

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
April 12, 2023**

This Regular Meeting of the Santee City Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Laura Koval at 6:30 p.m.

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

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

INVOCATION was given by Lead Pastor Brandon Grant, Rise City Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Brandon Grant.

PROCLAMATION: Retirement of Santee Del Taco Owners, Duane and Cindy Johnson.

Vice Mayor Koval presented Proclamation and Certificate to Duane and Cindy Johnson.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Council Member Trotter requested Item 5 pulled for discussion.

The City Clerk requested Items 1,2,3, 6 and 7 to be pulled for discussion.

- (1) Item pulled for Discussion.
- (2) Item pulled for Discussion.
- (3) Item pulled for Discussion.
- (4) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Installation of All-Way Stop Control on Alphonse Street at the Intersection with Kerrigan Street and Finding the Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 Exemption. (Development Services – Schmitz) (**Reso 028-2023**)
- (5) Item pulled for Discussion.
- (6) Item pulled for Discussion.
- (7) Item pulled for Discussion.

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

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

- (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: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (2) **Approval of Payment of Demands; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Finance – Jennings)**

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (3) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Application to and Participation in the California Department of Housing and Community Development Prohousing Designation Program and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Development Services – Coyne) (Reso 027-2023)**

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (5) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Professional Services Agreement for City Hall Slope Landscape and Irrigation Rehabilitation and Revegetation (RFP #22/23-40028) with Steven Smith Landscape, Inc. and Determining the Project is Categorically Exempt from Environmental Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) per State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15304 and 15301. (Community Services – Chavez) (Reso 029-2023)**

The Community Services Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (6) **Purchase of New Structural Firefighting Clothing (Turnouts) from Municipal Emergency Services, per the SCAPPEC County of Los Angeles, California Contract #MA-IS-1840141-6, Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 030-2023)**

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (7) **Authorize Appropriation and Expenditure of FY2022 State Homeland Security Grant Funds in Accordance with All Program Requirements and Approve Purchase of a Polaris Off-Road Vehicle with Select Add-Ons, Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 031-2023)**

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Truth made comments regarding the YMCA.
- (B) Dan Bickford spoke regarding Housing First Program and homelessness.
- (C) Michael Ranson expressed various options for the community to be more involved in government.
- (D) Lynda Marrokal spoke regarding public comment during Council meetings and environmentalist' groups.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (8) **Public Hearing for Major Revision (MJR2022-3) to Conditional Use Permit P86-02 to Allow a Change in Use of a Children's Daycare Facility to a Public Charter Elementary School at 9580 Carlton Hills Boulevard and Finding the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines. APN 380-031-23. Applicant: Element Education, Inc. (Development Services – Coyne) (Reso 032-2023)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:06 p.m. The Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with assistance from Bill Hofman, Hofman Planning Associates representing Elemental Education and Earl Otte, Director of Community Montessori.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Robert Oathoudt
- Bill Hofman (Applicant)
- Earl Otte (Applicant)

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:27 p.m.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- (9) **Update on Implementation of the San Diego River Corridor Ordinance and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act("CEQA"). (City Manager – Best)**

The City Attorney provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with assistance from the Deputy Fire Chief and City Manager.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Truth

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- (10) **Resolution Granting a Request for Relief of Bid, Awarding the Construction Contract for the Prospect Avenue and Mesa Road Intersection Improvements (CIP 2020-01) Project, Determining the Project is Categorically Exempt from Environmental Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 and Approving the Appropriation of Funds. (Development Services – Schmitz) (Reso 033-2023)**

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

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Truth
- Dan Bickford

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (11) **Resolution Approving the Updated Salary Schedule of the Mayor and Council Members for Fiscal Year 2022-23, Appropriating \$1,920.00 to the City Council Department Budget and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 034-2023)**

The Finance Director provided a brief report and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Lynda Marrokai

ACTION: Council Member Trotter moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Trotter reminded the community about the District 4 Town Hall Meeting on April 25, 2023.

Council Member McNelis encouraged citizens to attend the County Supervisors community meeting on April 26, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Vice Mayor Koval announced that it was National Dispatchers week and acknowledged workers of Public Safety.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager reported on Hop Down the Bunny Trail event hosted by Community Services, she then requested Captain McNeill introduce Chris Galve as Lieutenant of the Santee Sheriff Station.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Members recessed at 7:57 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 8:00 p.m.

(12) Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation

(Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1))

Name of case: City of Santee v. City Wide Protection Services, et al.

Case Number: San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2022-00042169-CU-BC-CTL

(13) Conference with Labor Negotiators

(Gov. Code Section 54957.6)

City Designated Representative: City Manager

Employee Organization: Santee Firefighters Association

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 8:49 p.m. with all members present, except Mayor Minto who was absent. Vice Mayor Koval reported unanimous approval of a Resolution to approve a stipulated judgement to resolve the litigation for Item 12, and for Item 13, direction was given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Date Approved: May 10, 2023



Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk