



CITY OF MILPITAS

Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission

MEETING MINUTES

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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CALL TO ORDER	Commissioner Sexton called the meetings to order at 6:01 PM. Staff Marshall called the roll.
ROLL CALL	PRESENT: Commissioners Sexton, Liu, Lingle, Badesha, Kong, Councilmember Chua, Public Works Director Ndah and staff members Grand, Menhennet, and Marshall were also present. ABSENT: Commissioners Salian, Martinez, Shreve
PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE	Commissioner Sexton led the pledge of allegiance.
ALTERNATE SEATING	Alternate Commissioner Lingle was seated.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion to approve the agenda for February 16, 2021 as submitted Motion/Second: Liu/Kong Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	Motion to approve the minutes for January 20, 2021 as submitted. Motion/Second: Lingle/Badesha Motion carried by a vote of AYES: 5 NOES: 0
PUBLIC FORUM	Urvishkumar Mehta, a Milpitas resident, commented that it is important the Commission is involved with how the City is reaching energy and sustainability goals while reviewing the City's planning efforts. He would also like the Commission to be involved in following the City's Odor Monitoring Pilot Study and BAAQMD's odor study.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Commissioner Sexton announced that on March 4 th , Silicon Valley Clean Energy is having an EV Ownership workshop. Staff Marshall announced that the EESC Alternate Commissioner appointment was approved at the 2/16 City Council meeting.
BUSINESS ITEMS	a. Trails, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Master Plan Commissioners received a Presentation on the draft City of Milpitas Trails, Pedestrian, and Bicycle Master Plan, Project No. 3448 by Fanny Yu, Associate Civil Engineer with the Engineering Department. A virtual open house will be held on March 24th More information can be found at

<https://milpitasplanreview.altaplanning.site>. The plan should be ready for adoption in early June 2021.

Commissioners asked clarifying questions.

Commissioners asked for more detail about how the trails, street improvements, and pedestrian paths were looked at and prioritized. Staff Yu responded that the City is focused on intersection improvements, trails that connect to other networks, and improving safety. Other considerations were taken into account such as making connections to the Safe Routes to School pedestrian network. The City is looking into adding more bicycle detection loops at key intersections, and if there is not a bicycle light then cyclists can use sidewalks and pedestrian routes. Staff Yu elaborated that the City also plans to encourage smart decisions and education for bikers.

Commissioner Sexton asked about the schedule for the spot improvements and other recommendations that come out of the plan. Staff Yu responded that City is in the planning phase and does not have a schedule at this time. Commissioner Kong and Liu asked what projects will be prioritized for implementation. Staff Yu responded it comes down to the City's budget and CIP to decide which improvements to implement.

Commissioner Kong asked if the Master Plan aligns with the City's traffic study. Staff Yu responded that the Traffic Study has been delayed due to Covid and the Master Plan will provide guidance that will be incorporated in the future.

b. 2021 Chair and Vice Chair Selection

Commissioners Receive nominations and elected a Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the calendar year. Commissioners Kong and Badesha nominated Commissioner Sexton for the Chair. Commissioner Sexton accepted the nomination of Chair.

Motion to nominate Commissioner Sexton as 2021 Chair

Motion/Second: Lingle/Kong

Motion Carried by a Vote of AYES: 4 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Sexton)

Commissioner Liu nominated Commissioner Kong for Vice Chair. Commissioner Kong accepted the nomination of Vice Chair.

Motion to nominate Commissioner Kong as 2021 Vice Chair

Motion/Second: Liu/Lingle

Motion Carried by a Vote of AYES: 4 NOES:0 ABSTAIN: 1 (Kong)

c. Earth Day Planning Update

Staff provided an update on virtual Earth Day planning efforts. Commissioners discussed and provided feedback.

Commissioner Sexton asked about an update on planned clean ups.

Staff Marshall responded that the City is working with Valley Water for the National River Cleanup in May for residents to cleanup near they live.

Commissioner Kong mentioned that residents are reporting accumulation of trash in City creeks and asked for clarification on where the City's jurisdiction area is defined. Public Works Director Ndah clarified that everything from the inside of the banks is Valley Water's responsibility while trash on the trail is under the City's jurisdiction. Public Works Director Ndah added that there are other City groups working to address homeless encampments and cleanup efforts. The City continues to communicate with Valley Water and other agencies to work on this effort and residents can call the Public Works office or use the [MyMilpitas App](#) to report complaints.

Commissioner Lingle asked if there are any announcements the City can make or highlight for Earth Day. Staff Marshall responded the City can highlight the Energy and Water Savings (ESCO) project improvements.

Commissioner Sexton mentioned that she asked her neighbors with electric vehicles to provide a short testimonial about their experience and she will provide the language to Staff Marshall to share with other Commissioners.

LIAISON REPORT

Councilmember Chua announced that a new Alternate Commissioner has been approved to the Energy and Environmental Sustainability Commission and he will attend the next meeting. Councilmember Chua shared that she is working with Caltrans and Valley Water to address trash issues from homeless encampments. Councilmember Chua shared that the Library is holding a writing contest for students.

Commissioner Sexton announced that Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) is holding a short video/film challenge for high school students. SVCE is also holding induction cooktop events and providing a \$50 rebate. SVCE is looking into implementing an energy bill forgiveness program for low-income residents. In addition, SVCE announced there is now a Joint Powers Authority for CCAs to source clean energy.

Staff Marshall shared that the City's Street Sweeping Pilot Program will be starting in the targeted neighborhoods on March 1st.

Staff Marshall announced that a private company received state funding and installed a "reverse vending" machine technology for bottle recycling inside of the Milpitas Safeway.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Sexton adjourned the meeting at 7:30 PM.