



CITY OF MILPITAS

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 16, 2026
1ST Floor Committee Conference Room
455 E. Calaveras Blvd, Milpitas

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Seating of Alternates
5. Approval of Agenda: September 16, 2026
6. Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 19, 2026

7. Public Forum

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8. Announcements

9. Business Items

- a. **Commission Work Plan** – Per the [Commission Handbook](#), each commission shall discuss and prepare its annual work plan, which shall be submitted and approved by City Council. The work plan is a list of the anticipated topics, assignments and goals that commissioners will focus on over the 12-month period. Commission annual work plan activities and assignments are to be completed by Commissioners. Draft work plan has been updated to incorporate discussion during previous meeting.
Recommendation: Discuss and approve draft work plan to be forward to City Council for approval.
- b. **Climate Film Event Planning:** The Commission should begin to plan and coordinate for the next Climate Film event including potential dates, themes, films, and other logistics. The Commission discussed doing a different type of event at the last meeting and should continue that discussion as well.

Recommendation: Discuss as appropriate and decide on event type, theme, and timing.

10. City Liaison Reports

- Council Liaison Report
- City Staff Report

11. Adjournment

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CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

City Hall 1st Floor Committee Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER	Vice Chair Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. Deputy Director Marshall called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Chair Sankaran (arrived 6:18 pm); Vice Chair Oliver; Commissioners Batilo, Mbuga, and Parikh; Councilmember Chua; Sustainability Coordinator Chan; Deputy PW Director Marshall; and Staff Vergara. ABSENT: Commissioners Acosta and Reddy; Student Commissioner Tony.
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE	Deputy Director Marshall led the pledge of allegiance.
ALTERNATE SEATING	No alternates were seated.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion/Second: Batilo/Mbuga
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0 Arrived After Vote: 1 Approval of minutes from May 20, 2026. Motion/Second: Mbuga/Batilo
PUBLIC FORUM	Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0 Arrived After Vote: 1 Kalid Meky, a Fremont resident and write-in candidate for California governor, expressed interest in the environmental impact of data centers.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Vice Chair Oliver provided an update on the Milpitas Unified School District Board of Education meeting on May 26 th ; the Climate Resolution was passed. Oliver expressed interest in Senate Bill 222 (Weiner) and shared that she will be moving out of state in January and will no longer be able to serve after her move.
BUSINESS ITEMS	a. Commission Work Plan The Commission discussed topics of interest to add to the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Commission Work Plan. Proposed topics include researching grants for sustainability initiatives, collaboration with MUSD and local environmental nonprofit organizations, hosting another climate film event or expanding to interactive community performances, and conducting outreach to businesses about electrification. b. Climate Film Event Planning

The Commission discussed plans to host its third climate film viewing event. Commissioner Parikh proposed the idea of switching to an interactive activity, rather than keeping the film viewing and discussion, increase community engagement. Alternative activities include environmental skits or a climate-related talent show. Further discussion at next meeting.

COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Chua provided an update about the City's new Home Security Camera Program and the first distribution event that was held on August 17. The next distribution event is scheduled for September 17.

STAFF REPORT

Sustainability Coordinator Chan shared that the City is hosting a live induction cooktop demonstration event on Saturday, September 26 at the Milpitas Library, featuring Chef Shivaranjini of Suggi Oota Restaurant. Attendees can sample food cooked during the demonstration, and information about the Go Electric Milpitas rebate program will be shared.

Deputy Director Marshall shared information about a solid waste pilot project which will assess how effectively residents can recycle and sort hard-to-recycle plastics. [The Recycling Partnership](#), in collaboration with [San Jose Conservation Corps and Charter School](#) (SJCC), was awarded funding to implement a small-scale residential plastic film recovery project in Milpitas which will run until the end of November.

Staff Vergara shared information about the City's creek cleanup event on Saturday, September 19 for Coastal Cleanup Day 2026. The City will be cleaning Coyote Creek Trail near Ranch Dr. Staff Vergara shared the topics for the City's fall landscape education classes: small-space gardening, climate-ready landscapes, and sustainable plant disease and pest management.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

FY 2026-2027 Work Plan

EESC Mission Statement: The Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission advises the City Council on matters pertaining to sustainability, climate action, recycling, and waste diversion.			
Topic/Advisory Area	Specific Action(s) Required	Begin Discussion	Deadline
Climate Film or OTHER Event	Objective: Increase climate literacy in the community by hosting a climate film viewing and discussion event <i>Actions Required:</i> ○ Secure location for the event ○ Decide on film(s) to show ○ Publicity for event (flyers, social media, etc) ○ Refreshments? ○ Develop and facilitate community discussion CM Parik to explore children theatre partnership Chair Sankaran – Climate Talent Show/Competition Essay Contest and Film Budget: up to \$700	August 2026	January 2027
Possible Grant Opportunity? Chair Sankaran to share information on the opportunity she knows of		October 2026	June 2027
Solid Waste & Recycling Program Update	Objective: Receive staff update on solid waste, recycling, and food waste programs	October 2026	October 2026
Encourage Businesses to Switch Electric	Objective: Provide information to businesses on plastic alternatives	November 2026	June 2027

	<i>Actions Required:</i> ○ ID target businesses (types) ○ Research alternatives ○ Develop resource list ○ Identify how to promote		
Earth Day Event	Objective: Support City's Earth Day Event <i>Actions Required:</i> ○ Provide input to staff on event logistics and coordination ○ Identify Commission specific activity at event ○ Assist with event promotions Budget: up to \$300 for activity, materials, supplies	December 2025	April 2026
Go Electric Milpitas Program Support	Objective: Receive staff update on program and discuss how Commission can support community engagement and increase participation <i>Actions Required:</i> ○ Identify opportunities for Commissioners to support program such as through outreach at events, publicity, etc. ○	Ongoing	Ongoing
Climate Action Plan Status and Update	Objective: Receive update on community greenhouse gas emissions inventory and City implementation status	April 2027	April 2027