

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
May 12, 2021**

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 Rob McNelis and Council Members Ronn Hall, Laura Koval and Dustin Trotter – 5.

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

INVOCATION was given by Pastor Jerry Phillips – Sunrise Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Santee resident, Dean Velasco

PRESENTATION: Santee City Cup (Formerly Jack E. Dale Cup, Formerly Mayor's Cup) Trophy Presentation: Varsity Football Game Between Santana and West Hills High Schools

Mayor Minto presented the Santee City Cup to West Hills Coach Casey Ash.

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 April 14, 2021, and April 28, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes. (City Clerk – Ortiz)
- (3) Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – McDermott)

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

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Jim Woodhead welcomed everyone back to live meetings.
- (B) Doug Samuels inquired about RV parking.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (4) **Resolution Prohibiting Parking of Vehicles Over Eight Feet in Height Between the Hours of 12 AM and 6 AM on Cottonwood Avenue Between Mission Gorge Road and Prospect Avenue. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 030-2021)**

The Director of Development Services introduced the Item and the Principal Traffic Engineer presented the Item.

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (5) **Resolution Prohibiting Parking of Vehicles Over Eight Feet in Height Between the Hours of 12 AM and 6 AM on Mission Greens Road Between Mission Gorge Road and Buena Vista Avenue. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 031-2021)**

The Director of Development Services introduced the Item and the Principal Traffic Engineer presented the Item.

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (6) **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with HMC Group dba HMC Architects for Architectural, Engineering, Landscape Architectural and Environmental Design Services for the Santee Community Center Phase 1 Project and Appropriating Funds. (Community Services – Maertz)**

The Director of Community Services introduced the Item and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Michael Ranson

Council Member Koval expressed concerns regarding the operating costs for a new Community Center; she stated the focus should be the unfunded liabilities the City has and that there would be no flexible rentable space in phase 1, with an exorbitant cost to

build phase 2 and 3; she inquired what options might make more social and fiscal sense for the City, post pandemic.

Mayor Minto inquired whether it would be more fiscally responsible to utilize an existing vacant building or other alternatives.

Vice Mayor McNelis stated he supports holding off on the project until more inventory is available and material costs covered.

Council Member Trotter concurred with Vice Mayor McNelis.

Council Member Hall stated he would like to see more of an outdoor setting with the new Community Center.

Vice Mayor McNelis suggested a new design to accommodate a possible pandemic.

Mayor Minto requested pausing the project for period of four months, to have further conversations with HMC and look at existing buildings that could be utilized for less cost.

Council Member Koval suggested holding a workshop to discuss the finances.

ACTION: Direction given to staff to bring the Item back to Council in conjunction with a workshop regarding the financing, in approximately four months.

(7) Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Update. (City Manager's Office – Valverde)

The Assistant to the City Manager introduced the Item and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Dan Bickford

Council Member Koval stated we need to find the right partner.

Vice Mayor McNelis stated he would like to maintain local control and find similar municipalities or larger JPAs, such as Orange County, to join with.

Council Member Hall concurred with Vice Mayor McNelis on partnering with like-minded communities.

Council Member Trotter suggested looking outside of San Diego County for a possible partner.

Mayor Minto directed staff to look for the best possible option for the City.

ACTION: Direction given to staff.

The City Council recessed at 8:11 p.m. and reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

(8) Cannabis Workshop. (City Manager – Best)

The City Manager introduced the Item and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Jean Duffy
- Dana Stevens
- Barbara Gordon
- Judi Strang
- Becky Rapp
- Erica Leary
- Brittany Biesterfeld
- Kelly McCormick
- Peggy Walker
- Meredith Riffel
- Shane Duffy
- Goldn Bloom
- Carol Green
- David Shorey
- Danielle Wilkerson
- Devon Julian
- Dan Bickford
- Cameron Pittman
- Alana

Vice Mayor McNelis stated he would like the City to maintain local control over cannabis regulations.

Council Member Trotter concurred with Vice Mayor McNelis.

Council Member Hall stated he does not support cannabis in the City.

Council Member Koval stated she would like more information to make an informed decision.

Mayor Minto requested more information.

ACTION: Direction given to staff.

Council Member Koval left the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

(9) Recommendation from the Salary Setting Advisory Committee Regarding Compensation for the Mayor and City Council. (City Clerk - Ortiz)

The City Clerk introduced the Item and provided a brief PowerPoint presentation. The Salary Setting Advisory Committee Chair, Dean Velasco, responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Dan Bickford

ACTION: Mayor Minto moved approval of parity with staff increases along with the Salary Setting Advisory Committee recommendation.

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

**(10) Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Master Equity Lease Agreement and Related Documents with Enterprise Fleet Management, Inc. for the Phased Replacement of the City's Light Duty Fleet per Sourcwell Contract #060618-EFM. (Finance/Fire – McDermott/Garlow)
(Reso 032-2021)**

The Finance Director provided a brief PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

**(11) Resolution Awarding a Contract for the Purchase of Emergency Medical Services Supplies on an As-Needed Basis to Life-Assist, Inc., per National Purchasing Partners DBA NPPGOV Contract #PS20180. (Fire – Garlow)
(Reso 033-2021)**

ACTION: Vice Mayor McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

(12) Report on the Status of Mesa Road in the City of Santee, and Paved Surface Conditions. (Development Services – Kush)

Mayor Minto recused himself from the dais at 10:30 p.m.

The Principal Engineer provided a brief PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Allen Zwan

Mayor Minto rejoined the meeting at 10:46 p.m.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

- (A) Dalina Weinfurter spoke regarding the COVID-19 inequity in East County.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Vice Mayor McNelis requested consideration of a letter in opposition to HR-127, at the next City Council meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager mentioned Fido Days at Mast Park and Woodglen Vista Park; she also welcomed Captain Christina Bavencoff to her first in-person City Council meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 p.m.

Date Approved: June 23, 2021



Annette Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk