

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
December 11, 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 James Jeffries

INVOCATION was given by Nick Smith, Skyline Church Lakeside

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Vice Mayor Trotter

Mayor Minto recognized newly elected Santee School Board Member, Tracie Thill.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Vice Mayor Trotter requested Item 6 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 – Jeffries)**
- (2) **Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (3) **Approval of the Expenditure of \$66,955.61 for November 2024 Legal Services. (Finance – Jennings)**
- (4) **Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Santee Municipal Code Title 13 (Zoning) Regarding Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units to Comply with Recent Changes in State Law and Finding the Action to be Statutorily Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Under Section 21080.17 of the Public Resources Code. (City Attorney – Hagerty) (Ord. 618)**
- (5) **Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Santee Municipal Code Tables 13.12.030A and Table 13.14.030A of Title 13 (Zoning) Regarding Commercial/Office and Industrial Use Regulations Applicable to Car Wash Facilities (Case File ZOA-2024-003) and Finding the Action to be Exempt the California Environmental Quality Act. (City Attorney – Hagerty) (Ord. 619)**

- (6) Item Pulled for Discussion.
- (7) Adoption of a Resolution Approving an Amended Salary Schedule to Reflect a Minimum Wage Increase and Authorizing the Appropriation of \$700.00 to the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Adopted Operating Budget. (Human Resources – Freeman) (Reso 128-2024)
- (8) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Installation of All-Way Stop Control on Rumson Drive at the Intersection with Oakbourne Road and Finding the Action is Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Class 1 Exemption. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 129-2024)

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

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.

Item removed from the Consent Calendar:

- (6) Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Santee Municipal Code, Title 13, “Zoning” Regarding Accessory Structures in the Front Yard (Case File: ZOA-2024-0003). (City Clerk – Jeffries) (Ord. 621)

Action: Councilmember Koval moved approval of staff recommendation.

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

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Brenda Hammond spoke on the results of the 2024 election.
- (B) Jeff O'Connor, Fanita Ranch, addressed the City of Santee Nexus Study and potential Development Impact Fee increase.
- (C) Patrick Henry, Santee Firefighters, discussed the efforts made by Santee firefighters during the 2024 election.
- (D) Gage Swaner, Omens, requested that the Santee Drive-In Theater property be designated as a historical landmark.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (9) **Resolution Repealing Resolution Nos. 112-2022, 113-2022, 114-2022, 115-2022, 116-2022, and 117-2022, Which Concerned Project-Related Approvals for Fanita Ranch Project. (City Attorney – Hagerty) (Reso 130-2024)**

Councilmember McNelis recused himself due to conflict of interest and left the dais at 6:45 p.m. Shawn Hagerty, City Attorney, provided a staff report and responded to Council questions.

Action: Councilmember Hall 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 Hall: Aye; Koval: Aye; and McNelis: Recused. Ayes: 4. Noes: 0. Abstain: 1.

Councilmember McNelis rejoined the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

- (10) **Resolution Rejecting the Bid Submitted by Quality Construction & Engineering, Inc. and Awarding the Construction Contract to Palm Engineering Construction Company, Inc. for the Cuyamaca Street Right Turn Pocket (CIP 2014-02) Project, Determining the Project is Categorically Exempt from Environmental Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c) and Approving the Appropriation of Funds. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 131-2024)**

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

- (11) **Selection of Mayor Pro Tempore (Vice Mayor). (Mayor – Minto)**

Mayor Minto presented Vice Mayor Trotter with a plaque in honor of his year of service as Vice Mayor. Mayor Minto announced that Councilmember McNelis was next in rotation to be Vice Mayor.

Action: Vice Mayor Trotter moved to approve Councilmember McNelis to be Vice Mayor.

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.

- (12) **Declaration of Election Results for the November 5, 2024, General**

Municipal Election. (City Clerk – Jeffries) (Reso 132-2024)

James Jeffries, City Clerk, provided a PowerPoint presentation and announced the November 5, 2024, election results. The General Municipal Election was consolidated with the Statewide General Election for the election of one Mayor, City Council Members, District 3, and District 4, and for ballot measure (Measure S).

The votes were as follows:

Mayor – John W. Minto received 20,733 votes for a four-year term

Kelli L. O'Brien received 5,917 votes

District 3 – Laura Koval received 5,317 votes for a four-year term

District 4 – Dustin Trotter received 4,342 votes for a four-year term

Augie Scalzitti received 2,621 votes

Measure S – Received 13,675 Yes votes and 14,992 No votes. A majority of voters voting on Measure S did not vote in favor thereof, the Measure was not carried, and it shall not be deemed adopted and ratified.

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.

(13) Administration of Oath of Office, Installation of Mayor, Member of the City Council, District 3, and Member of the City Council, District 4 and Presentation of Certificates of Election. (City Clerk – Jeffries)

James Jeffries, City Clerk, provided brief comments and asked Councilmember Koval to join him down in the front of the room. John Hossick administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Koval. The City Clerk presented Councilmember Koval with the Certificate of Election, the Oath of Office Certificate, and an engraved Cross pen. Councilmember Koval made brief comments before taking her seat on the dais.

James Jeffries, City Clerk, asked Councilmember Trotter to join him down in the front of the room. Sherry Durbin administered the Oath of Office to Councilmember Trotter. The City Clerk presented Councilmember Trotter with the Certificate of Election, the Oath of Office Certificate, and an engraved Cross pen. Councilmember Trotter made brief comments before taking his seat on the dais.

James Jeffries, City Clerk, asked Mayor Minto to join him down in the front of the room. Laura McGowan Minto administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Minto. The City Clerk presented Mayor Minto with the Certificate of Election, the Oath of Office Certificate, and an engraved Cross pen. Mayor Minto made brief comments before taking his seat on the dais.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Councilmember Koval congratulated Santee Lakes for being named Large Campground of the year and Planet Green Friendly Park of the year; she also shared the accomplishments of the Santee-Lakeside Emergency Medical Services Authority (SLEMSA) over the last two years.

Councilmember Hall thanked Councilmember Koval and Vice Mayor Trotter for their continued work with SLEMSA.

Vice Mayor Trotter wished the community a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Councilmember McNelis thanked the Fire Department for their efforts in trying to help the City of Santee.

Mayor Minto spoke about the importance of the other Boards, Commissions and Committees that the Council sit on.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager wished the community happy holidays and Merry Christmas.

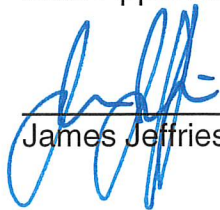
CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Date Approved: February 12, 2025



James Jeffries, City Clerk