

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
November 8, 2023**

This Regular Meeting of the Santee City Council was called to order by Mayor John W. Minto at 6:33 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 Lead Pastor Jerry Phillips, Sonrise Community Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Minto.

PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming November 12-18, 2023, United Against Hate Week in the City of Santee.

Mayor Minto read the Proclamation.

PRESENTATION: Veterans East County Alliance (VECA): Announcing VECA's Inaugural Veterans Awards Luncheon of Recognition (VALOR).

Susan Roberts-Egley from San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The City Manager requested Item 12 be pulled from Agenda.

- (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 September 13, September 27, October 11, and October 25, 2023, Regular Meetings, and October 11, 2023, Special Meeting. (City Clerk – Ortiz)**
- (3) **Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (4) **Approval of the Expenditure of \$87,651.55 for October 2023 Legal Services. (Finance – Jennings)**

- (5) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of New Structural Firefighting Clothing (Turnouts) from Municipal Emergency Services, per County of Los Angeles, CA Contract #MA-IS-1840141-6. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 120-2023)
- (6) Adoption of a Resolution Finding in Support of and Authorizing the Purchase of One New 2025 Braun North Star 171-3 Ambulance on a 2025 Ford E450 Chassis from Braun Northwest, Inc. per HGACBuy Contract AM 10-23, the Purchase of Add-On Items on the Open Market, and the Appropriation of Funds from the Emergency Medical Services Fund Reserve. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 121-2023)
- (7) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation and Expenditure of FY2021 State Homeland Security Program Grant Reallocation Funds in Accordance with All Program Requirements and Approving Purchase of Equipment to Create a Command Training Center for All Central Zone Agencies to Utilize at the Joint Training Facility, Heartland Training Facility. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 122-2023)

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

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.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Bret Moutaw spoke about safety concerns in the Santana Village Shopping Center.
- (B) Helen Leonard spoke about the vandalism and harassment she has experienced at the Barber shop in the Santana Village Shopping Center.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (8) A Public Hearing for an Ordinance Amending Title 13 (“Zoning Ordinance”) of the City of Santee Municipal Code Modifying “Vehicle Storage Yard” from a Use that is Currently Prohibited to a Use that is Permitted with a Minor Conditional Use Permit in the Light Industrial (IL) Zone and Approving an Exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) in Accordance with Section 15305 of the CEQA Guidelines. (Planning and Building – Sawa)

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:56 p.m. The Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with the assistance of the Planning and Building Director and City Attorney.

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.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:12 p.m.

- (9) **Public Hearing for Conditional Use Permit P2022-5 for a 4,307-Square-Foot Church Facility and Related Site Improvements on a 0.61-Acre Vacant Lot Located at 9300 Pike Road (APN 380-112-08) in the Neighborhood Commercial Zone (NC) and Finding the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to the Class 32 Infill Exemption. (Applicant: St. Nicholas Diocese in Chicago for the Ukrainians). (Planning and Building – Sawa) (Reso 123-2023)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:12 p.m. The Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Luke Miller, St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Church
- Reverend Yurii Sas, St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Church
- Catherine George, St. John the Baptizer Ukrainian Church

The Council Members raised a concern regarding sufficient parking for the project.

MOTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation. Council Member McNelis seconded the motion.

AMENDMENT: Under discussion, Vice Mayor Koval requested a friendly amendment to modify the construction schedule to Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Council Member Hall accepted the friendly amendment.

ACTION: The Motion 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.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- (10) **Public Workshop on the Town Center Specific Plan Update and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Planning and Building – Sawa)**

The City Manager introduced the Item and Elizabeth Ocampo Vivero, Principal Planner

with RRM Design Group, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions, with the assistance of Mark Steele of M.W. Steele Group.

The Council received the report and provided feedback and direction to staff.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (11) **A Report for the Consideration of Implementing a Fee to Recover Credit Card Transaction Cost and if Directed Set a Public Hearing for December 13, 2023, to Add the Fee to the City's Fee Schedule. (Finance – Jennings)**

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

MOTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation. Council Member McNelis seconded the motion.

AMENDMENT: Under discussion, Vice Mayor Koval requested a friendly amendment to include a check processing fee when paying online. Council Member Hall accepted the friendly amendment.

ACTION: The Motion 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.

- (12) **[WITHDRAWN]**
Resolution Approving an Amended Salary Schedule for Positions Subject to Minimum Wage Increases, a Market Adjustment Increase for Certain Fire Management Positions, and to Include a Part-Time Information Technology Technician Position, and Authorizing the Appropriation of \$32,240.00 to the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Adopted Operating Budget. (Human Resources – Freeman)
[ITEM 12 WAS WITHDRAWN]

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Hall reported Former Sheriff Captain Dan Brislin has joined the MTS Security Department; he also talked about fare enforcement sweeps on the Trolleys.

Vice Mayor Koval shared a story about Captain Jack, a retired Navy Captain and a news article given to her on a F-14 plane crash in Santee on March 4, 1980.

Council Member Trotter spoke about Military appreciation week with Veterans Day on

Saturday, November 11, and the Hometown Heroes banners; he also reminded the community about the annual Santee Fire and San Diego County Sheriff pancake breakfast at Fire Station 4 on Saturday, November 11, and the Veteran's Memorial event.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager reminded the community about the upcoming Santee Holiday Lighting event on Friday, November 17, at Santee Trolley Square and Selfies with Santa on Saturday, November 18; she also congratulated the Finance Department for receiving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

(13) Report on 2024 Initiatives Related to State and Local Revenues. (City Attorney – Hagerty)

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

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Members recessed at 9:17 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 9:20 p.m.

(14) Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code Section 54957(b)) Title: City Manager

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 11:02 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported the employee evaluation was completed.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 p.m.

Date Approved: December 13, 2023



Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk