

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
August 28, 2019**

This Regular Meeting of the Santee City Council was called to order by Mayor John W. Minto at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mayor John W. Minto, Vice Mayor Stephen Houlahan and Council Members Ronn Hall, Laura Koval and Rob McNelis – 5.

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

The **INVOCATION** was given by Gary Lawton of Calvary Chapel of Santee and the **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by John O'Donnell, Principal Planner.

PROCLAMATION: Santee's Arbor Day – September 7, 2019

Mayor Minto presented the Proclamation to Sam Rensberry, Public Service Manager; Eric King, Park and Landscape Supervisor; and Ally Welborn, San Diego River Foundation.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The City Clerk announced that a speaker slip was submitted for Item 5.

- (1) **Approval of reading by title only and waiver of reading in full of Ordinances on the agenda.**
- (2) **Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Santee City Council for the August 14, 2019 Regular Meeting. (City Clerk – Ortiz)**
- (3) **Payment of Demands. (Finance – McDermott)**
- (4) **Approval of the expenditure of \$83,576.26 for July 2019 Legal Services and related costs. (Finance – McDermott)**
- (5) **Item pulled for discussion.**
- (6) **Adoption of a Resolution accepting the designation of United States Bike Route 90 through the City via El Nopal, Magnolia Avenue, and Mast Boulevard between Los Ranchitos Road to the east and the western City limit. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 082-2019)**
- (7) **Purchase of one new X Series EKG Monitor/Defibrillator and one new**

Autopulse Automated CPR Board in an amount not to exceed \$49,721.09, from Zoll Medical Corporation per National Purchasing Partners contract pricing. (Finance - McDermott)

- (8) Adoption of a Resolution authorizing portal to portal compensation and overtime pay in accordance with state and federal laws for fire department employees operating under the California Fire Assistance Agreement. (Fire – Garlow) (Reso 083-2019)
- (9) Adoption of a Resolution approving three classification changes and amending the salary schedule. (Human Resources – Bishop) (Reso 084-2019)

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 5.

Vice Mayor Houlahan seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Minto, Vice Mayor Houlahan and Council Members Hall, Koval and McNelis – 5.

Item Pulled from Consent Calendar:

- (5) Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance amending Title 12 (“Subdivisions”) and Title 13 (“Zoning Ordinance”) of the City of Santee Municipal Code to waive City Development Impact Fees for Accessory Dwelling Units for a five (5) year trial period and approving an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with Sections 15303 and 15601(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines and Section 21080.17 of the Public Resources Code (Case File: ZOA 2019-1). (City Clerk – Ortiz) (ORD 568)

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- John Smith

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff’s recommendation.

Council Member Hall seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Minto, Vice Mayor Houlahan and Council Members Hall, Koval and McNelis – 5.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (10) Public Hearing to consider certification of a Program Environmental Impact Report under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); adoption of CEQA Findings of Fact, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and adoption of the Sustainable Santee Plan (Climate Action Plan). Applicant: City of Santee. (Development Services – Kush)

The Public Hearing opened at 7:11 p.m. The Development Services Director introduced the item and the Principal Planner presented the staff report and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Michelle Perchez
- Sophie Wolfram, Climate Action Campaign
- Christina Perry
- Joe Britton, San Diego Gas and Electric
- Frank Landis, California Native Plant Society
- Van Collinsworth, Preserve Wild Santee
- Evelyn Andrade-Heymsfield
- Justin Schlaefli
- Janet McLees
- Kevin Brewster
- Jeff O'Connor, HomeFed Corporation

Following Council discussion, Mayor Minto recommended the Public Hearing be continued.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Houlahan moved approval of continuing the Public Hearing to November 13, 2019.

Council Member McNelis seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Minto, Vice Mayor Houlahan and Council Members Hall, Koval and McNelis – 5.

The Public Hearing was continued at 8:42 p.m.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

(11) Community Choice Aggregation Workshop. (City Manager/Finance – Best/McDermott)

The Assistant to the City Manager introduced the item and Ryan Baron, Best, Best, and Krieger, provided a presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Cody Hooven, City of San Diego
- Jason Haber, City of Carlsbad
- Joe Britton, San Diego Gas and Electric
- Dan Bickford
- Matthew Vasilakis
- Van Collinsworth, Preserve Wild Santee
- Evelyn Andrade-Heymsfield
- Kevin Brewster

- Justin Schlaefli
- Jim Whalen

The City Manager noted that she received a phone call from a staff member with the County of San Diego regarding a possible partnership.

Council Member Hall stated he is opposed to partnering with the City of San Diego and expressed full support for a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA).

Vice Mayor Houlahan stated he is in favor of going in the direction of a Joint Powers Agency (JPA); he requested a full financial analysis of the options; he expressed concern about generating additional revenue if the City of Santee does not partner with another agency and supports the possibility of partnering with the County of San Diego; he also would like to move forward and to have it occur before the end of 2019.

Council Member McNelis commended the staff for their hard work and research; he stated that he supports local control and bringing more job opportunities to the City of Santee; stated he is leaning towards enterprise.

Council Member Koval stated she is in favor of moving to a CCA in conjunction with the Sustainable Santee Plan; she would like to see responses to her questions brought back along with more information on how other cities and counties are handling the issue.

Mayor Minto expressed concerns with losing local control.

The City Attorney summarized Councils request to be: 1) Council wants to pursue forming a CCA, 2) would like staff to return with options, and 3) responses to their questions.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:

- (A) Cheryl Cosart, San Diego County Library, Santee Branch, spoke regarding the summer events at the City of Santee Library and the programs funded by the Friends of the Santee Library and the impact these programs have on the community.
- (B) Dan Bickford, Friends of the New Santee Library, urged for more support from City Officials.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Vice Mayor Houlahan reported that American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) has begun and commended the school district for providing the league with their amenities.

Mayor Minto reminded staff that summer is over and business attire is to resume at the next Council Meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager encouraged everyone to attend the Tree Planting Ceremony in honor of Arbor Day, on September 7, 2019 and the Bluegrass Festival on September 14, 2019; she announced that ADA accessible improvements are being made on-site at City Hall beginning the week of September 3, 2019.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS: None

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Members recessed at 10:32 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 10:33 p.m.

- (12) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Anticipated Litigation**
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4))
Initiation of litigation (one case)

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 11:07 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported that direction was given to staff for Item 12.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

Prepared by:



Rosi Acosta, Office Assistant

Date Approved: October 9, 2019



Annette Ortiz, MBA, CMC, City Clerk