

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
July 12, 2023**

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, 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 The Rock Church, Pastor Zeb Hill.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by City Manager Marlene Best.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The City Clerk requested Items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 be pulled for discussion.

- (1) Item Pulled for Discussion.
- (2) Item Pulled for Discussion.
- (3) Item Pulled for Discussion
- (4) Item Pulled for Discussion
- (5) Item Pulled for Discussion
- (6) Adoption of a Resolution Levying Charges for Fire Suppression Service (“Fire Benefit Fee”) for Fiscal Year 2023-24. (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 080-2023)
- (7) Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Storm Drain Trash Diversion 2021 (CIP 2021-20) Project as Complete and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 081-2023)
- (8) Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the CDBG Pedestrian Ramp Improvements (CIP 2023-07) Project as Complete and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 082-2023)

- (9) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing an Additional Change Order for the FY 2022-23 Streetlight Maintenance Contract with CTE, Inc. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 083-2023)**

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of the Consent Calendar and Agenda as amended.

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

- (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 McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

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

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member Trotter moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (3) **Adoption of a Resolution Levying Special Taxes to be Collected During Fiscal Year 2023-24 to Pay the Annual Cost of Municipal Maintenance Services within Community Facilities District No. 2015-1 (Municipal Maintenance Services) of the City of Santee. (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 077-2023)**

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (4) **Adoption of a Resolution Levying Special Taxes to be Collected During Fiscal Year 2023-24 to Pay Costs Related to the Authorized Public Improvements within Community Facilities District No. 2017-1 (Weston Infrastructure) of the City of Santee. (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 078-2023)**

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

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

- (5) **Adoption of a Resolution Levying Special Taxes to be Collected During Fiscal Year 2023-24 to Pay the Annual Cost of Municipal Services within Community Facilities District No. 2017-2 (Weston Municipal Services) of the City of Santee. (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 079-2023)**

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Truth spoke about homelessness issues, having a local Santee radio station, El Cajon sales tax increase and the Fourth of July.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (10) **Public Hearing for a Tentative Map (TM2021-2) and Development Review Permit (DR2021-4) for an Eight-Unit Planned Residential Development on a Vacant 0.69-Acre Site Located at 8504 Fanita Drive in the Medium Density Residential (R-7) Zone and Finding the Project Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15332. (Applicant: TA Development, LLC). (Planning – Coyne) (Reso 084-2023 and 085-2023)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:47 p.m. The Senior Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Tarik Alahmad, TA Development (Applicant) did not speak.

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

The Public Hearing closed at 6:57 p.m.

- (11) **Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit P2022-8 for a Day Care Center at 8549 Fanita Drive (APN 386-050-18) in the Low-Medium Density Residential (R-2) Zone and Finding the Project Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303. Applicant: Egle Athari. (Planning – Coyne) (Reso 086-2023)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:58 p.m. The Associate Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with the assistance of the applicant Egle Athari.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Egle Athari, Bunny Bears Preschool (Applicant)

ACTION: Vice Mayor Koval moved approval of staff recommendation with the condition of real grass installation and not artificial turf.

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

The Public Hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

- (12) **Public Hearing for the FY 2023-24 Santee Roadway Lighting District (“SRLD”) Annual Levy of Assessments. (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 087-2023)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:08 p.m. The Finance Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

The Public Hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

(13) Public Hearing for the FY 2023-24 Santee Landscape Maintenance District (“SLMD”) Annual Levy of Assessments. (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 088-2023)

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m. The Finance Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

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

The Public Hearing closed at 7:11 p.m.

(14) Public Hearing for the FY 2023-24 Town Center Landscape Maintenance District (“TCLMD”) Annual Levy of Assessments. (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 089-2023)

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:11 p.m. The Finance Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

ACTION: Council Member Trotter moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

The Public Hearing closed at 7:13 p.m.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Vice Mayor Koval reported that Mark Thomas Baker, retired Fire Chief of the Lakeside Fire Protection District and current SLEMSA Board Member had passed away Monday, July 10, 2023, and provided information for the celebration of life services.

Council Member Trotter reported the new Hometown Heroes banners were placed on the bridge over Santee Lakes and noted that the banners along Mast Boulevard were extended; he also commended Public Works staff, Santee Sheriff's Department and Alpha Project for removing trash from the riverbed.

Mayor Minto reported that he will be attending the League of California Cities Board of Directors Meeting, followed by a weeklong vacation; he also spoke about the Fourth of July Santee Salutes event.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager gave recognition to City staff, as well as the City Fire Department, Sheriffs, and City Council, for all the work put into the Fourth of July Santee Salutes event; she also reminded the community about the Summer Concert Series at Town Center Community Park on Thursday nights.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Members recessed at 7:19 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 7:24 p.m.

(15) Conference with Labor Negotiators

(Gov. Code Section 54957.6)

City Designated Representative: City Manager

Employee Organization: Santee Firefighters Association

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 8:47 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported direction given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Date Approved: September 13, 2023



Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk