



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, October 12, 2015 at 4:04 pm

Where: Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room

Attendants: Chair Wettenstein, Commissioners Holthaus (4:06 pm not seated), M. Nguyen, Nunez, Owens, Peoples, Tsao, and Wang; Economic Development Manager Edesa Bitbadal, and Recording Secretary Rachele Currie

Excused Absence: Vice Mayor Montano

Unexcused Absence: Vice Chair Ablaza; Commissioners Brahmbhatt, C. Nguyen, and Strle

I. **Flag Salute**

Chair Wettenstein called the meeting to order at 4:04pm and Commissioner Tsao led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. **Roll Call and Approval of Alternates**

Chair Wettenstein called for Roll. Vice Mayor Montano, Vice Chair Ablaza, Commissioners Brahmbhatt, C. Nguyen, and Strle were not present. Alternate Commissioner Holthaus came in at 4:06 pm after roll call and seating of alternate therefore she was not seated.

III. **Public Forum (Please *limit comments to 3 minutes*) – None**

IV. **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner Peoples made the motion to approve the agenda as submitted seconded by Commissioner Nunez.

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Absent: Ablaza, Brahmbhatt, C. Nguyen, Strle
Abstain: 0

V. **Approval of Minutes – August 17, 2015 Commission minutes**

Motion: to approve the August 17, 2015 Economic Development Commission Minutes as submitted.

Motion/Second: Commissioner Nunez / Commissioner Owens

Motion carried by a vote of:

Ayes: 5
Noes: 0
Absent: Ablaza, Brahmbhatt, C. Nguyen, Strle
Abstain: Tsao and Wang

VI. **Announcements**

Vice Mayor Montano was not present for the meeting.

Chair Wettenstein attended Bay on the Bay – a community event in Alviso sponsored by Supervisor Cortese. Commissioner Holthaus mentioned that she was named ICSC's latest Ambassador and attended its meeting in Chicago.

Economic Development Manager Bitbadal introduced newly-appointed Commissioner Anna Wang. Commissioner Wang gave a brief self-biography and mentioned she was happy to be part of this commission.

Ms. Bitbadal gave an update to the commission with all the conferences and events she has attended representing City of Milpitas. Events included ICSC Conference in San Diego; ULI in San Francisco; CREW in NAPA; Milpitas WalMart Grand Re-Opening; and SVEDA meeting – she's this year's President of this organization. She also informed the commission that the Business Retention Program commenced and City staff met with Best Buy. Other City businesses are lined up in the following months to meet with City staff and establish good relationships and communications with these key City businesses. She reiterated that these meetings with the top 25 tax-generators are just an informational meetings where City staff will learn about the specific business and find out what the City can do in assisting the business better.

Commissioner Peoples asked Ms. Bitbadal related to Business Retention Program if she could reach out to Oneil's Lock and Key and DDI (now called TTM Technologies) and find out if City could help them out in one way or another.

VII. New Business

A. Report on Various Projects and Developments

Ms. Bitbadal reported that the City Council on its September 15th Council meeting a study session about Serra Center was held. She added that staff is not supporting the housing project being proposed at that location because staff would like the commercial aspect in that area be preserved. One of this commission's adopted work plan is to analyze the financial aspect of each major City project as to how fund generation is affected. Ms. Bitbadal assured commissioners that Serra Center location is a prime location for Class A offices.

Commissioner Nunez interjected that he agrees with mixed use designation in the location however Milpitas Unified School District would like to look at the impact on school pertaining to any housing projects being proposed to get a classroom and housing ratio analysis.

B. Report on the Milpitas Super Community Committee

Economic Development Manager Bitbadal announced that the City Council on the same September 15 approved the budget for Milpitas to be one of the Super Communities celebrating the football championship game scheduled on February 7, 2016 in Levi's Stadium.

C. Report on Joint City Council and Planning Commission Special Meeting

Ms. Bitbadal conveyed the topic that prompted this special meeting between the City Council and Planning Commissioners was an assembly use that wanted to move to an M-2 zoned area. The Planning Commission directed staff to allow assembly uses in all M-2 zoned areas. With that, she reported that both City Council and Planning Commissioners had great dialogue on items that were discussed such as: Understanding of Council Priorities; Planning Commission Role in Implementing the General Plan; General Discussion on Vision for the Future; and Roles in Implementing the Strategic Vision.

VIII. Upcoming Events

Chair Wettenstein enumerated the following events: a) Veteran's Commission Car Show this coming Saturday, October 17, from 10am to 4pm; b) FestivALL on October 15 in Santa Clara County Fairgrounds from 5pm to 8pm; and c) Milpitas Chamber of Commerce Monthly Breakfast, tomorrow morning from 7:30am to 9am. He added that County Assessor Larry Stone contacted the Chamber and would like to be on their speakers' list. Commissioner Peoples mentioned to everyone that the parkland next to the Milpitas Library was voted by the Oversight Board to sell the property.

- X. Adjourn** – Commissioner Nunez motioned, and seconded by Commissioner Peoples to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm to the regularly-scheduled commission meeting on Monday, November 9, 2015, at 4:00pm. The motion carried unanimously.