

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
October 27, 2021**

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 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 Terence Keehan – The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

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

PROCLAMATION: Recognition of Outstanding Community Support Displayed During and After the October 11 Plane Crash in Santee.

Council Member Koval presented Proclamations to Heartland Communications Authority staff.

Mayor Minto presented Certificates of Commendation to the members of the community who assisted during the plane crash event.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The City Manager requested Item 13 be pulled from the Agenda.

- (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 13, 2021, Regular Meeting. (City Clerk – Ortiz)**
- (3) **Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – McDermott)**
- (4) **Approval of the Expenditure of \$79,520.10 for September 2021 Legal Services and Reimbursable Costs. (Finance – McDermott)**
- (5) **Draft Urban Forestry Management Plan. (Community Services – Maertz)**

- (6) **Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Establishing an Automatic One-Year Extension for Active Development Approvals, Due to the Economic Impacts of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).** (City Clerk – Ortiz) (Ord. 594)
- (7) **Resolution Approving an Amended Salary Schedule for Hourly, General and Management Employees.** (Human Resources – Hardy) (Reso 087-2021)

ACTION: Vice Mayor McNelis moved approval of the Consent Calendar and Agenda as amended.

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.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Dean Velasco thanked staff for their work on the Santee Brews and Bites event.
- (B) Steve Stelman spoke regarding recent racist events that occurred around the City.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- (8) **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 Project.** (Community Services – Maertz) (Reso 088-2021)

The Director of Community Services introduced the Item, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions along with Kyle Peterson, HMC Architects.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Dean Velasco, Santee Park and Recreation Committee (SPARC)
- Lynda Marrokal, SPARC
- Dan Bickford, SPARC

Vice Mayor McNelis urged staff to ensure there is a large enough seated capacity for events.

MOTION: Council Member Koval moved approval of staff recommendation. Mayor Minto seconded the motion.

ACTION: Vice Mayor McNelis requested the motion be amended to have him and Council Member Koval on a subcommittee to assist with the project.

Council Member Koval accepted the amended 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

(9) Proposed Waiver of Building Permit Fees and Other Costs for Victims of the Small Plane Crash October 11, 2021. (City Manager – Best)

Mayor Minto introduced the families affected by the plane crash. The City Manager presented the Item.

ACTION: Vice Mayor McNelis moved to waive fees and other related costs for victims of the small plane crash on October 11, 2021, and to give the City Manager discretion, on a case by case basis, which items to approve.

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.

(10) Presentation of a Proposed “Safe Santee” Program by the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department. (City Manager – Best)

Captain Bavencoff introduced the Item and Captain Mike Rand provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

The Council provided direction to staff to bring back more information about the program.

(11) Workshop to Consider a Request by Electric Scooter Company Bird to Enter into an Agreement with the City of Santee, California, to Operate Electric Scooters within the Public Right-Of-Way. (Development Services – Kush)

The Director of Development Services introduced the Item and the Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Dan Bickford
- Eleanor Aylesworth-Warsh

Council provided direction to staff to review possible updates to City Ordinances and to not move forward with the request at this time.

(12) An Informational Workshop on the Potential for the City of Santee to Consider Electrification as One of the Measures to Reduce Greenhouse

Gas Emissions and Achieve Carbon Neutrality Consistent with the State of California's Decarbonization Efforts. (Development Services – Kush)

The Director of Development Services introduced the Item and the Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Karl Aldinger, Sierra Club San Diego
- Kelly Lyndon, San Diego Building Electrification Coalition
- Dan Bickford
- Joe Britton, San Diego Gas & Electric

Council provided direction to staff to bring back additional information at the Public Hearing before the end of the year.

(13) Item was pulled from the Agenda

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Trotter thanked citizens for supporting Wendy's in the fundraising efforts for the plane crash victims.

Council Member Koval spoke regarding a Zoom meeting she attended pertaining to leveraging federal recovery and infrastructure funding to support regional growth and innovation.

Mayor Minto reported on the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) meeting regarding transit issues.

Council Member Trotter mentioned the update on the Veteran's Memorial Bridge project.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager reported on the survey conducted regarding Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; she also encouraged citizens to participate redistricting issues for the County Board of Supervisors, Congressional seats and State Assembly and State Senator seats.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Members recessed at 9:27 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 9:33 p.m.

- (14) **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**
(Government Code Section 54957(b))
Title: City Clerk

- (15) **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

- (16) **Conference with Real Property Negotiators**
(Gov. Code §54956.8)
Property: 9811 Mission Gorge Rd (APN 384-041-01)
City Negotiator: City Manager
Negotiating Party: Orkin Inc.
Under negotiation: Price and terms of payment

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 10:25 p.m. with all members presents. Mayor Minto reported Item 14 was continued to November 10, 2021, and direction was given to staff on Items 15 and 16.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

Date Approved:



Annette Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk