

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
March 13, 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 Mayor Minto

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Trotter

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mayor Minto registered an abstention on Item 4. Vice Mayor Trotter registered an abstention on Item 6. Council Member Hall registered a No vote on Item 6.

- (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) **Adoption of a Resolution Rejecting the Bid from Star Energy Maintenance, Inc. and Awarding the Construction Contract to Yunex Traffic for the Citywide Streetlight LED Upgrade Project (CIP 2023-02) 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 013-2024)**
- (4) **Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Prospect Avenue and Mesa Road Intersection Improvements (CIP 2020-01) Project as Complete and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15378. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 014-2024)**
- (5) **Approval of a Joint Use Agreement with the Grossmont Union High School District. (Community Services – Chavez)**

- (6) **Second Reading and Adoption 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) (Ord 614)**

- (7) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Appropriation of Funds for the Purpose of Authorizing an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Interwest Consulting Group, Inc. (a SAFEbuilt Company) for Specialized Professional Building Services to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Amount. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 015-2024)**

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

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.

Mayor Minto abstained from Item 4. Vice Mayor Trotter abstained from Item 6. Council Member Hall voted No on Item 6.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (8) **Resolution Amending the Management Services Agreement of the City Clerk. (Mayor – Minto) (Reso 016-2024)**

The Human Resources Director provided a staff report and responded to Council questions.

ACTION: Council Member Koval 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.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued):

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Koval spoke about attending the SANDAG retreat with Mayor Minto. Council Member Koval reported that they found some data errors for employment information for each City and would like Santee to look further into the data for the City of Santee; she was asked to come up with (BHAGS) big hairy audacious goals: what would you do differently, she stated she would create an incentive for seniors to move out of single-family homes and for families to occupy the single-family homes that seniors are currently occupying, seniors could downsize to smaller living spaces; she also spoke regarding the future demographics of the San Diego region.

Council Member Koval congratulated the Santee Sheriff's Department for being voted Santee's Favorite Government Organization at the Santee Chamber Awards.

Mayor Minto spoke about the SANDAG retreat and the governances of SANDAG, as well as what the expectations are for the Board of Directors and the willingness of everyone to work together to resolve issues; he also announced that there will be interviews for a new SANDAG CEO on Friday, March 15, 2024.

Council Member McNelis shared his concerns about the lack of transparency of SANDAG and with the selection of the next CEO; he spoke about the transition from fuel powered transportation to electric transportation and how it is unrealistic for most of the community and county.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager reported that Chuck E. Cheese will be hosting its first launch party for the Chuck E. Cheese cookbook at the Santee location on March 19th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; she also reminded the community about the Santee Bunny Trail event at Santee Trolley Square on March 23rd from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Date Approved: March 27, 2024


Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk