

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
December 8, 2021**

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 Rob McNelis and Council Members Ronn Hall, Laura Koval and Dustin Trotter– 5.

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

**INVOCATION** was given by Phil Herrington – Pathways Community Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Melanie Kush, Director of Development Services

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- (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 October 27, 2021, Regular Meeting, November 2, 2021, Special Meeting, and the November 10, 2021 Regular and Special Meetings. (City Clerk – Ortiz)
- (3) Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – McDermott)
- (4) Approval of the Expenditure of \$58,966.48 for November 2021 Legal Services and Reimbursable Costs. (Finance – McDermott)
- (5) Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Amended Salary Schedule for Hourly, General and Management Employees. (Finance – McDermott) **(Reso 093-2021)**
- (6) Item pulled.
- (7) Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Citywide Pavement Repair and Rehabilitation Program 2021 Project (CIP 2021-02) as Complete. (Development Services – Kush) **(Reso 094-2021)**

- (8) **Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Public Improvements for the Ariana Subdivision Project (TM2017-02) as Complete. Location: 8707 Carribean Way. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 095-2021)**
- (9) **Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.02 of Title 9 of the Santee Municipal Code, “Solid Waste Management,” Related to Implementation of SB 1383 Regulations. (City Clerk – Ortiz) (Ord. 595)**
- (10) **Item pulled.**
- (11) **Claim Against the City by James Anderson. (Human Resources – Hardy)**
- (12) **Reinstatement of a Modified Vacation Cash Out Program. (Finance – McDermott)**

**ACTION:** Council Member McNelis moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

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

Items Pulled from Consent Calendar:

- (6) **Appointment of Boards, Commissions and Committees Representatives for Council and Citizen Committees. (Mayor Minto)**

Council Member Koval requested more representation from District 3 on the Manufactured Home Fair Practices Commission (MOHO) and Salary Setting Committee.

**ACTION:** Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (10) **Authorization of the First Amendment to Grant Agreement with San Diego River Park Foundation for San Diego River Cleanup Activities in an Amount Not to Exceed \$12,000.00. (Community Services – Maertz)**

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

- Sarah Hutmacher, The San Diego River Park Foundation

**ACTION:** Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation

Council Member Trotter seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Mayor

Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Hall: Aye; and Council Members: Koval: Aye; McNelis Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):**

- (A) Steve Shank expressed concerns regarding speeding on Gem Tree Way.
- (B) John Henley expressed concerns regarding speeding on Gem Tree Way.
- (C) Justin Lynch expressed concerns regarding speeding on Gem Tree Way.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- (13) **Consideration of Electrification as One of the Measures to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Achieve Carbon Neutrality Consistent with the State of California’s Decarbonization Efforts. (Development Services – Kush)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:49 p.m. The Director of Development Services introduced the Item and the Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation.

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

- Michael Ranson
- Kelly Lyndon, San Diego Building Electrification Coalition

**ACTION:** Direction was given to staff to remain with the state plan.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:09 p.m.

- (14) **An Ordinance Amending Section 13.10.045 of the Santee Municipal Code Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Determining the Ordinance to be Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act. (City Attorney – Hagerty)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:09 p.m. The City Attorney introduced the Item and the Assistant City Attorney provided a PowerPoint presentation.

**ACTION:** Council Member Koval moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:34 p.m.

- (15) **Adoption of an Urgency Ordinance and Introduction and First Reading of a Non-Urgency Ordinance Amending Title 12 (“Subdivision of Land, Development Fees, and Dedications”) and Title 13 (“Zoning”) of the**

**Santee Municipal Code, Relating to Urban Lot Splits and Two-Unit Projects to Implement Senate Bill 9; and Finding the Ordinances to be Exempt from California Environmental Quality Act. (City Attorney – Hagerty) (Ord. 596)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:34 p.m. The City Attorney introduced the Item and the Assistant City Attorney provided a PowerPoint presentation.

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

- Michael Ranson

**ACTION:** Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:06 p.m.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

- (16) Accept Urban Forestry Management Plan. (Community Services – Maertz)**

The Public Services Manager introduced the Item and provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (17) Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Opt into Settlement Agreements with Distributors of Opioids, AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal Health, and McKesson, and Opioid Manufacturer Janssen (Owned by Johnson & Johnson). (City Attorney – Hagerty) (Reso 096-2021)**

The City Attorney introduced the Item.

**ACTION:** Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

Vice Mayor Hall seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Hall: Aye; and Council Members: Koval: Aye; McNelis Aye; and Trotter:

Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

- (18) Approval of Amendments to Article IV: Membership and Article VI: Meetings, of the Santee Park and Recreation Committee (SPARC) Bylaws. (Mayor Minto)**

Mayor Minto introduced the Item.

**ACTION:** Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (19) Resolution Amending the Management Services Agreement of the City Clerk. (Mayor Minto) (Reso 097-2021)**

Mayor Minto introduced the Item and the Director of Human Resources presented the Item.

**ACTION:** Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (20) Resolution Authorizing Execution of a Professional Services Agreement with M.W. Steele Group for the Arts and Entertainment District Overlay Expansion. (Development Services – Kush) (098-2021)**

The Director of Development Services introduced the Item and the Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation.

**ACTION:** Council Member Koval moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (21) Resolution Awarding the Construction Contract for the Bridge Repairs – Magnolia Ave Project (CIP 2013-01) to Truesdell Corporation of California, Inc., Determining a Categorical Exemption Pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act and Appropriating and Transferring Additional Funds. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 099-2021)**

The Director of Development Services introduced the Item and the Principal Civil Engineer presented the Item and responded to Council questions.

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

**(22) Resolution Awarding the Design-Build Construction Contract to Implement the Town Center Community Park West, Field 1 Improvements (CIP 2022-40) Project to 3-D Enterprises, Inc., Determining a Categorical Exemption Pursuant to Section 15301 and Section 15302 of the California Environmental Quality Act, and Transferring and Appropriating Funds. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 100-2021)**

The Director of Development Services introduced the Item and the Principal Civil Engineer presented the Item and responded to Council questions.

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)**

None.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Vice Mayor Hall reported on his attendance at the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) Convention.

Council Member Koval reported on her attendance at the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Borders Committee meeting regarding the Otay Border; she reported on her attendance at the East County Governmental Affairs meeting regarding redistricting and how it is affecting the East County; she mentioned an award that was received by Santee Lakes, and mentioned they were nationally recognized.

Council Member McNelis commended retiring Development Services Director Melanie Kush, for her years of hard work and service to the City of Santee.

Council Member Trotter reported that he is on the San Diego River Conservancy work and the Mission Trails Regional Park Task Force.

Mayor Minto reported on the SANDAG meeting he attended, which discussed the Regional Transportation Plan and Vehicle Miles Traveled.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager thanked the staff that would be retiring at the end of the year.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Date Approved:



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Annette Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk