

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
November 9, 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, Vice Mayor Ronn Hall and Council Members Laura Koval and Dustin Trotter – 4. Absent: Council Member McNelis – 1

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

**INVOCATION** was given by Chris DuFour – Calvary Chapel Santee

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Alexander Diehl

**PROCLAMATION:** November 2022, Family Court Awareness Month

Mayor Minto presented the Proclamation to Tracey Mueller-Gibbs.

**PRESENTATION:** Santee City Cup Presentation: Varsity Football Game Between Santana and West Hills High Schools

Council Member Trotter presented the trophy to the Santana High School Football team and coach.

**PRESENTATION:** Veterans Appreciation

Council Member Trotter presented Certificates of Appreciation to Alex Diehl, the Santee VFW Post and American Legion Post 364. Mayor Minto presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Council Member Trotter. The Marketing Specialist presented a short video and presentation.

**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 October 12, 2022, and the October 26, 2022, Regular Meetings. (City Clerk – Ortiz)**
- (3) **Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)**

- (4) Approval of the Expenditure of \$73,164.09 for October 2022 Legal Services and Reimbursable Costs. (Finance – Jennings)
- (5) Adoption of a Resolution Awarding the Construction Contract for the Storm Drain Trash Diversion 2021 (CIP 2021-20) Project and Determining the Project is Categorically Exempt from Environmental Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act. (Development Services – Engineering) (**Reso 132-2022**)

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor Hall moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

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

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

- (A) Rod Slavin spoke regarding the need for a Veteran’s Center in the City of Santee.
- (B) Becky Rapp spoke regarding mental health and cannabis.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- (6) Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit (P2022-4) and Variance (V2022-1) to Allow a Wireless Telecommunications Facility at West Hills High School, Located at 8756 Mast Boulevard, in the Low-Medium Density Residential (R-2) Zone and Finding the Project Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301 and 15303 (APN 366-081-18). Applicant: Dish Wireless. (Development Services – Planning) (**Reso 133-2022**)

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:13 p.m. The Associate Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and, along with Kerrthan Diehl, Plancom INC., responded to Council questions.

**PUBLIC SPEAKER(S):**

- Kerrthan Diehl, Plancom INC.

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

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

- (7) **Public Hearing and Approval of an Ordinance Rescinding Chapters 11.02, 11.04, 11.06, 11.08, 11.10, 11.12, 11.14, 11.16, 11.18, 11.20, 11.22, and 11.26 of Title 11 of the Santee Municipal Code Entitled “Building and Construction”, in their Entirety and Adopting by Reference the 2022 California Building Standards Code, Including the 2022 California Administrative Code, the 2022 California Building Code, the 2022 California Residential Code, the 2022 California Electrical Code, the 2022 California Mechanical Code, the 2022 California Plumbing Code, the 2022 California Energy Code, the 2022 California Historical Building Code, the 2022 California Existing Building Code, the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code, the 2022 California Fire Code, and the California Referenced Standards Code, Together with Modifications, Additions, and Deletions Thereto. (Development Services – Building) (Ord 605)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:25 p.m. The Building Official and Fire Marshall provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

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

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:25 p.m.

### **CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

- (8) **Update on the Delivery of Building Division Services within the Department of Development Services Including Staffing and Contract Support. (Development Services – Building)**

The Building Official provided a PowerPoint presentation and, along with key staff members, responded to Council questions.

City Attorney requested clarification from Council for Motion.

**ACTION:** Mayor Minto moved approval of staff recommendation Option 4 with authority provided to the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract with Interwest, without bringing it back before Council, in a phased approach as outlined in the staff report, extending the contract from December 17, 2022 to the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2023, with adjustments mentioned by the Building Official.

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

(9) **Update on Actions and Process Steps to Implement Recently Adopted Cannabis Ordinance. (City Manager – Best)**

The City Manager and Information Technology Analyst provided a PowerPoint presentation, and along with the City Attorney, responded to Council questions.

Under discussion, recommendations were given to staff.

**PUBLIC SPEAKER(S):**

- Becky Rapp
- Cameron Pittman

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

None.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Koval spoke regarding the San Diego Association of Governments meeting and the California Air Resources Board.

Council Member Trotter invited the community to the ribbon cutting event at Weston Park on November 10, 2022.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager mentioned the new banners on the Veteran's bridge; she also reported on the pancake breakfast at the local fire station and the holiday tree lighting event that would take place on Friday, November 11.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Council Members recessed at 8:49 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 8:52 p.m.

(10) **Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation**

(Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1).)

Name of Case: *Preserve Wild Santee, et al. v City of Santee, et al.*

Case No. San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2022-00041478-CU-MC-CTL

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 9:16 p.m. with all members present, except Council Member McNelis who was absent. Mayor Minto reported existing litigation information received, no action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Date Approved: January 11, 2023

  
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Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk