

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
April 24, 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, City Attorney Shawn Hagerty, and City Clerk Annette Ortiz

**INVOCATION** was given by Carlton Oaks Baptist Church – Craig Barnett

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Michael Coyne, Principal Planner

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

Mayor Minto requested Item 13 be heard before Items 11 and 12.

- (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 \$81,261.52 for March 2024 Legal Services. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (4) **Adoption of a Resolution Initiating Proceedings and Ordering the Preparation of an Engineer’s Report for the FY 2024-25 Santee Roadway Lighting District Annual Levy of Assessments; Finding the Action is Statutorily Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies). (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 035-2024)**
- (5) **Adoption of a Resolution Initiating Proceedings and Ordering the Preparation of an Engineer’s Report for the FY 2024-25 Town Center Landscape Maintenance District Annual Levy of Assessments; Finding the Action is Statutorily Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies). (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 036-2024)**
- (6) **Adoption of a Resolution Initiating Proceedings and Ordering the**

- Preparation of an Engineer's Report for the FY 2024-25 Santee Landscape Maintenance District Annual Levy of Assessments; Finding the Action is Statutorily Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15262 (Feasibility and Planning Studies). (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 037-2024)
- (7) Adoption of a Resolution Approving the City of Santee Investment Policy and Delegating Authority to the City Treasurer, and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 038-2024)
- (8) Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Citywide Slurry Seal and Roadway Maintenance Program 2023 (CIP 2023-06) Project as Complete and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 039-2024)
- (9) Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the City Hall Painting and Wood Repairs (CIP 2023-34) Project as Complete and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 040-2024)
- (10) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of 15 Batteries for APX 8000 All-Band Portable Radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc. per County of San Diego Regional Communications System Contract No. 553982. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 041-2024)

**ACTION:** Councilmember McNelis moved approval of the Consent Calendar and Agenda as amended.

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.

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

- (A) Eleanor Aylesworth Walsh spoke about a pathway adjacent to the Countryside community, citing issues with individuals loitering along the path; she advocated for transforming the path into a designated walking and bike path for the benefit of the community.
- (B) Nanette Burrell, Santee United Methodist Church, extended an invitation to the community for the upcoming Pride Walk hosted by Santee United Methodist Church on June 22, 2024.

- (C) Linda Roach conveyed her gratitude towards City of Santee staff for their efforts in organizing the Community Celebration event; she eagerly anticipates future events that foster community unity and togetherness.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- (13) Proposed Support for the Blue Envelope Program Operated by the San Diego Sheriff's Department. (City Manager – Best)**

The City Manager introduced Amber Reeves, Sergeant with San Diego Sheriff's Department, who provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with assistance of Captain Hernandez.

**ACTION:** Councilmember McNelis moved to support the Blue Envelope Program.

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.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

- (11) A Public Hearing to Adopt a Resolution Approving the Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan and Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Grant Application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"). (Planning & Building – Sawa) (Reso 042-2024)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:56 p.m. The Senior Management Analyst provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

**ACTION:** Councilmember McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

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.

The Public Hearing was closed at 6:57 p.m.

- (12) Public Hearing for a Tentative Map (TM2017-1), Development Review Permit (DR2017-1) and Mitigated Negative Declaration (AEIS2017-8) for a Proposed 17-Lot Residential Subdivision with 14 Single-Family Homes on an Undeveloped 27.35-Acre Property Located at the Southern Terminus of Tyler Street in the Low Density Residential (R-1) and Park/Open Space (P/OS) Zones. (Applicant: Mark Steve). (Planning & Building – Sawa) (Resos 043-2024, 044-2024 & 045-2024)**

Mayor Minto recused himself from the Public Hearing discussion due to a conflict of interest and left the dais at 6:57 p.m. Vice Mayor Trotter opened the Public Hearing at 6:57 p.m. The Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with assistance from Michael Jefferson, Project Biologist, and Marc Harris, the owner's representative, and the City Attorney.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS:**

- Michael Jefferson, BLUE Consulting Group
- Suzy Foster
- Larry Walsh, Walsh Engineering and Surveying
- Marc Harris, Owner Representative
- Jose Reed

**ACTION:** Councilmember Koval moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m. Mayor Minto rejoined the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

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

None.

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Councilmember Koval reported on attending the 2024 Public Safety Awards Banquet and provided feedback on the ceremony's organization and execution.

Councilmember McNelis reminded the community about the forthcoming Chamber of Commerce Santee Heroes Celebration dinner at Carlton Oaks; he also proudly announced that the City of Santee had been recognized as the second safest city in San Diego County.

Mayor Minto shared insights from his recent visit to Sacramento, highlighting discussions he engaged in regarding Assembly and Senate bills; he expressed concerns about the potential negative impacts these bills may have locally in Santee.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager announced that the City has partnered with our adopted military unit to raise funds for the Marines in HMH 462, the Heavy Haulers, for the upcoming Heroes Golf Classic Tournament on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at Carlton Oaks.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

The City Attorney delivered an update on the ongoing proceedings in the United States Supreme Court, specifically, the court is deliberating a case titled "Sheets v. County of El Dorado," which will impact the adoption and enforcement of mitigation fees; he also reported on the City of Grants Pass case and whether the enforcement of no camping ordinances potentially infringe upon 8th Amendment rights.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Date Approved: June 12, 2024



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Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk