

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
November 18, 2020**

This Regular Meeting of the Santee City Council was called to order by Mayor John W. Minto at 6:30 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 Pastor Marshall Masser – Lakeside Christian Church

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 October 28, 2020, Regular Meeting. (City Clerk – Ortiz)**
- (3) **Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – McDermott)**
- (4) **Approval of the Expenditure of \$107,840.00 for October 2020 Legal Services and Reimbursable Costs. (Finance – McDermott)**
- (5) **Adoption of a Resolution Approving and Adopting an Amended Conflict of Interest Code Pursuant to the Political Reform Act of 1974. (City Clerk – Ortiz) (Reso 120-2020)**
- (6) **Adoption of a Resolution Amending the Salary Schedule for Hourly, General and Management Employees to Reflect an Increase in the California Minimum Wage Rates. (Human Resources – Hardy) (Reso 121-2020)**
- (7) **Claim Against the City by Jane Crowe. (Human Resources – Hardy)**

- (8) **Rejection of Bids for Sky Ranch Park Irrigation Pump Station (RFB 20/21-20050). (Community Services – Maertz)**
- (9) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Installation of a School Loading Zone on Ellsworth Lane for PRIDE Academy. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 122-2020)**

ACTION: Council Member McNelis 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) Dee Finley spoke regarding issues with permits, theft, vandalism and code enforcement.
- (B) Michelle Perchez expressed appreciation to Council Member Houlahan for his service on the Council.
- (C) Mary Hyder expressed appreciation to Council Member Houlahan for his service on the Council.
- (D) Janet Garvin stated she is impressed with the work from the Community Oriented Policing Committee (COMPOC) and the subcommittee; expressed appreciation to Council Member Houlahan for his service on the Council.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (10) **Resolution Amending the Program Year (PY) 2019 Annual Action Plan and the Program Year 2020 Annual Action Plan. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 123-2020)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:44 p.m. The Director of Development Services introduced the Item and the Senior Management Analyst provided a PowerPoint presentation.

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Hall 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.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:48 p.m.

- (11) **Continued Public Hearing Considering a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) Between the City of Santee and Excel Acquisitions, LLC, for Development of Real Property Known as Parcel**

4 of Parcel Map 18857 Located in Trolley Square. (City Manager – Best)

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:48 p.m. The City Manager presented the Item and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Mary Hyder

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Hall 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.

The Public Hearing was continued at 6:52 p.m. to January 13, 2021.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- (12) **Resolution Continuing the Fire Risk Emergency in Mast Park West and Expanding the Emergency to Mast Park East, Authorizing the Construction of a Second Firebreak Along the South Property Boundary of Mast Park East Abutting the Residential and Commercial Structures on Willowgrove Avenue (East of Carlton Hills Boulevard), Waiving the Requirement for Competitive Bidding, Appropriating Funds, and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into Contracts to Construct a Second Firebreak. (City Manager – Best) (Reso 124-2020)**

Vice Mayor Koval registered an abstention, muted her microphone and turned off her camera.

The City Manager introduced the Item and the Fire Chief provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

Council Member Hall stated he would like staff to enforce brush clean up in the City.

Council Member Houlahan concurred that the City needs to clean up the brush.

Council Member McNelis suggested utilizing drones to see which areas are danger zones.

Mayor Minto suggested creating a comprehensive plan moving forward, to be brought back to Council.

ACTION: Council Member Houlahan moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Hall seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Abstain; and Council Members Hall: Aye; Houlahan: Aye; and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Abstain: 1.

Vice Mayor Koval rejoined the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (13) **Appropriation for November 3, 2020 Election Costs and for Signature Verification of the Referendum Against City Council Resolution No. 094-2020 (Fanita Ranch General Plan Amendment). (City Clerk/Finance – Ortiz/McDermott)**

The City Clerk provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

Vice Mayor Koval inquired whether there is a process to recoup some of costs that were increased due to the unfunded mandate from the Governor's office, to which the City Attorney responded that there is a process.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Mary Hyder

ACTION: Council Member Houlahan moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Hall 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.

- (14) **Authorize an Agreement for Professional Services Between the City of Santee and Fireworks and Stage FX America. (Community Services – Maertz)**

The Director of Community Services introduced the Item and the Management Analyst provided the staff report and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Mary Hyder

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Houlahan seconded the motion, which carried by the following roll call vote: Ayes: 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: (Continued)

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Vice Mayor Koval attended the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs conference call and read some highlights from the Surgeon General's recommendations.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager reminded the public and Council about the City of Santee's 40th birthday celebration on Tuesday, December 1, 2020, and various holiday events.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Members recessed at 7:28 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 7:29 p.m.

- (15) **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4))
Initiation of litigation (one case): Richard Brooks, 8845 Carmir Drive

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 7:36 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported direction was given by unanimous vote to move forward with litigation on Item 15.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Date Approved: January 13, 2021



Annette Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk