

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
August 14, 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 Ronn Hall, Laura Koval, and Rob McNelis – 5

Officers present: City Manager Marlene Best and City Attorney Shawn Hagerty

INVOCATION was given by Pastor James Huenink, First Lutheran Church of El Cajon

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Michael Coyne, Principal Planner

PROCLAMATION: Certificates of Recognition for the Santee Youth Business Fair and Award to the Santee Youth Entrepreneur of the Year

Mayor Minto, Vice Mayor Trotter and Terri Bozhor from Momentum Tutoring presented Certificates of Recognition to the Santee youth business fair participants.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- (1) **Approval of Reading by Title Only and Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda. (City Clerk)**
- (2) **Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Santee City Council for the July 10, 2024, Regular Meeting. (City Clerk)**
- (3) **Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (4) **Approval of the Expenditure of \$107,826.55 for June 2024 Legal Services. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (5) **Authorize the Declaration of Vehicle No. 167, a 2014 Ford F150, as Surplus Property to be Disposed of at a Public Auction. (Fire – Matsushita)**
- (6) **Rejection of Claim Against the City by Philip Londo and Acceptance of Claim Against the City by Darrel Timan. (Human Resources – Freeman)**
- (7) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a First-In Alerting Smart Station System for a Temporary Fire Station at the City of Santee**

Operations Facility, per Sourcewell Contract No. 042021-WNT. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 093-2024)

- (8) Adoption of a Resolution Amending Legislative Policy Memorandum 2023-01 for the Display of City Banners at Specified Locations within the City of Santee. (City Manager – Best) (Reso 094-2024)
- (9) Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Second Amendment to the Contract with Countywide Mechanical Systems, Inc. for Plumbing Repairs and Maintenance Services at City Hall. (Community Services – Chavez) (Reso 095-2024)
- (10) Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Citywide Crack Sealing Program 2024 (CIP 2024-03) Project as Complete and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 096-2024)

ACTION: Vice Mayor Trotter moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Gary Blume, Total Altruism Project, spoke about his foundation the Total Altruism Project and its impacts on parks in the City of San Diego.
- (B) Brenda Hammond discussed her participation in local meetings and spoke about the importance of listening to citizens and business concerns.
- (C) Kathleen Lippitt discussed her findings on the financial, health, and legal impacts of Proposition 64.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (11) Public Hearing for a Tentative Parcel Map (TPM-2024-0002) to Divide a 4.79-Acre Residential Parcel into Two Separate Parcels, Located at 9953 Buena Vista Avenue in the High Density Residential (R-22) Zone (APN 384-162-04-00) and Finding the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15315 (Applicant: New West Investment). (Planning and Building – Sawa) (Reso 097-2024)

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:59 p.m. Rachael Lindebrekke, Associate Planner, provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- LaVonne Simonides
- Lia Marino
- Jon Cloud, Consultant for Marino Family

ACTION: Councilmember Hall 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 Hall: Aye; Koval: Aye; and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:10 p.m.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- (12) **Update on Sportsplex USA Recent Construction of Mini Soccer Arena and Approval of Seventh Amendment. (Community Services – Chavez)**

Nicolas Chavez, Community Services Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with the assistance of Steve Miller, Principal Civil Engineer and Shawn Hagerty, City Attorney.

ACTION: Councilmember McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation Option 2.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

- (13) **Acceptance and Appropriation of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funds for Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Defensible Space Throughout Designated Areas of the San Diego River Corridor, Phase One of a Two Phased Project. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 098-2024)**

Justin Matsushita, Fire Chief provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

ACTION: Mayor Minto 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 Hall: Aye; Koval: Aye; and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

- (14) **Resolution Authorizing the Expenditure of San Diego Regional Fire Foundation (SDRFF) Grant Funds in Accordance with All Program**

Requirements and the Purchase of One New HME Type 3 – Model 34 Wildland Brush Engine from HME, Inc. Per Sourcewell Contract No. 113021-HME with Select Add-Ons per Competitive Bids. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 099-2024)

Justin Matsushita, Fire Chief provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

ACTION: Councilmember McNelis 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 Hall: Aye; Koval: Aye; and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

(15) Selection of Voting Representative and Alternates for League of California Cities Annual Conference. (City Clerk)

Mayor Minto provided information on the item and recommended to appoint Mayor Minto as the voting representative and Councilmembers Hall and Koval as the alternates.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Trotter moved approval of Mayor Minto's recommendation.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

- (A) John Hossick, Santee Mobilehome Owners Action Committee, thanked the Council and the community for the support and assistance with the Buddy's Backpacks Program.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Koval reported on the grand reopening of the Santee UPS store; she also spoke about 2024 Summer Olympics in which Santana alumni, Alex Bowen, is on the men's USA Water Polo team that won the bronze medal.

Mayor Minto reported plans to attend the League of California Cities conference; he also stated the Governor's office came and spoke about funding that would be available to the City for homelessness and other projects.

Vice Mayor Trotter asked questions about the upcoming Town Center Community Park East closure. Marlene Best, City Manager; Nicolas Chavez, Community Services Director; and Aldo Hernandez, Sheriff Captain provided information on the closure.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager reported that Congressman Issa has a staff member working at City Hall and is available to constituents.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Members recessed at 8:07 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 8:11 p.m.

(16) Public Employment
(Gov. Code section 54957)
Title: City Clerk

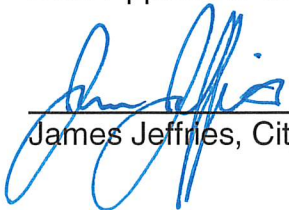
(17) Public Employee Performance Evaluation
(Gov. Code section 54957)
Title: City Manager

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 9:27 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported for Item 16 and Item 17 that direction was given.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Date Approved: October 23, 2024



James Jeffries, City Clerk