

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
February 22, 2023**

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 Laura Koval and Council Members Ronn Hall, Rob McNelis and Dustin Trotter – 5

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

INVOCATION: was given by Rolland Slade, Meridian Baptist Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: was led by Boy Scouts of America.

RECOGNITION: Recognition of Bill Balog on 25 Years as Umpire-In-Chief at West Hills Little League.

Mayor Minto presented the Recognition to Bill Balog.

PROCLAMATION: Proclamation of the City Council Naming March 4, 2023, as Little League Day in Santee.

Mayor Minto presented proclamation to Bill Balog and Jasper.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The City Manager requested the Council not meet in Closed Session regarding Item 15.

The City Clerk requested Item 1, 5, 6 and 7 to be pulled for discussion.

- (1) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (2) **Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Santee City Council for the February 8, 2023, Regular Meeting; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (City Clerk – Ortiz)**
- (3) **Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Finance – Jennings)**

- (4) Approval of the Expenditure of \$95,605.05 for January 2023 Legal Services and Reimbursable Costs and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). (Finance – Jennings)
- (5) Item Pulled for Discussion.
- (6) Item Pulled for Discussion.
- (7) Item Pulled for Discussion.
- (8) Adoption of a Resolution Ratifying Emergency Repair Service Expenditures, Approving the First Amendment to the Contract with Paradigm Mechanical Corp. for HVAC Maintenance and Repairs, and Finding the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Inapplicable or Relying on a CEQA Exemption per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. (Community Services – Chavez) **(Reso 011-2023)**

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of the Consent Calendar and Agenda as amended.

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

- (1) Approval of Reading by Title Only and Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). (City Clerk – Ortiz)

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Vice Mayor Koval moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (5) Adoption of a Resolution Adopting the 2023 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan and Santee Annex; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). (Fire – Matsushita) **(Reso 009-2023)**

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (6) **Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Magnolia Avenue Traffic Signal Upgrades Project (CIP 2019-03) as Complete and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Development Services – Engineering) (Reso 010-2023)**

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (7) **Claim Against the City by Scott Schutza; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Human Resources – Rankin)**

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 Minutes):

- (A) Truth expressed concerns regarding political agendas.
- (B) Zandra Talbot spoke regarding an issue in her neighborhood.
- (C) Cheyenne Carlborg spoke regarding the transgender issue.
- (D) JoAnn Pastori, Lakeside Amity, spoke regarding the transgender issue.
- (E) Michael Pittman, Santee National Little League spoke regarding little league in the City.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (9) Continued Public Hearing to Assess Community Development Needs and to Solicit Proposals for Program Year 2023 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Program Funding Consistent with the Consolidated Plan and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Development Services – Engineering) **(Reso 012-2023)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:10 p.m. The Senior Management Analyst provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Steven Anderson, Crisis House (Speaker did not speak)

ACTION: Under discussion, Council Member Hall moved approval of the PY 2023 CDBG funds to be allocated as listed below; Council directed staff to publish a summary of the Annual Action Plan and adopt the Resolution approving PY 2023 CDBG funds.

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

Public Facilities (CDBG)

City of Santee – Public Infrastructure Citywide ADA Pedestrian Ramp Project	\$189,130.00
Total	\$181,130.00

Administrative Activities (CDBG)

CDBG Program Administration	\$37,685.00
CSA San Diego County (Federally Required Fair Housing Service)	\$20,500.00
Total	\$58,185.00

Public Service Activities (CDBG)

	<u>Allocation</u>
Crisis House	5,000.00
Elder Help	5,000.00
Meals on Wheels	5,000.00
Santee Food Bank	18,640.00
Santee Santas	5,000.00
Voices for Children	5,000.00
Total	\$43,640.00

Grand Total Allocation	\$282,955.00
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The Public Hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m.

- (10) **Public Hearing for a Major Revision (MJR2022-2) to the Lantern Crest Congregate Care Facility (Conditional Use Permit P07-12) at 300 Lantern Crest Way to Allow an Additional 72 Units at the Facility and a Maximum Building Height of 82 Feet Under a Density Bonus Application (DB2022-1); and to Consider an Addendum to Previously Adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration (AEIS07-29) for the Project. Applicant: Santee Senior Retirement Communities, LLC (Michael Grant). (Development Services – Planning) (Resos 013-2023 and 014-2023)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:19 p.m. The Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with staff assistance.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Truth
- Michael Grant, Lantern Crest

ACTION: Council Member Trotter moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member McNelis seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: No; and Council Members Hall: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 1.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:02 p.m.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- (11) **Report Summarizing the Outcome of the Santee City Council Planning Workshop Held January 30, 2023; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (City Manager – Best)**

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

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

Under discussion, the Council concurred on the priorities, being road repairs, fire service, and technology, along with previously outlined priorities.

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- (12) **Fiscal Year 2022-23 Operating Budget Update and Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget and Resolution Approving the Updated Salary Schedule; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Finance – Jennings) (Resos 015-2023 and 016-2023)**

The Finance Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and, with assistance from the City Attorney, responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (13) **Authorization to Participate with the County of San Diego and City of San Diego in an Encampment Resolution Funding Program Grant Focused on the San Diego River Corridor and Finding the Program is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (City Manager – Best)**

The City Manager provided a brief report on the Item and, with assistance from the San Diego County Program Coordinator Megan O’Dowd, responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

Vice Mayor Koval seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye; and Council Members Hall: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: No. Ayes: 4. Noes: 1.

- (14) **Appointment of Alternate to San Diego River Conservancy Board; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Mayor – Minto)**

Mayor Minto and Council Member Trotter spoke regarding the Item.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Mayor Minto moved to appoint Vice Mayor Koval as alternate.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued):

- Dan Bickford spoke regarding proposed temporary homeless housing by the County of San Diego.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Hall spoke regarding the tiny homes for the homeless.

Vice Mayor Koval requested the Fire Chief provide a brief report regarding the Santee-Lakeside Emergency Medical Services Authority (SLEMSA).

The Fire Chief provided a brief report.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation on CPR and the affects it has on those that receive it.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Members did not convene in Closed Session.

(15) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

(Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: City of Santee v. Santee Trolley Square 991 LP, et al.

Case Number: San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2022-00035836-CU-OR-CTL

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Date Approved: May 10, 2023



Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk