

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
August 11, 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 Bishop Stephen Brunson – City of Praise Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Dan Bickford

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) **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 066-2021)**
- (4) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of New Battery-Powered Holmatro Extrication Tools from Western Extrication Specialists, Inc., Per National Purchasing Partners (dba NPPGov) Contract #PS20035. (Fire – Garlow) (Reso 067-2021)**
- (5) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Agreement with A.M. Ortega, Inc., for the Installation of an Electric Vehicle Charging Station at Santee City Hall (CIP 2022-32), and Determining a Categorical Exemption Pursuant to Section 15301(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 068-2021)**

- (6) Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the School Area (Santana High School) Streetlight Project CIP 2017-03, HSIPL 5429 (031) as Complete. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 069-2021)
- (7) Authorization of the Third Amendment to the Agreement with Countywide Mechanical Systems Inc., for HVAC Maintenance and Repairs Services. (Community Services – Maertz)
- (8) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Steven Smith Landscape, Inc., for Landscape and Horticultural Management Services (Area 1). (Community Services – Maertz) (Reso 070-2021)
- (9) Adoption of a Resolution Approving of the Tenth Amendment to the Agreement with West Coast Arborists Inc., for Urban Forestry Services, in the Amount of \$15,948.80. (Community Services – Maertz) (Reso 071-2021)

ACTION: Vice Mayor McNelis moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Council Member Hall seconded the motion, which carried by the following 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) Dean Velasco, Riverwalk Grill, made brief comments regarding the new ownership of Riverwalk Grill.
- (B) Joel Westerlund and Nhel Gregorio, spoke regarding acquiring new ownership of Riverwalk Grill.
- (C) James Hargrove, spoke regarding the horrible condition of the roads, especially Cuyamaca Street.
- (D) Lynda Marrokal, spoke regarding land development in the City.
- (E) Kristen Dare, Santee Chamber of Commerce, mentioned a free online workshop regarding organics and food waste recycling requirements pertaining to state law AB 1826.

Mayor Minto directed staff to make Cuyamaca Street repairs a priority.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (10) Public Hearing and Resolution for the Vacation of a Storm Drain Easement (VAC 2021-01) and Approval of a Storm Drainage Easement at the Santee Lakes Recreation Preserve and Determining a Categorical Exemption Pursuant to Section 15301(a) of the California Environmental Quality Act. Location: 9310 Fanita Parkway. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 072-2021)

Council Member Koval registered an abstention on Item 10 and left the dais.

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m. The Principal Civil Engineer presented the Item and responded to Council questions.

ACTION: Vice Mayor McNelis moved approval of staff 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. Abstain: 1 – Koval.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m.

Council Member Koval returned to the dais.

- (11) **Public Hearing for a Tentative Map (TM2020-2), Development Review Permit (DR2020-4) and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (AEIS2020-4) Prepared Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for an 80-Unit Residential Condominium Subdivision at 7739 Mission Gorge Road in the R-7 (Medium Density Residential) Zone (Applicant: Cornerstone Communities). (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 073-2021) (Reso 074-2021) (Reso 075-2021)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. The Director of Development Services presented the Item and the Associate Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Dale Yanke
- Jack Robson

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; Koval: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:26 p.m.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- (12) **Cannabis Workshop #2 (City Manager – Best)**

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

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Jean Duffy
- Shane Duffy
- Virginia Hall
- Angela Tomlinson
- Dr. Kristin Baranski
- Dana Stevens
- John Mendoza
- Paul Bertram
- Erik Wiese
- Scott Gerak
- David Shorey
- Jack Robson

ACTION: Direction was given to staff.

(13) Use of American Rescue Plan Act Funding. (City Manager/Finance – Best/McDermott)

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

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Dan Bickford

ACTION: Direction was given to staff.

NEW BUSINESS:

(14) Resolution Awarding the Construction Contract for the Sandstone Drive and Woodpecker Way CMP Replacement Project (CIP 2021-21) to Bert W. Salas, Inc., and Determining a Categorical Exemption Pursuant to Section 15301(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Development Services – Kush) (Reso 076-2021)

The Principal Civil Engineer provided the staff report.

ACTION: Vice Mayor McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

(15) Report on Status of Urban Forestry Management Plan. (Community Services – Maertz)

The Director of Community Services introduced the Item and the Public Service Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

(16) Resolution Authorizing an Increase in Change Order Authorization for the Design-Build Construction Contract with Western Audio Visual to Implement the Council Chamber A/V Upgrades (CIP 2016-51) Project and Amending the Project Budget. (City Clerk – Ortiz) (Reso 077-2021)

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

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

(17) Resolution Proclaiming an Emergency, Authorizing the Construction of Firebreaks and Fuel Reduction Throughout the San Diego River Corridor, Waiving the Requirement for Competitive Bidding, Accepting San Diego River Conservancy Grant Funds, and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter in to Contracts to Establish the Necessary Firebreaks to Safeguard Life, Health and Property. (Fire – Garlow) (Reso 078-2021)

Council Member Koval registered an abstention on Item 17 and left the dais.

The Fire Chief presented the Item 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. Abstain: 1 – Koval.

Council Member Koval returned to the dais.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Hall reported on the Mid-Coast trolley opening.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

None.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Date Approved: August 25, 2021



Annette Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk