

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
January 28, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

This Special Meeting of the Santee City Council was called to order by Mayor John W. Minto at 4:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mayor John W. Minto, Council Members Ronn Hall, Stephen Houlahan and Rob McNelis – 5. Absent: Vice Mayor Laura Koval – 1.

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

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(A) Janet Garvin

(B) Dean Velasco

**3. REVENUE WORKSHOP**

The City Manager introduced the item and the Finance Director presented the staff report and responded to Council questions.

Mayor Minto stated that economic development is key for the future to help create business opportunity. He also expressed concerns with the State creating a mandated reserve balance for Cities and taking extra reserves.

Council Member McNelis expressed concerns with the unfunded liabilities related to pension costs. He suggested attracting more businesses that are not susceptible to online merchants. He also stated it is important to have reserves for important unforeseen issues. He encouraged looking for other revenue sources.

Council Member Houlahan expressed concerned with not finding new revenue sources with the rising expenditures the City will be facing in the future. He also stated the City needs to diversify its growth and to help create more business opportunity in the Prospect area for commercial growth. He urged staff to look at efficiencies and creating a Community Choice Aggregation. He stated he would like to know what certain operating expenditures are to assess opportunities for efficiency in in the future, while focusing on infill development instead of sprawl.

Council Member Hall stated that San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) and San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) are planning to propose sale tax measures for citizens to vote on, but does not agree with tax increases for Santee. He expressed interest in finding businesses like auto dealerships, hotels and theaters.

The City Manager provided some clarification on concerns brought up by Council.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Prepared by:



James Jeffries, Administrative Secretary

Date Approved: February 12, 2020



Annette Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk