

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
August 23, 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 Carlton Hills Evangelical Lutheran Church – Reverend Andreas Walker-Thode

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Stephanie Price.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Vice Mayor Koval requested Item 6 be pulled for discussion. The City Clerk requested Items 1, 2, 4, and 6 be pulled for discussion.

- (1) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (2) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (3) **Approval of the Expenditure of \$88,359.77 for July 2023 Legal Services. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (4) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (5) **Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Citywide Crack Sealing Program 2023 (CIP 2023-04) Project as Complete and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 099-2023)**
- (6) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (7) **Adoption of a Resolution Prohibiting Parking of Vehicles Over Eight Feet in Height Between the Hours of 12 AM and 6 AM on Rockvill Street. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 101-2023)**

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

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.

- (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.

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.

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

**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 Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Housing Acceleration Program Cycle 2 Grant Funds from the San Diego Association of Governments and Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Grant Funding and Execute Grant Documents on Behalf of the City. (Planning – Coyne) (Reso 098-2023)**

**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.

- (6) **Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Final Map for a Residential Subdivision Consisting of 38 Attached Condominiums and 15 Single-Family Dwelling Units (TM2016-3) and Authorizing the City Manager to**

**Execute the Associated Subdivision Improvement Agreement. Location: Prospect Avenue at Marrokal Lane. Applicant: KB Home Coastal, Inc. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 100-2023)**

The Engineering Director provided a PowerPoint presentation with assistance from the City Attorney and responded to Council questions.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

- Truth
- Lynda Marrokal

**ACTION:** Council Member Trotter moved approval of staff recommendation with prohibiting street parking on the west side of Marrokal Lane.

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

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

- (A) Truth spoke about the location of City Hall in relation to public transit; the lack of voter participation in the August 15, 2023, District 4 County Supervisor Special Election, Santee campaign finance disclosure documents and public security cameras on trails and the right to privacy.
- (B) Lynda Marrokal spoke about Gold Coast Premier Properties, WoodSprings Suites Hotel project.
- (C) Steven G. Sidlovsky, Citizens for Life and Peace, spoke about a Personhood Strategic Action Plan.
- (D) Suzanne Varco, Gold Coast Premier (did not speak).
- (E) Aaron Packard of Gold Coast Premier Properties, spoke about the WoodSpring Suites Hotel project.
- (F) Bryant Rumbaugh spoke about lack of engagement in society.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

- (8) **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with JET Advertising, LLC, to Design and Build a New Custom Website for the City of Santee. (City Manager – Best) (Reso 102-2023)**

The Marketing Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

- Truth

**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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (9) **Resolution Approving and Adopting the Santee Firefighters' Association (SFFA) 2023-2025 Memorandum of Understanding; and a Resolution Approving Amended Salary Schedules for SFFA Represented Fire Employees, General Employees, Management and Elected Officials to Reflect Salary Schedule Updates for FY 2023-2024 and Authorizing the Appropriation of \$966,830.00 to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Adopted Operating Budget. (Human Resources – Freeman) (Reso 103-2023) (Reso 104-2023)**

The Human Resource Director provided a PowerPoint presentation with assistance of the Finance Director and responded to Council questions.

**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.

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

None.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Hall reported he attended the Smart Backyard Tour for Small Homes.

Vice Mayor Koval requested staff bring back a demonstration of the new Permitting Software.

Council Member McNelis gave thanks to Vice Mayor Koval and Council Member Hall for helping at Buddy's Backpacks Event and expressed the appreciation of the community for the project; he acknowledged Council Member Trotter for starting the program eight years ago; he also thanked the Santee Sheriff's Department and Captain for keeping the Santee Summer Concert Series safe.

Mayor Minto thanked the Salary Setting Advisory Committee for their work earlier in the year; he reported on attending the Santee Children's Business Fair; he attended a public hearing hosted by Darrell Issa regarding thirteen service members that were killed in the line of duty during the withdrawal from Afghanistan; he invited the community to the first annual East County X-Fest at Pathways Church parking lot on Saturday, August 26, 2023.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager thanked Community Services Department for the efforts put into Summer Concert Series; she attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Marines Division Halfway deployment party at Camp Pendleton; she reminded the community that the new permitting and service request system goes live on Tuesday, August 29, 2023; she also provided a brief report on the City's response to the recent tropical storm.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Date Approved: September 27, 2023



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Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk