

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
October 12, 2022**

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

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

**INVOCATION** was given by Lead Pastor Jamie Pangman, Santee United Methodist Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Kristine Costa

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Council Member Koval registered an abstention to Item 5. Vice Mayor Hall requested Item 8 be heard before Item 7.

- (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 September 28, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting. (City Clerk – Ortiz)**
- (3) **Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (4) **Adoption of a Resolution Rejecting a Non-Responsive Bid and Awarding of a Contract for Plumbing Repairs and Maintenance to Countywide Mechanical Systems, Inc. per RFB #22/23-20065. (Community Services – Chavez) (Reso 123-2022)**
- (5) **Adoption of a Resolution Proclaiming the Termination of the Existence of a Local Emergency Relating to Extreme Fire Risk in the San Diego River Corridor and the Completion of the Creation of Defensible Spaces to Mitigate Fire Risk. (City Manager – Best) (Reso 124-2022)**

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor Hall moved approval of the Consent Calendar and Agenda as amended.

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. Council Member Koval abstained on Item 5.

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

- (A) Lynda Marrokal spoke regarding the need for a new library in the City of Santee.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- (6) **Public Hearing on the Housing Element Rezone Program Implementation Project to Consider Certifying Program Environmental Impact Report AEIS2021-3 and Approving General Plan Amendment GPA2021-2, Town Center Specific Plan Amendment TCSPA2021-2, Rezone R2021-2 and Zoning Ordinance Amendment ZA2021-2. (Development Services – Planning) (Reso 125-2022, 126-2022 and 127-2022)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:37 p.m. The Principal Planner introduced the Item and the Associate Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and, along with the City Attorney, responded to Council questions.

**PUBLIC SPEAKER(S):**

- Joe Marino
- Van Collinworth, Preserve Wild Santee

**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 7:30 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (8) **Public Workshop on the Safety Element Update and Integrating Environmental Justice. (Development Services – Planning)**

The Principal Planner introduced the Item and the Associate Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation. Darin Neufeld with Harris and Associates, the Public Services Manager and the Associate Planner all responded to Council questions.

- (7) **Report on Current Actions and Responses Related to Reducing Homelessness in Santee and East County, and Possible Future Action Strategies. (City Manager – Best)**



The City Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions. Under discussion, Council provided direction to staff.

- (9) **Resolution Accepting the Award of Transnet Smart Growth Incentive Program (SGIP) Grant Funds from the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Grant Agreement. (Development Services – Planning) (Reso 128-2022)**

**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.

- (10) **Resolution Designating all Parking Spaces Connected to an Electric Vehicle Charging Device Located on Off-Street Parking Facilities Owned or Operated by the City and on Public Streets for the Exclusive Purpose of Parking and Charging an Electric Vehicle that is Connected for Electric Charging Purposes, and Establishing a Civil Penalty Amount for Violation of California Vehicle Code Section 22511.1(A)-(B) and Amending the Master Bail Schedule to Incorporate that Penalty Amount. (Development Services – Engineering) (Reso 129-2022)**

The City Engineer provided a PowerPoint presentation and along with the Finance Director and the San Diego County Sheriff Captain, 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.

- (11) **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with SDI Presence, Inc. for Land Management and Permitting System Implementation Consulting Services; and Authorizing the Appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Lost Public Sector Revenue Funding and General Fund Reserves to Fund the Amendment. (City Manager – Best) (Reso 130-2022)**

The Assistant to the City Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

**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.

**(12) Street Sweeping Contract Future Options Informational Item.  
(Community Services – Chavez)**

The Senior Management Analyst, introduced by the Community Services Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation and, along with key staff members, responded to Council questions.

Under discussion, recommendations were given to staff.

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

None.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Koval provided a brief report on landscaping near the Lowe's and Chick-fil-A; she also provided a report about her visit to the 911 dispatch center in El Cajon.

Under direction from Council Member Koval, the San Diego County Sheriff Captain provided a brief report on the current crime statistics.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager mentioned the Twilight Brews and Bites event and also introduced the City of Santee's new Building Official.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Council Members recessed at 9:20 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 9:25 p.m.

**(13) Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation**

(Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: City of Santee v. Santee Trolley Square 991, LP; Target Corporation, et al.

Case Number: San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2022-00035836-CU-OR-CTL

**(14) Conference with Real Property Negotiators**

(Gov. Code §54956.8)

Property: Parcel 4 of Parcel Map 18857 located in Trolley Square

City Negotiator: City Manager

Negotiating Parties: Excel Hotel Group

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 9:35 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported for Items 13 and 14 direction was given.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Date Approved: November 9, 2022

  
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Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk