

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

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

INVOCATION was given by Gary Lawton – Calvary Chapel of Santee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Battalion Chief, Harley Wallace.

PRESENTATION: Patient's Commendation to Fire Department Staff for Going Above and Beyond their Duties

Connie Charles and Jill Linder presented certificates to the Fire Department in appreciation of their services and actions going above and beyond.

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)**
- (2) **Approval of Meeting Minutes of the Santee City Council for the December 13, 2023, January 10, and January 24, 2024, Regular Meetings. (City Clerk – Ortiz)**
- (3) **Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (4) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to the Federal RAISE (Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity) Grant Program for State Route 52 (SR 52) Improvements and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 006-2024)**
- (5) **Authorization to Award a Contract to On Duty Health, PLLC for FY 2023-24 Firefighter Health and Fitness Assessment Services. (Fire – Matsushita)**

- (6) Adoption of a Resolution Approving the First Amendment to the Agreement with Countywide Mechanical Systems, Inc. for Plumbing Repairs and Maintenance Services at Big Rock Park and Finding the Project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. (Community Services – Chavez) (Reso 007-2024)
- (7) Adoption of a Resolution Rejecting the Bid from Eagle Paving and Awarding the Construction Contract for the Fanita Drive and Mission Gorge Road Asphalt Repairs (CIP 2024-11) Project to Quality Construction and Engineering, Inc., 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 008-2024)

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Robert Oathoudt spoke regarding his concerns about the property at 9585 Carlton Oaks Boulevard, Community Montessori School.
- (B) Robert Germann, Citizens Against Gillespie’s Expansion & Low Flying Aircraft, provided a handout and spoke about emissions from aircraft engines; he also provided a handout about California Senate Bill 654 and spoke about the effects Bill 654 has on Gillespie Field
- (C) Mike Root provided a handout and spoke about his concerns of fire hazard conditions in Sky Ranch.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (8) A Public Hearing to Assess Community Development Needs and to Solicit Proposals for Program Year 2024 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Program Funding Consistent with the Consolidated Plan and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Engineering – Schmitz)

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:52 p.m. The Senior Management Analyst provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with the assistance of the Planning and Building Director.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Tonya V. Hendrix, Santee Santas Foundation
- Rebecca Rader, Voices for Children
- Dennis Martins, Santee Foodbank
- Zac Clark, The HomeMore Project
- Tim Ray, Meals-on-Wheels
- Fred Lindahl, Home of Guiding Hands provided a handout.

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

The Public Hearing was continued to February 28, 2024, at 7:21 p.m.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- (9) **Community Risk Assessment and Long-Range Master Plan Staff Update on Achievements and Potential Funding Options. (Fire/Finance/City Manager – Matsushita/Jennings/Best)**

The Fire Chief, City Manager and Finance Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Mark Hartman, Santee Firefighters Association
- Patrick Henry, Protect Santee

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued):

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Vice Mayor Trotter spoke about his community coffee event, Trotter Talk, at Pathways Community Church and the results of a survey conducted in which residents provided feedback on the top three issues in Santee, which were: homeless issues, road maintenance, and juvenile crimes.

Council Member McNelis thanked Fire Marshal Carisa Workman for her service to the City and well wishes for the future.

Council Member Koval asked the Engineering Director to provide additional details in

future road work and paving presentations; she also spoke about the Santee Lakeside Emergency Medical Services Authority (“SLEMSA”) meeting on February 8, 2024.

Council Member Hall wished the community a Happy Valentine’s Day.

Mayor Minto spoke about a SANDAG meeting he attended in which the following topics were discussed: the Regional Transportation Plan, road usage, Caltrans and the lack of cleanliness that affect the storm drains, funding for transportation needs, and the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy; he also let the community know about a petition going around the state called: The Homelessness, Drug Addiction and Theft Reduction Act.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager thanked City staff for the efforts they made during the storms and reminded the community that February 17, 2024, is Fido Fest at Town Center Community Park from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Members recessed at 8:39 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 8:42 p.m.


- (10) **Public Employee Performance Evaluation**
(Government Code Section 54957(b))
Title: City Clerk

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 9:03 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported no action was taken and direction was given to staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Date Approved: March 27, 2024



Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk