

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
September 11, 2019**

This Regular Meeting of the Santee City Council was called to order by Mayor John W. Minto at 7:01 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 and City Attorney Shawn Hagerty.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Shawn Hagerty, City Attorney.

The **INVOCATION** was given by Pastor Phil Herrington of Pathways Community Church.

**RECOGNITION:** 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 9/11/2001

Mayor Minto made a brief speech in honor of 9/11 and Captain Scott Larson, Santee Fire Department and Pipe Major for the San Diego Firefighters Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, gave a bagpipe performance of Amazing Grace and God Bless America.

**PROCLAMATION:** Constitution Week September 17 – 23, 2019

Mayor Minto presented the Proclamation.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

The Administrative Secretary announced that there were three speaker slips submitted for item 4.

- (1) **Approval of reading by title only and waiver of reading in full of Ordinances and Resolutions on the agenda. (City Clerk – Ortiz)**
- (2) **Approval of Payment of Demands as presented. (Finance – McDermott)**
- (3) **Award of contract for Electrical Repairs and Related Maintenance to Global Power Group, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$19,500.00 for the nine-month period of October 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 and authorizing the City Manager to approve three (3) additional 12-month options to renew and one (1) 90-day extension, based on an annual contract amount of \$26,000.00 per RFP #19/20-20041. (Community Services – Maertz)**

- (4) Item pulled for discussion.
- (5) Adoption of a Resolution proclaiming an emergency, authorizing immediate repair of Corrugated Metal Pipe (CMP) for a total cost not to exceed \$80,000.00, on Santana Street, waiving the requirement for competitive bidding and authorizing the City Manager to enter into contracts to complete the necessary repair or replacement of the storm drain system. (City Manager – Best) (Reso 086-2019)

**ACTION:** Council Member McNelis moved approval of the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 4.

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.

Item Pulled from Consent Calendar:

- (4) Adoption of a Resolution accepting the Public Improvements for the River Village subdivision (TM2015-02) as complete. Location: Braverman Drive west of Jeremy Street. (Development Services – Kush)

The Development Services Director provided a presentation and responded to Council questions.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

- Van Collinsworth, Preserve Wild Santee
- Peter Moore-Kochlacs, River Village Homeowners Association.
- Steve Kakacek

Under discussion, the City Attorney clarified the City's obligations and the Principal Civil Engineer responded to Council questions.

Mayor Minto requested that staff bring forward more information; he also suggested that a representative from KB Homes be available to address the issues when the item is brought back.

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor Houlahan moved to continue item 4 to a future date.

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.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (6) Resolution authorizing award of an agreement for Landscape and Horticultural Management Services for Area 2 (Medians and Rights-

**of-Way) to Steven Smith Landscape Incorporated per RFP #19/20-40014. (Community Services – Maertz) (Reso 087-2019)**

The Senior Management Analyst presented the staff report and responded to Council questions.

**ACTION:** Council Member Koval moved approval of staff's recommendation.

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.

**(7) Resolution authorizing award of an agreement for Landscape and Horticultural Management Services for Area 3 (Landscape Maintenance Districts and Community Facilities District) to Steven Smith Landscape Incorporated per RFP #19/20-40015. (Community Services – Maertz) (Reso 088-2019)**

Council Members Hall and McNelis recused themselves from Item 7 and left the dais.

The Senior Management Analyst presented the staff report and responded to Council questions.

Vice Mayor Houlahan commended the staff for their hard work.

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor Houlahan moved approval of staff's recommendation.

Council Member Koval seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Ayes: Mayor Minto, Vice Mayor Houlahan and Council Member Koval – 3. Abstained: Council Members Hall and McNelis – 2.

Council Members Hall and McNelis returned to the dais.

**(8) Fanita Ranch Workshop II – Transportation/Circulation. (Development Services – Kush)**

The City Manager gave a brief statement regarding the purpose of the Fanita Ranch Workshop II.

The Development Services Director introduced the item and Jeff O'Connor, HomeFed Corporation, provided a presentation and responded to Council questions.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

- Van Collinsworth, Preserve Wild Santee
- Michele Perchez
- Stacey LoMedico
- Michael Ranson

- Mary Hyder
- Courtney Mael, Padre Dam Municipal Water District
- Manuel Garcia
- Sharon Love
- Martha Tassi
- Dan Bickford
- Mike Aiken
- Lynda Marrokal
- Roger Simpson
- Karen Villedieu
- Dennis Schroeder
- Justin Schlaefli
- Evelyn Andrade-Heymfield
- Janet Garvin
- Janet Mclees
- John Olsen
- Tommy Hough

Mayor Minto stated he has been working to address the traffic issues.

Vice Mayor Houlahan expressed concerns regarding traffic and evacuations for the residents during a fire; he would like to see real work to address the traffic issue.

Council Member Koval stated traffic and fixing Highway 52 are the major issues for Santee citizens; she is looking forward to future workshops and more answered questions.

Council Member McNelis expressed the need for a school in the Fanita Ranch development, more housing in Santee, and more capacity on the Highway 52 to address the traffic issues.

Council Member Hall stated that San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) is interested in providing assistance with the traffic issue by adding a bus lane and a High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane.

Mayor Minto clarified that certain housing needs are state mandated.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- (A) Van Collinsworth, Preserve Wild Santee, inquired about the missing trees throughout the City and would like the City to maintain the trees.
- (B) Ana Nita, inquired about a conflict of interest with regards to campaign contributions.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:** None

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager invited everyone to sign up for the Fall Recreation Classes; she also commended Captain Larson on his bagpipe performance; and she announced the Bluegrass Festival is sold out.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:** None

**CLOSED SESSION:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Prepared by:



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Rosi Acosta, Office Assistant

Date Approved: October 9, 2019



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Annette Ortiz, MBA, CMC, City Clerk