

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
August 12, 2020**

This Regular Meeting of the Santee City Council was called to order by Mayor John W. Minto at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor John W. Minto, Vice Mayor Laura Koval and Council Members Ronn Hall, Stephen Houlahan and Rob McNelis – 5.

Officers present: City Manager Marlene Best, City Attorney Shawn Hagerty, and City Clerk Annette Ortiz.

INVOCATION was given by Kevin Prescott – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Minto.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Members Hall and McNelis registered an abstention on Item 5.

- (1) **Approval of Reading by Title Only and Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda. (City Clerk – Ortiz)**
- (2) **Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Santee City Council for the June 10, 2020, Regular Meeting, the June 16, 2020, Special Meeting, the June 24, and July 22, 2020, Regular Meetings and the August 5, 2020, Special Meeting. (City Clerk – Ortiz)**
- (3) **Approval of Payment of Demands as presented. (Finance – McDermott)**
- (4) **Award of Contract for Irrigation Supplies to Imperial Sprinkler Supply, Inc. per RFB #20/21-20049 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$27,870.78. (Community Services – Maertz)**
- (5) **Approval of a Second Amendment to the Agreement with Steven Smith Landscape, Inc., for Landscape and Horticultural Management Services (Area 3) and Accelerating Appropriations from Fiscal Year 2020-21 to Fiscal Year 2019-20 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$158,586.94. (Community Services – Maertz)**
- (6) **Adoption of a Resolution Adopting the 2020 Emergency Operations Plan. (Fire – Garlow) (Reso 090-2020)**

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Hall seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye, and Council Members Hall: Aye; Houlahan: Aye, and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

Council Members Hall and McNelis abstained from Item 5.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Michael Ranson requested Council vote on Fanita Ranch when the project when the item is before Council and not to delay the vote until after the November election.
- (B) Jeff O'Connor, HomeFed Corporation, responded to questions raised by members of the public from the previous City Council meeting.
- (C) Dan Bickford spoke about misinformation being spread about the proposed Fanita Ranch development.
- (D) Austin Cameron, TC Construction, stated he supports the proposed Fanita Ranch development and spoke about the project's attributes.
- (E) Justin Schlaefli spoke about the traffic mitigation measures in the Environments Impact Report for the proposed Fanita Ranch development.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- (7) **Discussion on the Priority of Use for the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Coronavirus Relief Funds From the State of California. (City Manager – Best)**

The City Manager introduced the Item and the Marketing Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

Vice Mayor Koval inquired whether any businesses in Santee have shut down permanently; she suggested allowing staff the ability to distribute funds to different categories based on requests the City receives to ensure the best use of the funds allocated to the City.

Council Member McNelis concurred with Vice Mayor Koval, in allowing staff the ability to distribute funds as requests are received; he stated he would like to keep the funds in Santee and not risk having to return unused portions to the State of California.

Council Member Hall inquired about the number of businesses that have applied for rebate assistance; he requested additional clarification on the "other" category listed in the presentation, to which the Marketing Coordinator responded; he suggested limiting the expenditure of funds in the "other" category.

Council Member Houlahan concurred with Vice Mayor Koval and Council Member McNelis; he stated the City needs to move the funds as quickly as possible; he suggested

using the funds to help members of the community access their unemployment benefits; he requested the City prioritize rental/mortgage assistance.

Vice Mayor Koval suggested collaborating with Senator Jones' office to help residents experiencing issues collecting unemployment benefits.

Mayor Minto expressed concerns related to residents receiving unemployment benefits and concurred with Vice Mayor Koval in working with Senator Jones' office to assist residents.

ACTION: Council Member Houlahan moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member McNelis seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye, and Council Members Hall: Aye; Houlahan: Aye, and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (8) **Confirmation of Interim Policies to Support Businesses Impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). (City Manager – Best) (Reso 091-2020)**

The City Manager presented the Item and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Dan Bickford

Mayor Minto suggested receiving input and feedback from Santee Park and Recreation Committee (SPARC).

Council Member McNelis recommend letting staff have the ability to help as many businesses as possible; he suggested utilizing SPARC to provide additional ideas and uses, but allowing staff to handle the process.

Vice Mayor Koval inquired about the size of the largest group requesting to use outdoor spaces; she suggested using CARES Act funds to supply any additional needs the businesses may have when utilizing outdoor spaces.

Council Member Houlahan inquired whether the City ensures the process is fair in handling multiple requests.

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member McNelis seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye, and Council Members Hall: Aye; Houlahan: Aye, and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

(9) **Resolution Approving the Amended and Restated Exclusive Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste Management Services with Waste Management, Incorporated. (Community Services – Maertz)**
(Reso 092-2020)

The Community Services Director introduced the Item and the Senior Management Analyst provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Michael Simonsen
- Dan Bickford
- Justin Schlaefli

Council Member Hall inquired about the rate increases for the organic waste and bulk pick-up; he requested customers not be charged for a damaged trash bin.

Council Member Houlahan requested clarification regarding the process for the organic recycling and where the waste will go; he expressed concerns with hauling the waste long distance; he urged Council to go out for a Request for Proposals (RFP) to obtain the best deal.

Council Member McNelis stated Waste Management is very involved in the community and he supports the Waste Management contract.

Vice Mayor Koval stated she is very pleased with the contract; she does not agree with going out for an RFP; she supports the contract.

Council Member Hall stated he does not want to see any future costs on organics.

Mayor Minto expressed concerns with the organics.

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Hall seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye, and Council Members Hall: Aye; Houlahan: No, and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 1.

(10) **Consideration of Extension of the Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) Between the City of Santee and Excel Acquisitions, LLC for Development of Real Property Known as Parcel 4 of Parcel Map 18857 Located in Trolley Square. (City Manager – Best)**

The City Manger introduced the Item.

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member McNelis seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye, and Council Members Hall: Aye; Houlahan: Aye, and McNelis: Abstain. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

- (A) Nichole Wineman expressed support for the Fanita Ranch project.
- (B) Gloria Jardon requested an update regarding the Community Oriented Policing Committee (COMPOC) and inquired why the meetings are at a time that is not convenient to the public.
- (C) Patti La Bouff expressed concerns with the lack of progress with COMPOC meeting the goals set in the resolution for equality.
- (D) Richard Fahmie expressed support for the Fanita Ranch project.
- (E) Alexander Ford expressed support for the Fanita Ranch project.
- (F) Robert Turner expressed support for the Fanita Ranch project.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Minto provided a brief report on the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) meeting.

Vice Mayor Koval suggested Council not get involved in a weighted vote, by using caution with contract language.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

None.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Members recessed at 8:35 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 8:37 p.m.

- (11) **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS**
(Government Code section 54956.8)
Property: Parcel 4 of Parcel Map 18857 located in Trolley Square (Library site)
City Negotiator: City Manager
Negotiating Parties: Excel Hotel Group and Vestar Kimco Santee, LP
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment.

- (12) **LIABILITY CLAIM**
(Gov. Code section 54956.95)
Claimant: [David Leask]
Agency Claimed Against: City of Santee

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 8:59 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported that for Item 11, direction was given to staff and for Item 12, a unanimous settlement agreement was reached by all Council Members.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Date Approved: August 26, 2020



Annette Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk