

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
June 9, 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 Ian Rainey – Regeneration Church, Ocean Beach

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Sam Rensberry, Public Services Manager

**PROCLAMATION:** Santee Lakes 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Mayor Minto presented the Proclamation to Bill Pommering, Padre Dam Director.

**PRESENTATION:** OES Fire Engine Announcement/Acceptance

The Fire Chief presented a video to the City Council, highlighting the OES Fire Engine.

The Council recessed at 6:43 p.m. and reconvened at 6:48 p.m.

**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 Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – McDermott)**
- (3) **Resolutions Approving the Engineer’s Report, and Declaring the City Council’s Intention to Levy Assessments and Setting a Public Hearing for the FY 2021-22 Santee Landscape Maintenance District Annual Levy of Assessments. (Finance – McDermott) (Reso 036-2021 and 037-2021)**
- (4) **Resolutions Approving the Engineer’s Report and Declaring the City Council’s Intention to Levy Assessments and Setting a Public Hearing for the FY 2021-22 Town Center Landscape Maintenance District Annual Levy of Assessments. (Finance – McDermott) (Reso 038-2021 and 039-2021)**

- (5) **Resolutions Approving the Engineer's Report and Declaring the City Council's Intention to Levy Assessments and Setting a Public Hearing for the FY 2021-22 Santee Roadway Lighting District Annual Levy of Assessments. (Finance – McDermott) (Reso 040-2021 and 041-2021)**
- (6) **Award a Professional Services Agreement for Santee City Graphic Artist Services per RFP #21/22-40021 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$29,000.00. (Community Services – Maertz)**
- (7) **Resolution Authorizing the Award of an Agreement for Custodial Services – Parks to Aztec Landscaping, Inc. dba Aztec Janitorial per RFB #21/22-20056 for an Amount Not to Exceed \$52,056.50. (Community Services – Maertz) (Reso 042-2021)**

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

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

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):**

- (A) Patrick Batten with Action for Spent Fuel Solutions Now coalition spoke regarding the spent nuclear fuel being stored at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- (8) **Public Hearing and Resolution Amending the TransNet Local Street Improvement Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2020/21 through 2024/25. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 043-2021)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:54 p.m. The Director of Development Services introduced the Item and the Principal Civil Engineer presented the Item.

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:58 p.m.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:****(9) Continued Review and Discussion of the Proposed Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2022-2026. (Finance/City Manager – McDermott/Best)**

The Director of Finance introduced the Item, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

Council Member Koval highlighted some of her priorities being road repairs, public safety related to encampments, unfunded park projects and a focus on senior services.

Council Member Trotter stated his priorities are road repairs and increasing the City's Pavement Condition Index (PCI).

Mayor Minto urged staff to ensure the best possible option when reviewing a transition to a new financial management system.

Vice Mayor McNelis stated his focus is on road repair.

Council Member Hall concurred with Vice Mayor McNelis regarding road repair; he also stated cleaning out the riverbeds should be a priority.

**NEW BUSINESS:****(10) Review of the Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2021-22. (Finance – McDermott)**

The Director of Finance introduced the Item, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

Council Member Koval mentioned a few of her priorities, one being addressing cyber security needs.

Vice Mayor McNelis stated with increased law enforcement costs and changes in sales and property taxes, staff needs to look at what the needs are post pandemic.

Council Member Hall mentioned looking at ways to charge for fire inspections to justify paying for a fire inspector.

Council Member Trotter expressed concerns with increased costs for law enforcement and CalPERS retirement; he stated staff needs to look forward and think outside the box to address staffing shortages.

Mayor Minto suggested hiring a consultant to assist with the programming needs for SanteeTV.



**(11) Resolution to Adopt a List of Projects Funded by Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, for Fiscal Year 2021-22. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 044-2021)**

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

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

**(12) Resolution Authorizing the Eighth Amendment to the Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for Urban Forestry Services. (Community Services – Maertz) (Reso 045-2021)**

The Director of Community Services introduced the Item and the Public Services Manager presented the Item.

**ACTION:** Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)**

None.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Trotter thanked the Mayor and Council Members for the money raised for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9327 fundraiser.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager congratulated local graduates; she mentioned some road closures and stated the information would be available on the City website.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Council Members recessed at 8:40 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 8:42 p.m.

- (13) **Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**  
(Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1))  
Name of case: Santee Trolley Square 991, LP v. City of Santee et al.  
Case Number: San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2020-00007895-CU-WM-CTL
  
- (14) **Conference with Real Property Negotiators**  
(Gov. Code §54956.8)  
Property: Parcel 4 of Parcel Map 18857 located in Trolley Square  
City Negotiator: City Manager  
Negotiating Parties: Excel Hotel Group and Santee Trolley Square 991, LP  
Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment
  
- (15) **Conference with Real Property Negotiators**  
(Gov. Code §54956.8)  
Property: Parcel 3 of Parcel Map 20177 located north of Town Center Parkway between Cuyamaca Street and Riverview Parkway (“Theater Parcel”)  
City Negotiator: City Manager  
Negotiating Party: Eneract, LLC  
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment
  
- (16) **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**  
(Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(2))  
Significant Exposure to Litigation: One case based on correspondence with Legal Aid at Work and California Women’s Law Center regarding AB 2404 (Fair Play in Community Sports Act)

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 9:19 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported for Items 13, 14 and 15 there was discussion with staff and no direction was given; for Item 16 direction was given to accept the settlement agreement by unanimous vote on Item 16.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Date Approved: June 23, 2021



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Annette Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk