



CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

City Hall 1st Floor Committee Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER	Chair Sexton called the meetings to order at 6:05 p.m. Staff Marshall called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Commissioners Lingle, Sexton, Venkataramana; Alternate Commissioner Hogg; Student Commissioner Tony; Councilmember Chua; Public Works Director Ndah; and staff members Grand and Marshall were also present. ABSENT: Commissioners Martinez; Salian
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 May 18, 2022 as submitted Motion/Second: Lingle/Venkataramana Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to approve the minutes for March 16, 2022 Motion/Second: Lingle/Hogg Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0
PUBLIC FORUM	Felix, a Milpitas resident, said the Climate Action Plan is a great first step for the City to take. He would like to see stronger enforceable actions related to building energy and transportation to help the City meet the 2045 reduction target.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Commissioner Venkataramana attended a Clean Power conference and learned about updates regarding wind and solar technology. He is happy to provide more information to the Commission.
BUSINESS ITEMS	a. Climate Action Plan Update The Draft Climate Action Plan was just released for public review. It is available at: https://www.milpitas.gov/climate-action-plan/. Public comment period will be open until June 10th. Staff provided a presentation on the draft plan. Commissioners asked clarifying questions. Vice Chair Lingle asked how the CO₂ transportation emissions were calculated. Staff Marshall responded that the transportation

mileage methodology focused on trips that start and end in Milpitas and half of the trips that have one endpoint in Milpitas.

Commissioner Venkataramana asked if there is trend data about the adoption of EVs. Staff Marshall responded that the data is available and staff will report back on this request.

Commissioner Venkataramana would like the City to look into actions that encourage businesses to take actions to reduce their emissions.

Commissioner Venkataramana asked what actions have been taken to reduce water usage. Staff Marshall responded the City is deploying smart meters and launching an online customer web portal where residents can view their usage and receive high use notifications. Commissioner Lingle asked if the City has looked into developing reach codes for graywater. Staff Marshall responded that Valley Water is working on a Model Water Efficient New Development Ordinance. The City has been engaging with Valley Water to better understand their model ordinance.

Commissioner Venkataramana asked if the City has looked into actions that will help reduce electric vehicle range anxiety. Chair Sexton suggested that the City could offer a limited amount of free or discounted EV charging. Staff Marshall responded that Staff will consider that suggestion, and to help overcome range anxiety concerns, the City will educate residents about how far electric vehicles can go.

Commissioners asked when the next CAP update will take place. Staff Marshall responded there will be an update in 4-5 years. The City will continue to measure and monitor the progress of the adopted actions.

Vice Chair Lingle asked if there will be an opportunity to review the City's urban forest management plan. Public Works Director Ndah responded that staff can share the document.

LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Chua thanked the Commissioners for attending and staffing a table at the Earth Day event. Thanks to the Commission's advanced power strips giveaway being a success, Silicon Valley Clean Energy has committed an additional \$2,500 for the City to purchase additional smart power strips.

Councilmember Chua shared that this past month the Youth Commission held a coding contest, and Recreation hosted a Senior Resource Fair.

Councilmember Chua announced that the City Council gave away 277 small business grants.

Staff Marshall announced that the City recently launched the [WaterSmart web portal](#) where residents can view their near real-time usage from the new smart meters. This Saturday, the City is hosting two National River Cleanup Events. The City is also holding a Neighborhood Cleanup event in June. The City had a compost giveaway event in early May.

Commissioners can send Staff Marshall any legislation they would like to review at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Sexton adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.