

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
June 12, 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 Phil Icenhower, Rock Church El Cajon Campus.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Pamela White.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Trotter requested Item 11 be pulled for discussion.

- (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 Regular Meetings of April 10, April 24, and May 8, 2024. (City Clerk – Ortiz)
- (3) Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)
- (4) Adoption of Resolutions Calling for a November 5, 2024, General Municipal Election. (City Clerk – Ortiz) (Resos 065-2024, 066-2024, 067-2024 & 068-2024)
- (5) Acceptance and Appropriation of FY 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Training Funds for Training and Backfill Overtime Reimbursement. (Fire – Matsushita)
- (6) Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Five-Year Agreement with the County of San Diego for Participation in the California Identification System (CAL-ID) Remote Access Network to Extend the Agreement for Two Additional Years, Until June 30, 2026. (Assistant to the City Manager – Valverde)
- (7) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with D-Max Engineering, Inc. for As-Needed Storm Water Program Staffing Services. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 069-2024)

- (8) Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with RSG Solutions for the Preparation of the 2025 – 2029 Consolidated Plan and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Planning and Building – Sawa)
- (9) Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Fourth Amendment to the Agreement with Paradigm Mechanical Corp. for HVAC Maintenance and Repairs. (Community Services – Chavez) (Reso 070-2024)
- (10) Acceptance and Appropriation of the Monetary Donation of \$92,515.49 for Walker Preserve from the Reda J. and Arthur B. Ballantyne Charitable Fund at the San Diego Foundation. (Community Services – Chavez)
- (11) Item Pulled for Discussion.

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

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.

Item removed from the Consent Calendar:

- (11) Adoption of a Resolution Adopting the General Fund Reserve Policy. (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 071-2024)

The Finance Director provided information and responded to Council questions with assistance from the City Manager and City Attorney.

MOTION: Vice Mayor Trotter moved approval of staff recommendation; Councilmember McNelis seconded the motion.

AMENDMENT: After discussion, Vice Mayor Trotter requested a friendly amendment of an adjustment of the reserve going to twenty-two percent and with one percent going to the supplemental policy.

ACTION: The motion 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) Brenda Hammond spoke about being a Santee resident and how the community has developed since 1980; she also spoke about her pleasant experience with City staff.
- (B) Bill McDaniel spoke about an event that occurred on May 25th at the old Santee Drive-in.

- (C) William Jacobs, North Palisade Partners, stated the new owners of the Santee Drive-in property wanted to assure the community that they were not involved in the event on May 25th and do not support similar events in the future.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (12) **Public Hearing and Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santee, California, Amending Santee Municipal Code Title 13, “Zoning” (Case File ZOA-2024-0002), and Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santee, California Amending Santee Municipal Code Title 3, “Revenue and Finance”, Title 8, “Streets, Sidewalks and Public Property”, Title 10, “Vehicles and Traffic”, and Title 12, “Subdivision of Land, Development Fees, and Dedications”, and Finding that the Actions are Exempt from Environmental Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (City Attorney – Hagerty)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:08 p.m. The City Attorney introduced the Assistant City Attorney who provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with assistance from the Building Official, Senior Planner, Planning and Building Director, and Engineering Director.

ACTION: Councilmember Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

Councilmember Koval 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 7:41 p.m.

- (13) **Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit (P2022-9) for a Drive-Through Only Coffee Shop on a 0.39-Acre Vacant Lot at 8606 Cuyamaca Street (APN 384-311-38-00) in the General Commercial (GC) Zone and Finding the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15303 (Applicant: 2525 Ramona, LLC). (Planning and Building – Sawa) (Reso 072-2024)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:41 p.m. The Associate Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

ACTION: Councilmember Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

Councilmember Koval 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 7:48 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (14) **Review of the Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25. (City Manager/Finance – Best/Jennings)**

The City Manager introduced the item and the Finance Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with assistance from the Assistant to the City Manager, Human Resources Director, Engineering Director, Community Services Director and Planning and Building Director.

- (15) **Resolution Awarding the Design-Build Construction Contract for the Temporary Fire Station Living Quarters (CIP 2024-36A) Project to Horizons Construction Company International, Inc., and Finding the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”), Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15301, 15303, and 15304. (Fire/Engineering – Matsushita/Schmitz) (Reso 073-2024)**

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

ACTION: Councilmember McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

Councilmember Koval 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.

- (16) **Resolution Authorizing Award of the Contract for Landscape and Horticultural Management Services for Area 2 – Medians and Rights-of-Way (ROW) to Steven Smith Landscape, LLC per RFP #24/25-40037. (Community Services – Chavez) (Reso 074-2024)**

The Community Services Director introduced the Park and Landscape Supervisor who provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

ACTION: Councilmember Hall 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 Hall: Aye; Koval: Aye; and McNelis: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

- (17) **Resolution Authorizing Award of the Contract for Landscape and Horticultural Management Services for Area 3 – Landscape Maintenance Districts (LMDs) and Community Facilities District No. 2015-1 to Steven Smith Landscape, LLC per RFP #24/25-40038. (Community Services – Chavez) (Reso 075-2024)**

The Park and Landscape Supervisor provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

ACTION: Councilmember Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

Councilmember Koval 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: (Continued)

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Koval spoke about the Friday Night Live event and the Miss Santee Program; she thanked Scott Lagace for his photography during the event; she also announced her upcoming District 3 Town Hall on Tuesday, June 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Minto reported about Friday Night Live and the Miss Santee Program; he also spoke on an upcoming SANDAG Tribal Summit that will be held at Pala Casino in collaboration with the Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager spoke about the Santee Summer Concerts starting June 13th; she announced that on June 14th the City's recreation programs will be at the Del Mar Fair performing; she spoke about the upcoming Renaissance fair on June 15th; and she stated City staff is continuing to seek federal funding for upcoming projects.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

CLOSED SESSION:

Councilmembers recessed at 9:39 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 9:43 p.m.

(18) Public Employee Performance Evaluation

(Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1))

Title: City Attorney

Councilmembers reconvened in Open Session at 10:12 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported no action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Date Approved: July 10, 2024



Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk