



CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER	Chair Sexton called the meetings to order at 6:03 PM. Staff Marshall called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Commissioners Lingle, Kong, Salian (Joined at 6:09 PM); Chair Sexton; Alternate Commissioner Hogg; Councilmember Chua; Public Works Director Ndah; and staff members Grand, Marshall, Ha, Khuu-Seeman were also present. ABSENT: Commissioners Badesha, Martinez, Shreve; Alternate Commissioner Admana
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE	Chair Sexton led the pledge of allegiance.
ALTERNATE SEATING	Alternate Commissioner Hogg was seated.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion to approve the agenda for September 15, 2021 as submitted Motion/Second: Kong/Lingle Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0 Commissioner Salian joined after this.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to approve the minutes for September 1, 2021 with a correction on p.3 Motion/Second: Kong/Hogg Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN:1 (Commissioner Lingle)
PUBLIC FORUM	Mr. Mehta would like the City to work with PG&E to ensure that rates do not increase due to SB 350.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Chair Sexton announced that Saturday, September 18 th is Coastal Cleanup Day; residents can participate by picking up a free litter kit or signing up for a City cleanup site.
BUSINESS ITEMS	a. Update on SB 1383 Implementation <u>Background:</u> Staff provided presentation on SB 1383 requirements, implications for the City, and efforts currently underway to implement the requirements. Commissioners discussed and asked clarifying questions.

Commissioner Salian suggested reaching out to faith-based communities to expand the City's outreach. Commissioner Kong would like the City to increase outreach about proper sorting being a statewide policy to encourage residents to follow the guidelines.

Commissioner Lingle asked if there is data on the State's current reduction in landfilled organic waste compared to the 2020 50% goal relevant to 2014. Staff provide the Commission with results from the State report as a follow-up to this presentation. Commissioner Kong asked if we have results from the lid flip study. Staff will report back to the Commission with the preliminary results once it has been reviewed.

Commissioner Kong asked what the fine amounts will be for noncompliance. Staff clarified that there are two compliance pathways that take effect in 2024. There are fines for food generators and businesses that are not following the rules. There are also fines against the local jurisdictions that are not enforcing the rules.

Commissioner Hogg is concerned about garbage costs to residents.

Commissioner Salian would like the City to provide residents with compost devices. Chair Sexton responded that the City provides composting workshops for residents to learn how to compost at home.

Commissioner Kong asked what options are available related to the procurement requirements. Staff responded that the City and other jurisdictions have provided feedback to CalRecycle that the procurement targets are very high and the markets are not there yet. Commissioner Kong suggested that the City Council could write a letter to CalRecycle about issues in meeting these targets. Chair Sexton asked if the City could increase the compost giveaway limit so larger households can pick up larger amounts. Staff Marshall responded staff will explore both suggestions and that even though the Milpitas Compost giveaway events are popular, the State's targets are so high, increasing the giveaway amount would still not meet the target. Staff are continuing to explore options and work with other jurisdictions and organizations to find cost effective approach to meet the requirement.

Councilmember Chua asked how the garbage trucks separate out the split materials. Staff responded that the garbage trucks are actually split into two compartments and that the two sides are kept separate as it is collected and loaded into the truck. MSI has a video that shows how it works: <https://vimeo.com/342306609> and other recycling resources here: <https://www.milpitassanitation.com/residential/resources/>

Commissioner Lingle asked if edible food that is not used from restaurants is sold. Staff responded that nonprofits have been working to distribute the food. There are some apps that are working with restaurants and bakeries in the Bay Area to promote discounts for goods not sold.

Commissioner Lingle asked if SB 1383 encourages companies to recycle all plastics. Staff Marshall responded that this bill only focuses on organic material. There have been past state efforts to pass plastic focused bills.

LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Chua announced this Friday is the City's Hispanic Heritage Month celebration at the Community Center. Also, she has reached out to Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) to discuss an energy efficiency pilot home project.

Public Works Director Ndah announced that solar and back up storage will be constructed soon at the Senior and Community Center through the Energy and Water Savings project. The City and MSI are holding a Compost Giveaway on Saturday, Oct. 9th at KLA parking lot in Milpitas.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sexton adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM.