schapira

Noes: None **Abstentions:** None

9c. New Business Item Discussion – Michael Thomas, Economic Development Coordinator

Recommendation: Note and file Commissioners' suggestions.

Chair Daryani introduced the business item and Commissioners discussed potential items to include in the future workplan.

No public comment was provided.

Mover / Second: Schapira / Ciardella

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5 NOES: 0

Ayes: Bhagvat, Ciardella, Daryani, Sanchez, Schapira

Noes: None **Abstentions:** None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Mover/Second: Sanchez / Ciardella

Motion carried by a vote of: AYES: 5 NOES: 0

Ayes: Daryani, Ciardella, Schapira, Bhagvat, Nguyen

Noes: None **Abstentions:** None