

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
August 10, 2022**

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 and Council Members Laura Koval, Rob McNelis and Dustin Trotter – 4. Absent: Vice Mayor Ronn Hall – 1

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

**INVOCATION** was given by Associate Pastor Jerry Phillips – Sunrise Community Church

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

**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 Authorizing the Purchase of Offsite Commercial Fleet Fuel Utilizing the WEX Fleet Card Program, per Sourcewell Contract No. 080620-WEX. (Finance/Fire – McDermott/Garlow) (Reso 104-2022)**
- (4) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing an Application for Environmental Mitigation Land Management Grant Program Funds to the San Diego Association of Governments for the Tank Hill Cactus Wren Habitat Enhancement Project, Committing to Provide Matching Funds, and Authorizing Staff to Accept Grant Funds and Execute the Grant Agreement. (Development Services – Planning) (Reso 105-2022)**
- (5) **Claim Against the City by Sofia Farace. (Human Resources – Rankin)**

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

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

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

- (A) Steve Gerard Sidlovsky provided a brief opinion on the topic of personhood.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

- (6) **Approve the City's Participation in the San Diego County Sheriff's Department "Safe Santee" Program and Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Related Memorandum of Understanding. (San Diego County Sheriff)**

Captain Mike Rand provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

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

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

- (7) **Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7.04 of Title 7 ("Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare") of the Santee Municipal Code to Regulate Cannabis Businesses. (Finance – McDermott)**

The Finance Director provided a brief report.

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

Council Member McNelis seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Mayor Minto: No; and Council Members Koval: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 3. Noes: 1. Absent: Vice Mayor Hall – 1

**ACTION:** Mayor Minto moved to appoint Council Member McNelis and Council Member Koval to an Ad-Hoc committee to work with staff on the community benefits and policies.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- (8) **Resolution Approving the Santee-Lakeside Emergency Medical Services Authority ("Authority") Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement and Appointment of Commissioners to the Authority. (Fire – Garlow) (Reso 106-2022)**

The Fire Chief provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

**ACTION:** Council Member Koval moved to adopt the Resolution approving the Santee-Lakeside Emergency Medical Services Authority Joint Powers Agreement.

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

**ACTION:** Council Member Koval moved to appoint Council Member Koval and Vice Mayor Hall as primary Commissioners and Mayor Minto as alternate Commissioner.

Mayor Minto seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; and Council Members Koval: Aye; McNelis: No; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 3. Noes: 1. Absent: Vice Mayor Hall – 1

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

None.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Trotter requested information from the City Manager regarding the fires in the City.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

Under direction from the City Manager, the Fire Chief provided a brief report on the fires that have occurred in the City.

Council Member McNelis requested that the City Manager provide regular updates to the Council on any fire events occurring in the City to allow them to respond to questions they receive from members of the public.

The City Manager reminded the community there are two more Santee Summer Concerts at Town Center Park.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Council Member McNelis recused himself from both Items 9 and 10 and left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Council Members recessed at 7:30 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 7:35 p.m.

**(9) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**

(Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: Preserve Wild Santee v. City of Santee

Case Number: San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2020-00038168-CU-WM-CTL

**(10) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

(Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(2))

Significant Exposure to Litigation: One case

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 8:02 p.m. with all members present, except Vice Mayor Hall who was absent and Council Member McNelis who recused himself and left the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Minto reported information received from staff and no action was taken on Items 9 and 10.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Date Approved: August 24, 2022

/s/ Annette Ortiz

Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk