

# ***AGENDA***

## ***Sister Cities Commission***

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January 26, 2012  
Milpitas City Hall, Committee Conference Room  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
7:00 PM

**I. Roll Call**

**II. Seating of Alternates**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance**

**IV. Approval of Minutes:** November 17, 2011

**V. Approval of Agenda**

**VI. Announcements / Correspondence**

Items directly related to the Sister Cities Commission (SCC) and City of Milpitas business.

**VII. Public Forum**

Members of the audience are invited to address the commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers must supply their name and address for the record.

Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

**VIII. Old Business**

**1. Sister City Budget & Gifts**

**Background:** At its September 22, 2011 meeting, the Commission asked what types of gifts may be appropriate and kept in stock for visiting officials. Each Sister City has a budget of \$2,600 per fiscal year. Funding is to support visits with gifts, excursions, meals, special event tickets, etc. This item was continued from the November 17, 2011 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Receive staff research, discuss ideas and advise staff of next steps.

**2. TSUKUBA CITY, JAPAN: STATUS REPORT**

**Background:** Commissioner Arbaugh leads this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Tsukuba signed an updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in August 2009 for a five-year term.
- No future visits planned between Milpitas and Tsukuba .
- The 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary photo exchange is in progress.

**Recommendation:** Discuss new information as available.

### **3. HUIZHOU CITY, CHINA: STATUS REPORT**

**Background:** Chair Grilli leads this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Huizhou signed an updated MOU in September 2008 for a five-year term.
- Report information about possible student and adult exchanges.

**Recommendation:** Receive report regarding Milpitas student / adult delegation visit to Huizhou.

### **4. DAGUPAN CITY, PHILIPPINES: STATUS REPORT**

**Background:** Commissioner Mateo leads this sister city relationship.

- Milpitas and Dagupan signed an updated MOU in September 2009 for a five-year term.
- Report information about possible student and/or adult exchanges as available.

**Recommendation:** Receive report regarding possibility of a Dagupan student / adult delegation visit to Milpitas.

### **5. COMUNE DI FIGLINE VALDARNO, ITALY: STATUS REPORT**

**Background:** Commissioner Serpa leads this sister city relationship:

- The Milpitas City Council accepted this city as a Sister City on December 6, 2011.
- Representatives from the cities will begin preparing an official agreement.

**Recommendation:** Discuss next steps.

### **6. NAM-GU CITY, INCHEON, SOUTH KOREA: STATUS REPORT**

**Background:** Commissioner Tran is the lead Commissioner for the relationship with this friendship city.

- Milpitas and Nam-Gu signed an open-ended Friendship Agreement in July 2009.
- Report information about possible activities as available.

**Recommendation:** Receive report from staff regarding letter from Mayor Esteves (attached).

### **7. FLAG ORDINANCE**

**Background:** Chair Grilli is lead for this item, which was heard at the December 5, 2011 City Council Meeting. Flag Ordinance: I-600, Section 2 – City Hall Display Flag Poles and Section 3 – Ceremonial Flag Poles. Purpose is to update the ordinance in order to officially fly country and / or city flags of Milpitas' sister cities. This item was approved by the Veterans Commission at its August 3, 2011 meeting.

**Recommendation:** Receive staff report and continue item to next meeting.

**IX. City Council Liaison Report**

**X. School District Liaison Report**

**XI. Future Agenda Items**

1. Sister City & Friendship Relationships / Cultural Exchanges:
  - i. Huizhou City, China
  - ii. Dagupan City, Philippines
  - iii. Tsukuba City, Japan
  - iv. Figline Valdarno, Italy
  - v. Nam-gu City, Incheon, South Korea
2. Sister City Budget & Gifts
3. Flag Ordinance

**XII. Adjournment**

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