

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
February 28, 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 Marshall Masser of Lakeside Christian Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Mayor Minto

PROCLAMATION: Proclamation of the City Council Naming March 2, 2024, as Little League Day in Santee

Mayor Minto presented the proclamations to West Hills and Santee National Little Leagues.

PRESENTATION: Presentation by the East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Association on the East County Advanced Water Purification Project.

Rebecca Abbott, Engineering Director with Padre Dam Municipal Water District presented a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Trotter requested Item 9 be heard before Item 8.

- (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 Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (3) **Approval of the Expenditure of \$70,377.39 for January 2024 Legal Services. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (4) **Rejection of Claims Against the City by Riderwood HOA and by Kylie Minshew, and a Recommendation to Accept a Claim by Veronica and Alex Rivas. (Human Resources – Freeman)**

- (5) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Professional Services Agreement with Compass Rose GIS to Provide As-Needed GIS Services. (City Manager – Best) (Reso 009-2024)**

ACTION: Council Member Koval 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 Trotter: Aye; and Council Members Hall: Aye; Koval: Aye; and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Gina Austin, Association of Licensed Cannabis Operators (ALCO), spoke about the intoxication effects of hemp and requested the City put a ban of intoxicating hemp into place.
- (B) Jack Randall Sims spoke about the City of Encinitas Cannabis Ordinance to provide license of regulation and tax business; he also thanked the City for welcoming cannabis businesses into the City of Santee.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (6) **Continued Public Hearing to Assess Community Development Needs and to Solicit Proposals for Program Year (PY) 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) (Reso 010-2024)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:59 p.m. The Senior Management Analyst provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with the assistance of Felix La Fuente from Home of Guiding Hands.

The City Council took preliminary action on each section of the funding allocation as listed below.

<u>Public Service Activities (CDBG)</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
Elder Help	\$5,000.00
The HomeMore Project	\$0.00
Meals on Wheels	\$5,000.00
Santee Food Bank	\$25,990.00
Santee Santas	\$5,000.00
Voices for Children	<u>\$5,000.00</u>
Total	\$45,990.00

ACTION: Under discussion, Council Member Hall moved approval of the above-listed

allocation for the Public Services Activities portion of the Item.

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.

<u>Administrative Activities (CDBG)</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
CDBG Program Administration	\$40,320.00
CSA San Diego County (Federally Required Fair Housing Services)	<u>\$21,000.00</u>
Total	\$61,320.00

ACTION: Under discussion, Council Member McNelis moved approval of the above-listed allocation for the Administrative Activities portion of the Item.

Vice Mayor Trotter 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.

<u>Public Facilities (CDBG)</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
City of Santee – Public Infrastructure Citywide ADA Pedestrian Ramp Project	\$189,442.00
Home of Guiding Hands –Sidewalk and Yard Improvements	<u>\$15,000.00</u>
Total	\$204,442.00

ACTION: Under discussion, Council Member McNelis moved approval of the above-listed allocation for the Public Facilities portion of the Item:

Council Member Hall seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Trotter: No; and Council Members Hall: Aye; Koval: Aye; and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 1.

Grand Total Allocation **\$311,752.00**

ACTION: Under Discussion, Council Member Hall moved approval of PY 2024 CDBG funds to be allocated as listed above; Council directed staff to publish a summary of the Annual Action Plan and adopt the Resolution approving PY 2024 CDBG funds.

Council Member Koval 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 closed at 7:11 p.m.

- (7) **Public Hearing and Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7.04 of Title 7 “Public Peace, Morals, and Welfare” (Case File ZOA-2023-0002) of the Santee Municipal Code to Allow Cannabis Manufacturing as a Stand-Alone Use in the Light Industrial (IL) and General Industrial (IG) Zones and Finding the Ordinance is Covered by the Previously Adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Santee Cannabis Business Ordinance Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Planning and Building – Sawa)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:11p.m. Vice Mayor Trotter recused himself from the Item and left the dais at 7:12 p.m. The Senior Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Gina Austin

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:18 p.m. Vice Mayor Trotter rejoined the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (9) **General Fund Reserve Policy Discussion. (Finance – Jennings)**

The Finance Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with the assistance of the City Manager.

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

- (8) **Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operating Budget Update and Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget. (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 011-2024)**

The Finance Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with the assistance of the Engineering Director, Community Services Director, Fire Chief, Human Resources Director, Sheriff’s Captain Aldo Hernandez, and City Manager.

MOTION: Mayor Minto moved approval of staff recommendation, Council Member Hall Seconded the motion.

AMENDMENT: After discussion, Mayor Minto requested a friendly amendment applying

two million nine hundred thousand to roads, nine hundred thousand to software, one million five hundred thousand to the community center, and remainder to the temporary fire station project.

ACTION: The motion carried by the following vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Trotter: No; and Council Members Hall: Aye; Koval: Aye; and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 1.

(10) Resolution Supporting Affordable Housing and Commitment to a Collaboration Between the City of Santee and the County of San Diego. (City Manager – Best) (Reso 012-2024)

The City Manager provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with the assistance of the City Attorney.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- A.J. Tota
- Gary Strawn

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Koval 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 (Continued):

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Koval reported about the Transfer of Care meeting and reported the offload time of the ambulances at Grossmont Hospital.

Council Member Hall also spoke about the Transfer of Care meeting with input from Santee Fire Chief.

Vice Mayor Trotter announced the upcoming meeting for District Four Town Hall located in Council Chambers March 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Minto reported on SANDAG.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

None.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Members recessed at 9:32 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 9:35p.m.

(11) Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation

(Gov. Code section 54956.9(d)(4))

Initiation of Litigation Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: One potential case involving Harrison Trucking/8801 Olive Lane.

(12) Public Employee Performance Evaluation

(Government Code Section 54957(b))

Title: City Clerk

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 10:25 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported no action for Item 11, and for Item 12 action taken, direction given to staff to bring the Item back for open session.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Date Approved: March 27, 2024



Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk