

**CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE
REGULAR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION MEETING – MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

Chair Bechtold called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioner(s): Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda, Vice Chair Figueroa, and Chair Bechtold

STAFF PRESENT: Jayson Perez, Community Services Manager and Noelia Saucedo, Senior Recreation Leader

Zoom was provided for the Public to participate during public comment via teleconference.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Rudy Lopez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PRESENTATIONS – None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Figueroa announced a request to change under item number 10a. “woman to women.”

A motion was made by Vice Chair Figueroa, seconded by Commissioner Lopez (Naomi) to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda, Vice Chair Figueroa, and Chair Bechtold

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Bechtold opened public comment.

Mr. Perez invited the Patriotic Commission to the Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11, 2023, at 11:00 AM.

There being no further comment, Chair Bechtold closed public comment.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Vice Chair Figueroa, seconded by Commissioner Lopez (Rudy) to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda,
Vice Chair Figueroa, and Chair Bechtold
NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

7. GENERAL BUSINESS

7a. UPDATE ON THE REDESIGN OF THE MILITARY LAPEL PIN

Mr. Perez informed the Commission that staff recently ordered lapel pins with the existing design and is proposing to wait on the new design until the inventory is exhausted . He stated that the City Manager has requested place this item on hold until more lapel pins are needed. Vice Chair Figueroa asked how many lapel pins were ordered. Mr. Perez stated that staff ordered 200 lapel pins.

7b. SENIOR CAREGIVERS/VETERAN HEALTHs & RESOURCE FAIR

Mr. Perez shared information regarding the upcoming Senior Caregiver & Veteran Resource Fair scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2023 at the South El Monte Community Center Gymnasium.

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Commissioner Miramontes De Anda, nothing to report.

Commissioner Naomi Lopez announced her participation at the the Senior Center Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month on October 17th and her attendance at the Talent Show on October 18th.

Commissioner Rudy Lopez, nothing to report.

Vice Chair Figueroa announced her attendance at the following events:

09/28/23	An Evening with a Cop
10/17/23	Wear Pink for Breast Cancer Awareness month
10/18/23	Senior Talent Show
10/19/23	March to End Domestic Violence
10/20/23	Senior Center Karaoke Friday

Chair Bechtold, nothing to report.

8. CORRESPONSE – None.

9. COMMISSIONERS' AGENDA

10a. VICE CHAIR FIGUEROA

1. Discussion and consideration to recognize female veteran/soldier(s) in the City's newsletter and include their picture, biography in the glass cabinet at City Hall. (Include article in the Newspaper to make announcement)

Vice Chair Figueroa feels that female veterans/soldiers are not recognized enough. She would like to see more recognition for the women veteran/soldier.

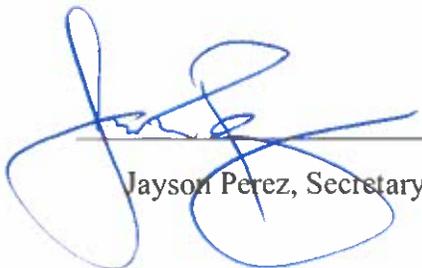
A motion was made by Vice Chair Figueroa, seconded by Lopez (Naomi) to place an announcement asking female veterans/soldiers to bring their pictures and biography to include in the City's newsletter and reader board. Motion passed 5-0, by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Lopez (Naomi), Lopez (Rudy), Miramontes De Anda,
Vice chair Figueroa, and Chair Bechtold

NAYS: Commissioner(s): None

10. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:38 p.m. Chair Bechtold adjourned the meeting to a Regular Meeting on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.



Jayson Perez, Secretary



Valerie Bechtold, Chair