

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
March 25, 2020**

This Regular Meeting of the Santee City Council was called to order by Mayor John W. Minto at 6:31 p.m.

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

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

INVOCATION was given by Kay Little – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Minto.

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)
- (2) Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Santee City Council for the March 11, 2020, Regular Meeting. (City Clerk – Ortiz)
- (3) Approval of Payment of Demands as presented. (Finance – McDermott)
- (4) Approval of the expenditure of \$97,258.89 for February 2020 Legal Services and Related Costs. (Finance – McDermott)
- (5) Professional services agreement with Webb Municipal Finance, LLC for Fiscal Year 2020-21 assessment engineering and community facilities district administration services in the amount of \$26,200.00. (Finance – McDermott)
- (6) Adoption of a Resolution acknowledging receipt of a report made by the Fire Chief in accordance with Section 13146.4 of the California Health and Safety Code (Annual Fire Inspection Compliance Report). (Fire – Garlow) (Reso 018-2020)
- (7) Purchase of new structural firefighting clothing (Turnouts) from Municipal Emergency Services per National Purchasing Partners, LLC (dba NPPGov) Contract #00000168 for an amount not to exceed

\$35,901.92. (Fire – Garlow)

- (8) Adoption of a Resolution accepting the City Hall Accessibility Upgrades (CIP 2018-39) project as complete. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 019-2020)
- (9) Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance amending Santee Municipal Code Section 1.01.050 to include the City Logo and add a penalty for unlawful use. (City Clerk – Ortiz) (Ord 574)
- (10) Adoption of a Resolution approving the final map for a 40-unit residential condominium subdivision project (TM 2015-04) and authorizing the City Manager to execute the associated Subdivision Improvement Agreement. Location: Northeast corner of Buena Vista Avenue and Mission Greens Road. Applicant: Village Run Homes, LLC. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 020-2020)

ACTION: Council Member Houlahan moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Vice Mayor Koval seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye, and Council Members Hall: Aye; Houlahan: Aye, and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (15 minutes)

- (A) Alfred Smith spoke regarding the Sharp project and expressed concerns with the future cost of the plans.
- (B) Branden Boysen, DPR Construction, stated his team would respond to Council questions regarding the Sharp project.
- (C) Cari Honowitz expressed concerns with the local pet store in Santee and stated it is not an essential business.
- (D) Guyren Howe expressed concerns with the certain types of housing developments that have been approved.
- (E) Janet Garvin expressed concerns with the how the City is responding to the homeless population during the current crisis.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (11) Resolution awarding the construction contract for the Citywide Concrete Repair and Replacement Program 2020 (CIP 2020-07) and determining a categorical exemption pursuant to Section 15301(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 021-2020)

The Development Services Director introduced the Item and the Principal Civil Engineer presented the staff report and responded to Council questions.

Vice Mayor Koval inquired what the cost savings is for a Citywide approach versus piece by piece.

Council Member McNelis commended staff for providing a cost savings to the City by using the Citywide approach.

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Houlahan seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye; Council Members Hall: Aye; Houlahan: Aye, and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

**(12) Approval of seven template Resolutions for emergency operations.
(City Clerk – Ortiz)**

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Janet Garvin

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Houlahan seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye; Council Members Hall: Aye; Houlahan: Aye, and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

(13) Resolution adopting a local succession of governance during times of disaster. (City Clerk – Ortiz) (Reso 022-2020)

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Janet Garvin

Council Member McNelis stated staff has been updating all policies and procedures for longer than the current local emergency has been in effect.

Council Member Houlahan concurred that the plan is a very logical one.

Vice Mayor Koval suggested having SPARC as the main order of succession, without rotating, due to the fact that they are more involved in the City.

Council Member McNelis stated the succession plan is setting the precedent for the future, not just for the current times and having the rotation allows for more options in the future; he inquired whether the succession plan would work in the event there is a vacant seat or would the plan only apply to emergencies; to which the City Manager responded that the succession of governance is only for times of disaster.

Vice Mayor Koval suggested that SPARC be number one and two in the order, and then proceed with the rotation after that.

Council Member Hall suggested having COMPOC in the succession plan.

Council Member Houlahan urged Council to approve the current staff recommendation and bring the item back at a later date.

ACTION: Council Member Houlahan moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member McNelis seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye; Council Members Hall: Aye; Houlahan: Aye, and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

(14) Resolution declaring the existence of a local emergency regarding Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and ratifying the Proclamation of the Director of Emergency Services. (City Manager – Best) (Reso 023-2020)

The City Manager presented the staff report and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Robert Cromer, President, Pacific Southwest Association of Realtors

Mayor Minto clarified the parameters of the Resolution.

Council Member Hall lost connection to the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Council Member McNelis expressed concerns with possible loopholes in the language of the Option A Resolution; stated he supports Option B; he would like to see commercial protections covered in addition to the residential and suggested bringing back the item with stronger language at a later date.

Council Member Hall reconnected to the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Council Member Houlahan expressed concerns with prolonging the protection if the Option A Resolution is not approved and the item is brought back at a later date; he stated in the event that the current situation escalates, the City needs to have something in place to protect people; he stated he supports Option A.

Council Member McNelis urged Council to bring the item back with stronger language that allows for protections for residential, commercial and the City.

Mayor Minto inquired whether verification is required as proof that wages were lost due to the COVID-19 pandemic, to which the City Attorney responded in the affirmative.

Council Member McNelis expressed concerns with not providing protection for small business owners and commercial renters.

Council Member Houlahan stated he concurs with providing protections small businesses and commercial renters, but would like to move forward with Option A and bring back an Ordinance with stronger language to assist the small businesses as well as residential renters.

Vice Mayor Koval stated she supports Option A and read from the bill from Congress, Title V – Financial Services and General Government; she stated the matter should return to Council after a review of all the information.

Council Member Hall stated he supports Option A, but would like the matter to return to Council with language for commercial protections.

Mayor Minto stated he supports Option A; requested staff review all information and provide Council with more options at a later date.

ACTION: Council Member Houlahan moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

- (A) Alfred Smith, expressed concerns with the power outage with SDG&E on his property.
- (B) Liz Jacobelly, expressed concerns with the Pups & Pets store in Santee.
- (C) Stacy Enns, expressed concerns with the Pups & Pets store in Santee.
- (D) Sunny Elmore, expressed concerns with the Pups & Pets store in Santee.
- (E) Michele Walther, expressed concerns with the Pups & Pets store in Santee.
- (F) Theresa Carpenter, expressed concerns with the Pups & Pets store in Santee.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Vice Mayor Koval stated she attended the East County Economic Development Council meeting and they are a great resource for businesses.

Council Member Houlahan urged the public to stay safe and follow the current government orders.

Council Member Hall stated the bus and trolley system are still in service.

Mayor Minto stated the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated; requested that the public share information with the City to ensure everyone is aware of the latest data.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager stated as of March 24, 2020, there is one case of Coronavirus in the City, the EOC has been activated to Level 2; she also stated parks are closed to the public but that all trails remain open and urged the public to maintain social distancing; she mentioned most City staff are telecommuting and that staff has added Do More and Be More in Santee on the City website that has activities for the public to enjoy while staying indoors.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Prepared By/Date Approved:



Annette Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk