



# CITY OF MILPITAS

## Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

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### MEETING MINUTES

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

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| <b>CALL TO ORDER</b>        | Commissioner Martinez called the meetings to order at 5:05 PM. Staff Marshall called the roll.                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>ROLL CALL</b>            | <b>PRESENT:</b> Commissioners Sexton, Martinez, Kong, Salian, Badesha, Public Works Director Ndah and staff members Grand, Marshall, and Menhennet were also present.<br><b>ABSENT:</b> Commissioners Liu and Shreve, Alternate Commissioner Lingle |
| <b>PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE</b> | Commissioner Martinez led the pledge of allegiance.                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>ALTERNATE SEATING</b>    | No Commissioners were seated.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>   | Motion to approve the agenda for November 18, 2020 as submitted<br>Motion/Second: Kong/Sexton<br>Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0                                                                                                        |
| <b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>  | Motion to approve the minutes for October 21 <sup>st</sup> as submitted.<br>Motion/Second: Sexton/Kong<br>Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0                                                                                               |
| <b>PUBLIC FORUM</b>         | Mr. Mehta would like the City to consider energy savings and water conservation planting for City facilities.                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>        | No announcements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>BUSINESS ITEMS</b>       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

a. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Updates

Background: The City Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update is in the approved City 2020-2025 Capital Improvement Program. This project provides an update to the existing 2008 Parks and Recreation Master Plan document to include Transit Area Specific Plan Parks, Midtown Parks, and City recreational facilities. The update will focus on the connectivity within the parks as well as between parks and recreation facilities, including trails. It also includes an assessment of Recreation and Community Services programs and fees. This plan is focused on being inclusive and takes into account COVID impacts. The City is partnering with the County and the school district to collaborate on fields and other resources. An online [survey](#) and interactive map to provide feedback on what to prioritize is

currently active. The consultant shared some of the community feedback received to date including that teens reported they wanted the park to feel more natural and incorporate sustainable elements.

Commissioners received an interim update on Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Commissioner Sexton asked about the use and quantity of the synthetic fields and turf and how this could have an impact on stormwater pollution. Ms. Gates (from Gates & Associates, the City's consultant) said that synthetic turf would only be used on a sports complex where grass will not survive due to stacked uses. It will only be used in limited quantities where needed.

Commissioner Sexton asked a follow-up question about the life cycle of the synthetic turf and environmental impacts. Gates responded that the Master Plan will not specify specific turf products but will include criteria to consider and research before determining its use.

Commissioner Sexton asked if the Master Plan is looking to include California native plants to enhance the landscape and as an educational tool on soil health and other benefits of natives. Gates responded that the plan would consider how to have healthy communities and healthy ecology. She agreed that including native plants is a great idea.

b. Climate Action Plan Update Kick Off

Background: On August 4, 2020, the City Council approved an agreement with Ascent Environmental Inc. to provide technical consulting and community engagement services to support the update to the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP) (Attachment 1). Ascent and City staff have begun implementation of the technical analysis and are developing the community engagement aspects of the project. The Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission will serve in an advisory capacity throughout this effort. During this presentation, the Commission was provided with an overview of key aspects of the project as well as the project timeline and community engagement plans. The updated CAP will include a chapter on adaptation and resiliency. This will include a full vulnerability assessment on heat impacts, wildfires, sea level rise, and the City's adaptive capacity. The CAP will include a consumption-based inventory, which includes lifestyle emissions. The greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets will be set for 2030, 2045, and 2050. The Commissioners were asked to provide input on community engagement opportunities including identifying specific organizations or groups that the project team should be sure to work with.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Commissioner Sexton asked if the Climate Action Plan will cover businesses and commercial organizations within the City. Staff Marshall clarified it will include GHG emissions for businesses and all the non-residential sectors. Commissioner Sexton mentioned the Chamber of Commerce would be a key stakeholder for helping promote outreach.

Commissioner Kong asked about outreach to regional employers for people who commute through Milpitas and if adjustments to the inventory will be taken due to COVID. Ascent Environmental Staff responded that 2019 will be the most recent inventory year instead of the 2020 data to accommodate for COVID impacts. Commissioner Kong mentioned that the Milpitas Unified School District would be a key partner to include.

Commissioner Martinez asked if the live reporting update will include a comment section. Ascent Environmental Staff clarified there will be a place for public input to be received, and the page will be customized for the City.

Mr. Mehta, a Milpitas resident, would like community feedback to be incorporated throughout the CAP update.

#### **LIAISON REPORT**

Staff Marshall announced that the City is co-hosting a Home Energy Efficiency workshop Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, and a Compost Basics workshop on Saturday, Nov 21st.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:16 PM.