



CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 16, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER	Commissioner Sexton called the meetings to order at 6:05 PM. Staff Marshall called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Commissioners Sexton, Kong, Lingle, Admana, Public Works Director Ndah, Councilmember Chua, and staff members Grand, Ha, Khuu-Seeman, and Marshall were also present. ABSENT: Commissioners Badesha, Shreve, Martinez, Salian
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE	Commissioner Sexton led the pledge of allegiance.
ALTERNATE SEATING	Alternate Commissioner Admana was seated.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion to approve the agenda for June 16, 2021 as submitted Motion/Second: Kong/Lingle Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to approve the minutes for May 19, 2021 as submitted. Motion/Second: Lingle/Kong Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0
PUBLIC FORUM	No public comments.
ANNOUNCEMENTS BUSINESS ITEMS	a. Update on Street Sweeping Pilot Program Staff provided an update on the implementation of the Street Sweeping Pilot Program. Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Commissioner Kong asked if there is a way to survey the residents about the pilot. Staff Marshall responded that is a good idea and staff will look into it. Commissioner Sexton asked if the pilot will be expanded throughout the City. Staff Marshall said that is something to be determined. Staff is evaluating the results and the costs for expanding the program and will provide reports to the Commission and City Council.

Commissioner Lingle asked how the City cleans litter off the side of streets. Staff Marshall responded that our Public Works crews remove litter on street medians during routine maintenance. The City utilizes having volunteer cleanups for private property and areas not maintained by the City.

Commissioner Sexton asked if we have any data from the National River Cleanup Month in May. Staff Marshall responded that staff check.

b. Legislative Review for Possible Positions

While developing its 2021 Work Plan, the Commission identified an interest in having a more proactive role in reviewing and recommending positions on pending environmental legislation. On May 18, 2021, the City Council approved the Legislative Advocacy Policy and Legislative Guiding Principles. The Commission reviewed the newly adopted Policy and Principles and discussed how it would like to identify, review, and consider pending legislation.

Commissioners discussed and determined next steps.

Commissioner Sexton asked for clarification on what was adopted for number eight in the guiding principles. Staff Marshall will ask the City Manager's office for clarification on what the final policy states.

Commissioner Sexton asked if there is a bill of interest, how does the process work. Staff Marshall responded that the Commission can prioritize which bills are most important and recommend it gets reviewed by Staff. The Commission could recommend a position for the City to take and then the City Manager would review the recommendation. If the City Manager determines it follows the City's guiding principles, then the City could formally submit letters to the legislature.

Commissioner Lingle asked if our elected officials come to Milpitas to discuss the current happenings in the legislature. Commissioner Sexton responded that Assembly Members and Senators hold Town Halls for residents to attend and provide feedback.

Commissioner Sexton asked about how timing for submitting letters would work. Staff Marshall responded that August through September is the usually the most busy time for the legislature to pass bills. Commissioners can email Staff Marshall to ask for the legislation to be discussed.

Some resources available for the Commission to review that track environmental legislation are the [Sierra Club Priority Bills](#) and the [Alliance for Regional Collaboratives for Climate Adaptation \(ARCCA\) legislative tracker](#).

LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Chua reported that the City Council approved the City's budget and the Community Development Block Grants recipients. The City Council also adopted the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and the 2020 Water Shortage Contingency Plan. The City Council is meeting to discuss the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Councilmember Chua would like to

bring to Council the Sustainable Neighbor Model Project that Commissioner Sexton suggested.

Public Works Director Ndah announced that we are in a drought and asked the Commission to please help educate others to conserve water and report water waste using the MyMilpitas App. Commissioner Sexton mentioned that she participated in the lawn replacement program at the end of the last drought and timed her conversion so that she was able to minimize watering and allow the natural rainfall help establish her new plants. Commissioner Sexton is happy to share photos of her native lawn and wording about her experience to help encourage others.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sexton adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.