

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
April 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: Councilmember Ronn Hall – 1

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

**INVOCATION** was given by Pathways Church– Pastor Phil Herrington

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Supervisor Joel Anderson, County of San Diego

Mayor Minto requested the Santee Financial Fun Awareness Day item be heard before the Recognizing Heartland Communities Facilities Authority item.

**PROCLAMATION:** Santee Financial Fun Awareness Day

Mayor Minto and Supervisor Anderson presented proclamations to Theresa Bozhor from Momentum Tutoring. Anthony Zambelli, San Diego Center for Economic Education at Cuyamaca College, awarded Momentum Tutoring the Financial Literacy Hero Award for promoting financial literacy.

**PROCLAMATION:** Recognizing Heartland Communications Facilities Authority

Councilmember Koval, with assistance from Mayor Minto, presented the Proclamation to Jeff Logan and the Heartland Communications staff.

**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 Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)
- (3) Adoption of a Resolution Acknowledging Receipt of a Report Made by the Fire Chief in Accordance with Section 13146.4 of the California Health and Safety Code (Annual Fire Inspection Compliance Report). (Fire – Matsushita) **(Reso 024-2024)**

- (4) Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Public Improvements for the Rancho Fanita Villas Subdivision Project (TM2005-05) as Complete and Finding this Acceptance is Not a CEQA Project. Location: Marrokal Lane South of Arminda Circle. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 025-2024)
- (5) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Submittal of a Grant Application to the Federal INFRA (Infrastructure for Rebuilding America) 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 026-2024)
- (6) Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Procurement of NoTraffic Vehicle Detection Systems from JTB Supply Company for the Smart Traffic Signals Project CIP 2024-09, and Finding the Action is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to Section 15302(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 027-2024)
- (7) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Use of \$84,098.78 in Appropriated Funds from the Adopted Operating Budget, Planning Department for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for Professional Services Related to the Santee Multiple Species Conservation Program Subarea Plan Provided by ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc. through an Existing Professional Services Agreement and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendments to Said Agreement. (Planning and Building – Sawa) (Reso 028-2024)
- (8) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Use of \$165,901.22 in Appropriated Funds from the Adopted Operating Budget, Planning Department for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for Professional Services Related to the Santee Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Subarea Plan Provided by Ebbin Moser + Skaggs, LLP through an Existing Professional Services Agreement and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Amendments to Said Agreement. (Planning and Building – Sawa) (Reso 029-2024)
- (9) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Adopted Salary Schedule to Reflect a Market Adjustment Increase to the Salary Band for the Position of Fire Marshal. (Human Resources – Freeman) (Reso 030-2024)

**ACTION:** Councilmember McNelis moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

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: Hall 1



**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):**

- (A) Denise Lotta voiced concerns about the potential impact of a proposed project near her home related to construction and the environment, should the project be approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

- (10) **Public Hearing for a Tentative Map (TM2020-1) and Development Review Permit (DR2020-2) for a 13-Lot Residential Subdivision with 12 Proposed Single-Family Homes on a 2.46 Acre Site Located at 9463 Slope Street (APN 384-232-03-00) in the Low-Medium Density Residential (R-2) Zone and Finding the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to the Class 32 Infill Exemption, CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (Applicant: New West Investment Group, Inc.). (Planning and Building – Sawa) (Resos 031-2024 & 032-2024)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:04 p.m. The Associate Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with the assistance of the Planning and Building Director and Engineering Director.

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

- Greg Brown (Applicant)

**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 7:26 p.m.

- (11) **Public Hearing on and Resolution Adopting the TransNet Local Street Improvement Program of Projects for Fiscal Years 2025 through 2029, Amending the Capital Improvement Program Budget and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 033-2024)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:26 p.m. The Engineering Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

**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 7:33 p.m.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

- (12) Resolution Approving the Extension of the Additional 12-Hours BLS Ambulance Trial through the End of Fiscal Year 23/24 Utilizing Part-Time Emergency Medical Technicians and Approving the Appropriation of \$13,000 from the Emergency Medical Services Unrestricted Fund Balance to the Emergency Medical Services Division of the City of Santee Fire Department’s FY 2023-24 Operating Budget. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 034-2024)

The Fire Chief provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

**ACTION:** Councilmember Koval 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.

**NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (Continued):**

None.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember Koval discussed the Ethics in Business event hosted by the East County Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Minto announced that SANDAG is conducting interviews for the Chief Executive Officer position; he also reported he will be attending the League of California Cities Legislative Action Days in Sacramento and the Board of Directors meeting.

Vice Mayor Trotter announced that San Diego River Conservancy awarded grants to the City of Santee; he also requested Captain Hernandez introduce Lieutenant Joseph Jarjura.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager welcomed Lieutenant Joseph Jarjura; she announced the upcoming Santee Community Celebration at the historic Edgemoor Barn on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>; she also reported that the City of Santee, along with its’ adopted Marine Unit at Miramar, will host the Heroes Golf Classic Tournament on May 31<sup>st</sup> in support of the Marine Corp. Birthday Ball.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Date Approved: June 12, 2024



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Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk