

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
September 13, 2023**

This Regular Meeting of the Santee City Council was called to order by Mayor John W. Minto at 6:32 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 Bishop Lounsbery Tate - The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by James Sly

**PROCLAMATION:** Constitution Week

Mayor Minto read the Proclamation to the public.

**ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY:** August A. Caires

Mayor Minto and Vice Mayor Koval presented the Adjournment in Memory of August A. Caires to Bill Pommering, Padre Dam Municipal Water District Board President.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

The City Clerk requested Items 1, 2, 3, and 6 be pulled for discussion.

- (1) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (2) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (3) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (4) **Rejection of Claims Against the City by James Mailly, Laura Taylor, and Cari McCormick. (Human Resources – Freeman)**
- (5) **Adoption of a Resolution Rejecting a Bid Protest and Awarding the Construction Contract for the City Hall Painting and Wood Repairs (CIP 2023-34) Project to Perfection Painting Corp. 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 105-2023)

- (6) Item Pulled for Discussion.
- (7) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Five (5) APX 8000 All-Band Portable Radios, and Three (3) APX 8500 All-Band Mobile Radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc. per County of San Diego Regional Communications System Contract No. 553982. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 107-2023)
- (8) Adoption of a Resolution Declaring Vehicle V-083 as Surplus Property Upon Receipt and Acceptance of the New Ford F-550 Firematic Type 6 Fire Engine and Appropriating Funds from the Sale of V-083. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 108-2023)

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

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 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 Meeting Minutes of the Santee City Council for the July 12, and August 9, 2023, Regular Meetings. (City Clerk – Ortiz)

**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.

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

**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.

**(6) Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Appropriation of \$34,410.00 to the Code Enforcement Department Budget for the Abatement of a Structure at 7953 Rancho Fanita Drive APN: 386-133-06-00. (Building – Strum) (Reso 106-2023)**

**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 County of San Diego District 2 Supervisor and the County of San Diego’s budget; Mobile Smart ADUs in relation to SANDAG goals; and Constitution Week and democracy.
- (B) Patrick Henry, Santee Firefighters, requested the City Council direct the City Manager to hire a qualified individual to conduct a Sales Tax Initiative Feasibility Study and the need for new Fire Stations in Santee.
- (C) Bryant Rumbaugh spoke about Constitution Week; the lack of public engagement in governance; and Covid 19.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**(9) Public Workshop on the Town Center Specific Plan Update and Finding the Action is not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Planning – Coyne)**

The Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation with the assistance of Mark Steele, M. W. Steele Group, and responded to Council questions.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

- Darcy Fagerwold, Expressions Dance & Movement Center
- Truth
- Erik Wiese, Wiese & Associates

The Council received the report and provided feedback and direction to staff.

- (10) Resolution Approving a Lien and Development Impact Fee Payment Deferral Agreement for Phase 4 of the Lantern Crest Congregate Care Facility Project and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Said Agreement. Location: 200 Lantern Crest Way (APN: 384-142-37). Applicant: Santee Senior Retirement Communities LLC (Michael Grant). (Planning – Coyne) (Reso 109-2023)**

The Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

- Truth
- Michael Grant (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 Hall: Aye; and Council Members Koval: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

- (11) Public Workshop on Detached Residential Accessory Structures in Front Yards. (Planning – Coyne)**

The Senior Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

- Virginia Hall
- Truth
- Lynda Marrokal
- Bryant Rumbaugh

The Council received the report and provided feedback and direction to staff.

- (12) Overview of the City's New Online Permitting and Licensing System and the New Santee App. (City Manager – Best)**

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

The Council received the report and provided feedback.

**(13) Resolution Approving the City's Use of the Solar App+ Web Tool for Expediting the Issuance of Residential Solar Energy Permits. (Building – Strum) (Reso 110-2023)**

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

**(14) Waste Management (WM) Waste and Recycling Update. (Community Services – Chavez)**

The Community Services Director introduced the Item and Kristine Costa, Waste Management provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

The Council received a report and provided feedback.

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

- (A) John Hossick, Santee Mobilehome Owners Action Committee, spoke about Buddy's Backpacks and thanked Council for their involvement; announced on September 19<sup>th</sup> the Santee School District will recognize Buddy's Backpacks; and invited the Council to Mission Gorge Villa on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> for a meeting about a neighboring development project.
- (B) Lynda Marrokal spoke about impacts to her neighborhood from a nearby development project.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Vice Mayor Koval wants to create a platinum business recognition for local businesses that have been in Santee for twenty-five years or longer.

Mayor Minto reported that he, Vice Mayor Koval, Council Member Hall, the City Manager and Assistant City Clerk would be attending the upcoming Cal Cities Annual Conference next week.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager reported the City would be putting red curbing on the west side of Marrokal Lane.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:39 p.m. in memory of August "Augie" Caires.

Date Approved: November 8, 2023



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Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk