



CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

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All comments provided shall be limited to three minutes or less as determined by the Chair. All members of the public will be limited to one comment per agenda item, and one comment for non-agenda items. The online written comment form previously used is no longer be available for public comment.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Seating of Alternates**
5. **Approval of Agenda:** December 15, 2021
6. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:** November 17, 2021

7. Public Forum

Those interested are invited to address the Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission on any subject not on today's agenda, orally via zoom webinar (instructions above). Speakers may provide their name and city of residence for the record, and comments may be limited to three minutes, or less, at the discretion of the Chair/Vice Chair. As an item not listed on the agenda, no response is required from City staff or the Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission and no action can be taken.

8. Announcements

9. Business Items

a. Potential Green Gardening Program

Background: Per the Commission's 2021 Work Plan, the Commission wanted to discuss a potential program to promote the benefits of green gardening practices (electric tools, less toxic/organic resources, etc).

In addition to eight water efficient and sustainable landscaping classes that are hosted by the City and the Bay Area Water Supply & Conservation Agency every year, there are several regional programs that are currently offered to residents and gardener/yard maintenance professionals that promote green gardening practices including the following:

<https://www.mywatershedwatch.org/residents/green-gardener-program/>
<https://www.mywatershedwatch.org/resources/for-gardeners/>
<https://www.mywatershedwatch.org/residents/less-toxic-gardening/>
<https://www.southbaygreengardens.org/>

Recommendation: Discuss and plan as needed.

b. Potential Commission Events

Background: Based on a request of Councilmember Chua, Silicon Valley Clean Energy as agreed to sponsor a Smart Energy Strip distribution and education effort for the City in the amount of \$1000. This funding would be used to purchase about 100 smart energy strips that could be distributed to Milpitas community members at events along with education materials and upon completion of a survey that could help increase understanding of motivations and barriers for behavior change. This could occur at upcoming events such as Earth Day, Milpitas Farmers' Market, or other opportunities. The Commission should discuss its role and support for this effort.

Recommendation: Discuss and plan as needed.

10. City Liaison Reports

Report from Council Liaison, if any

Report from staff, if any

11. Adjournment

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