



CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

City Hall 1st Floor Committee Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER	Chair Mbuga called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Staff Marshall called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Commissioners Hogg, Sexton, Chair Mbuga; Alternate Commissioner Bush; Student Commissioner Tony; Vice Mayor Chua; Deputy PW Director Marshall and Staff Vergara. Vice Chair Lingle arrived at 6:05pm. ABSENT: Commissioners Acosta, Salian, and Venkataramana
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE	Chair Mbuga led the pledge of allegiance.
ALTERNATE SEATING	Alternate Commissioner Bush was seated.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion to approve the agenda for March 15, 2023 as submitted. Motion/Second: Sexton/Bush Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0 Vice Chair Lingle arrived after the vote.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to approve the minutes for February 15, 2023 with correction to note that Chair Mbuga closed the meeting. Motion/Second: Sexton/Bush Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0
PUBLIC FORUM	Mary Goon, Milpitas resident, homeowner and volunteer with Citizen Climate Lobby (CCL), spoke about the CCL's priorities on electrification and efficiency and requested an opportunity for CCL to make a presentation to the Commission and discuss possible collaborations. There was unanimous agreement among the Commission to schedule the CCL presentation for a future meeting agenda. Rob Means, Milpitas Resident and with Loop Works, provided information to the Commission on the Advanced Transit System envisioned in Metro Area and shared project information. Lisa Oliver, Milpitas resident and CCL member, shared that her son's recent challenges as a renter needing to replace a broken water heater and reiterated that the process to electrify homes needs to be convenient and fast, and that she would like a timetable to phase out water heaters, stoves, etc. Mayor Carmen Montano introduced herself to the Commission and shared her appreciation for the service the Commissioners are providing to the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deputy Director Marshall introduced Samantha Vergara, Admin Analyst with Public Works. Samantha will be taking on Staff Liaison duties for the Commission and is also leading the City's water conservation programs.

BUSINESS ITEMS

a. **Brown Act Training**

City Attorney Michael Mutalipassi provided a training presentation on the Brown Act and the Commissioners asked a few clarifying questions.

c. **Zoning Advisory Committee Appointment**

Michael Fossati, Senior Planner with the Planning Department, spoke to the Commission about the City's upcoming Comprehensive Zoning Update project. The department is seeking to form an advisory body that will meet several times over the course of the project and provide feedback on key update areas. Commissioners should consider the opportunity and availability. Staff Fossati will return to the next meeting with an update on the appointment process.

b. **2023 Earth Day Planning**

Commission continued to discuss Earth Day plans. Commissioner Sexton will be borrowing DIY kits from Library for Earth Day event. Commission table could use some Spanish translation assistance. Vice Chair Lingle reached out to Eco Club and Earth society at Milpitas High School and will send Earth Day Flyer to them for distribution

Commission discussed and approved the Earth Day Essay Contest Flyer and final details including:

- Submittals should be no more than 500 words
- Submit via email by 11:59 PM April 14, 2023
- Winners will be selected by the Commission in two categories: Middle School (7th – 8th Grade) and High School (9th – 12th Grade)
- Three prize levels in each category: \$150 for 1st Place; \$100 for 2nd Place, and \$50 for 3rd Place. All winners will also be awarded an advanced power strip.
- Winners announced at Earth Day event and recognized at City Council meeting

LIAISON REPORT

Vice Mayor Chua shared that Congressman Ro Khanna's office is again seeking community project ideas for federal funding that are infrastructure or climate change focused. Assemblymember Lee's office is also looking for climate change ideas. Vice Mayor also reported that the next ADU Workshop will be held on May 13th from 11AM- 1PM; the City's Catalytic Converter Program is still available; and that the City is considering Water and Sewer Rate Increases for next fiscal year.

Deputy Director Marshall announced upcoming water efficient landscaping workshops schedule:

3/24- 3/25 -- DIY Lawn Bust

3/28 -- Rainwater Harvesting

4/4 -- Landscape Conversion

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Mbuga adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.