

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
October 11, 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 Rob McNelis and Dustin Trotter – 4. Absent: Council Member Ronn Hall –1.

Officers present: City Manager Marlene Best, City Attorney Shawn Hagerty, and Assistant City Clerk James Jeffries

INVOCATION was given by Lakeside Community Presbyterian Church – Tim Avazian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by John Hossick

Mayor Minto spoke on current events in Israel and the impact it has had on the community.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The Assistant City Clerk requested Items 1, 2, and 3 be pulled for discussion.

- (1) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (2) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (3) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**

Items removed from the 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)**

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; Council Members McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Absent: Council Member Hall – 1.

(2) Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)**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; Council Members McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Absent: Council Member Hall – 1.

(3) Adoption of a Resolution Prohibiting Parking of Vehicles on the West Side of Marrokal Lane. (Engineering – Schmitz)

The Director of Engineering provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- James C. Meng (Rancho Fanita Villas, Santee Condo Project Owner)
- Lynda Marrokal
- John Hossick, Santee Mobilehome Owners Action Committee
- Truth

ACTION: Vice Mayor Koval moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Jennifer Palmer provided a handout to Council and spoke about health risks related to Round Up and Glyphosate and requested that Council ban the use of them in the community.
- (B) John Hossick thanked the City of Santee and Council for their leadership and involvement with the mobile home parks.
- (C) Robert Germann, Citizens Against Gillespie's Expansion & Low Flying Aircraft, provided a handout to Council and spoke about health concerns related to lead in aviation gas.
- (D) Truth commented on the current events in the Middel East, suggested a touch screen monitor for the agenda in chambers for the public, and commented on SANDAG meetings and the removal of per mile road usage tax, priced parking, EV taxes, congestion tax and toll lanes.
- (E) Michael Brando spoke about County Board of Supervisors meetings, the City of San Diego City Council meetings and SANDAG meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (4) **Update on the Ongoing Efforts of the Homeless Working Group. (City Manager – Best)**

The City Manager, with assistance from the City Attorney, provided a PowerPoint presentation.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

The Council received the report.

- (5) **Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Potential Future Construction of a Temporary Fire Station at the Public Services Operations Yard and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 117-2023)**

The Fire Chief, with assistance from the Director of Finance, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Truth
- Dustin Garhartt, Santee Fire Fighters Association

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; Council Members McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Absent: Council Member Hall – 1

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Vice Mayor Koval attended the El Cajon Oktoberfest accompanied by Council Members McNelis and Trotter; she attended the Annual Manufacturing Expo at Grossmont College and presented a Proclamation on behalf of the Council; she attended the First Annual Lōkahi Festival celebrating Pacific Islanders at Guardian Angels Church; she attended the Santee Fire Department Open House; and the SANDAG meeting which was a joint committee meeting with the Transportation Committee, Borders Committee, Regional Planning and Public Safety Committees.

Council Member Trotter attended the Mission Trails Regional Task Force meeting in which the Rangers discussed growing homelessness in the area; he went to Camp Pendleton along with Council Member McNelis to support our military troops; he also attended the tree planting event at Weston Park with Council Member McNelis, as well as the Fire Station 4 Open House; and he made an announcement that Guardian Angels Church will host an upcoming Fall Festival.

Mayor Minto commented on the streets and road conditions on the East Coast and the Midwest compared to Santee.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager reminded the community about the Brews and Bites Festival on October 21, 2023, with the YMCA offering babysitting services during the event.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Date Approved: November 8, 2023



Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk