

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
July 10, 2024**

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 Dustin Trotter, and Councilmembers Laura Koval and Rob McNelis, – 4. Excused: Ronn Hall – 1.

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

INVOCATION was given by Randell Cooper, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Trotter.

PROCLAMATION: Retirement of Assistant to the City Manager Kathy Valverde

Councilmember McNelis and Vice Mayor Trotter presented the proclamation to Kathy Valverde, which was followed by a PowerPoint presentation honoring her twenty-three years of service.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

The 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.**
- (4) **Approval of the Expenditure of \$103,907.86 for May 2024 Legal Services. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (5) **Adoption of a Resolution Awarding the Construction Contract for the West Hills Park ADA Parking Improvements (CIP 2024-37) Project and Determining the Project is Categorically Exempt from Environmental Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c). (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 089-2024)**

- (6) **Authorize Acceptance, Appropriation, and Expenditure of FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Funds in Accordance with All Program Requirements and Approving the Purchase of a Ford F350 Vehicle with Select Add-Ons. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 090-2024)**

ACTION: Councilmember McNelis moved approval of the Consent Calendar and Agenda as Amended.

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

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: Councilmember McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (2) **Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Santee City Council for the Regular Meetings of May 22, June 12, and June 26, 2024, and the Special Meeting of June 18, 2024. (City Clerk – Ortiz)**

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Vice Mayor Trotter moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

- (3) **Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)**

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Vice Mayor Trotter moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Truth spoke about the Trolley and rider experience, a SANDAG Borders meeting, and automated license plate recognition cameras.
- (B) Brenda Hammond spoke about hiking the trails in Santee, Council meeting invocations, and thanked City staff for keeping Santee safe and clean and providing fun events.
- (C) Blake Brimm spoke about his experience with Padre Dam Municipal Water District and their billing system.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (7) **Public Hearing on a Resolution Establishing a Special Assessment on Certain Parcels of Land that were Subject to Involuntary Weed Abatement and/or Administrative Fees by the City and for which Costs Have Not Been Paid by the Owner(s) of Record of Said Parcels and Finding that the Action is Exempt from Environmental Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). (Planning & Building – Sawa) (Reso 091-2024)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:04 p.m. The Code Compliance Officer provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Councilmember McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:13 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (8) **Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds Received from the Big Rock Park Pickleball Group for Improvements to East Walking Path at Big Rock Park Courts. (Community Services – Chavez) (Reso 092-2024)**

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

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

ACTION: Councilmember Koval moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued):

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Mayor Minto reported he will be attending the League of California Cities Board of Directors meeting.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager acknowledged City Staff for the hard work put into the Santee Salutes event and reminded the community of the Santee Summer Concert on July 11, 2024, at Town Center Community Park East.

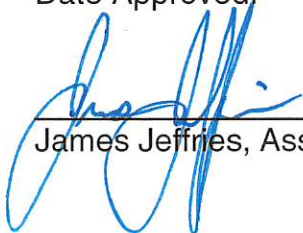
CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Date Approved: August 14, 2024



James Jeffries, Assistant City Clerk