

**City of Milpitas
Veterans Commission Special Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 5, 2010
5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

- I. **Call to Order** – 5:30 p.m.
 - II. **Flag Salute**
 - III. **Roll Call – Present:** Denny Weisgerber, Juan Samano, Dana Arbaugh, Bruce Choy, Arthur Ebright, Mel Hinshaw, David Grundstrom, Liliana Ramos, Robert McGuire
 - IV. **Seating of Alternates** - none
 - V. **Approval of Agenda** – Councilmember Giordano requested the discussion of the work plan be the second item, and the City Council liaison report be the third item. Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Hinshaw seconded, approval of the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously.
 - VI. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of April 7, 2010
Vice Chair Samano moved, and Commissioner Grundstrom seconded, approval of the minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.
 - VII. **Public Forum** – There were no speakers.
 - VIII. **Finalize By-Laws – Commission Chair: Denny Weisgerber**

Chair Weisgerber suggested the Commission By-Laws be approved as submitted, with the option of adding more detail in the future. Carmen Valdez, staff liaison, suggested that the By-Laws be amended to have meetings on the first Wednesday of the month due to the Planning Commission meetings in the Committee Room on the second Wednesday. Commissioner Arbaugh moved, and Commissioner Ebright seconded, to accept the proposed change. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hinshaw moved, and Commissioner Ebright seconded, to approve the By-Laws as amended and submit to the City Council for approval. The motion carried unanimously.
 - IX. **Brown Act Review & Open Government Ordinance Review – Deputy Attorney: Bronwen Lacey**

Bronwen Lacey, Deputy City Attorney, gave a presentation on the Brown Act and Milpitas Open Government Ordinance. She provided the Commission members with a handout and responded to questions.
 - X. **Discuss Work Plan – Commission Chair: Denny Weisgerber**
Chair Weisgerber suggested the Commission create a work plan to cover at least one year. Ms. Valdez suggested that the Commission create the work plan, and then review again in January with an annual review each January. The Commission agreed that a Special Meeting should be called to work on creating the work plan. Ms. Valdez requested that all suggestions for inclusion in the work plan be submitted to her by May 13.
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Commissioner Abraugh moved, and Commissioner Ebright seconded, to set the next special meeting on May 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the Committee Room to create a work plan. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. Liaison Reports

1. City Council

Councilmember Giordano gave an update on the May 4 City Council meeting that included the financial status report, LiftZone cleanup, contract with Group4 for the proposed Silicon Valley Conference Center, and the new Citizen Budget Task Force. Councilmember Giordano left the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2. Staff Report

Ms. Valdez gave an update on the Veterans bench project stating the bench medals would reflect the five branches of the military. She will check to see if there is a new artist rendering of the bench and forward to the Commission members. She invited the Commission to the Veterans Day Ceremony on May 31 at 9:00 a.m.

XII. Next Meeting – May 19, 5:00 p.m. Special Meeting

XIII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.
