

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
September 27, 2023**

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

**ROLL CALL:** Vice Mayor Laura Koval and Council Members Ronn Hall, Rob McNelis and Dustin Trotter – 4. Absent: Mayor John W. Minto – 1.

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

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Jamie Pangman

**PROCLAMATION:** Proclaiming October 7, 2023, SanTree Day in the City of Santee

Vice Mayor Koval read the Proclamation and alongside the City Council, presented the proclamation to Dean Velasco, Santee Park and Recreation Committee Chair.

**PROCLAMATION:** Proclaiming October as Manufacturing Month California in the City of Santee

The City Clerk read the proclamation and the Vice Mayor and City Council presented the proclamation to Jo Ann Peterson, Tayor Guitars, and Chair of the Manufacturing EXPO.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

The City Clerk requested Items 1, 2 and 3 be pulled for discussion.

- (1) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (2) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (3) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (4) **Approval of the Expenditure of \$79,144.76 for August 2023 Legal Services. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (5) **Rejection of Claim Against the City by Melissa Perrell. (Human Resources – Freeman)**

- (6) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing an Application for a Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Grant from the County of San Diego for the Town Center Community Park Synthetic Turf Sports Field Replacement Project. (Community Services – Chavez) (Reso 111-2023)**
- (7) **Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Third Amendment to the Agreement with Paradigm Mechanical Corp. for HVAC Maintenance and Repairs. (Community Services – Chavez) (Reso 112-2023)**

**ACTION:** Council Member Trotter moved approval of the Consent Calendar and Agenda as Amended.

Council Member McNelis seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Vice Mayor Koval: Aye; and Council Members Hall: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Absent: Mayor Minto – 1.

Items removed from the 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)**

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

- Truth

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

Council Member McNelis seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Vice Mayor Koval: Aye; and Council Members Hall: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Absent: Mayor Minto – 1.

- (2) **Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Santee City Council for the August 23, 2023, Regular Meeting. (City Clerk – Ortiz)**

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

- Truth

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

Council Member McNelis seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Vice Mayor Koval: Aye; and Council Members Hall: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Absent: Mayor Minto – 1.

- (3) **Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)**

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

Council Member Hall seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Vice

Mayor Koval: Aye; and Council Members Hall: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Absent: Mayor Minto – 1.

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

- (A) Steve White spoke about aggressive homeless interactions near Walmart, Target, and Chevron.
- (B) Patrick Henry, Santee Firefighters, spoke about a feasibility study for a half cent sale tax and the need for additional infrastructure in Santee.
- (C) Truth spoke about the SANDAG meeting; Town Center concepts for the Arts and Entertainment District; and public comment at the San Diego City Council meetings.
- (D) Michael Ranson thanked the City for approving funds for floral arrangements for the Veterans Memorial; he also offered to fund adding a POW/MIA flag to the Veterans Memorial flagpole.
- (E) Bryant Rumbaugh spoke about Gillespie Field; the need for change in the Country, homelessness, and inflation; he would like to see the citizenry provide a platform that is used for running campaigns to help get society more involved.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- (8) **Public Hearing for Tentative Map TM-2023-0001, Development Review Permit DR-2023-0001 and Density Bonus DB-2023-0001 for a Multifamily Residential Development Consisting of 17 Units and Related Site Improvements on a 0.65-Acre Lot Located at 8932 1st Street (APN 384-106-16) in the Town Center Specific Plan Area with a High Density Residential (R-22) Land Use Designation and Finding the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to the Class 32 Infill Exemption. (Applicant: San Diego Habitat for Humanity, Inc.). (Planning and Building – Sawa) (Reso 113-2023 and 114-2023)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m. The Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with the assistance of the Fire Chief and Ryan Brem, Stephen Dalton Architects.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

- Roxann Janes, San Diego Habitat for Humanity
- Truth
- Rev. Jamie Pangman, Santee United Methodist Church
- Rob Ridge, Santee United Methodist Church

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

Council Member McNelis seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Vice Mayor Koval: Aye; and Council Members Hall: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Absent: Mayor Minto – 1.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:45 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (9) Resolution Awarding the Construction Contract for the Citywide CMP Lining and Rehabilitation Program 2023 (CIP 2023-20) Project and Determining the Project is Categorically Exempt from Environmental Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c). (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 115-2023)

The Director of Engineering provided a PowerPoint presentation.

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

Council Member Trotter seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Vice Mayor Koval: Aye; and Council Members Hall: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Absent: Mayor Minto – 1.

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

None.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Hall attended the Zero Emissions Buses Conference where MTS was displaying their 60-foot electric bus; he also reminded the community that free ride day with MTS is Wednesday, October 4, 2023.

Council Member McNelis reported on a SANDAG meeting he attended in which the road usage charge item was discussed, as well as wanting all the vehicles at the shipyards at the port to be all electric.

Vice Mayor Koval reported on attending the League of California Cities with Mayor Minto, Council Member Hall, the City Manager and Assistant City Clerk; she also reported that she and Council Member Hall have been attending Transfer of Care meetings and requested the Fire Chief provide an update.

At Vice Mayor Koval's request, the Fire Chief provided an update on offload delays at local hospitals.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager reminded the community about the Movies in the Park event at Town Center Community Park on Saturday, September 30, 2023.



**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Date Approved: November 8, 2023



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Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk