

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Sportsplex USA Santee
9951 Riverwalk Drive, Santee, CA 92071
August 4, 2025**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

The Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Minto at 8:06 a.m.

Present: Mayor John W. Minto and Councilmembers Laura Koval and Dustin Trotter –
3. **Absent:** Vice Mayor Rob McNelis* and Councilmember Ronn Hall – 2.

*Vice Mayor McNelis joined the meeting at 8:07 a.m.

Officers present: Interim City Manager Gary Halbert, City Attorney Shawn Hagerty, and City Clerk James Jeffries.

WORKSHOP ON GOALS AND STRATEGIES:

Gary Halbert, Interim City Manager, provided opening remarks and provided an overview of the schedule.

Shawn Hagerty, City Attorney; Sandi Sawa, Planning and Building Director; Nicholas Chavez, Community Services Director; and Carl Schmitz, Engineering Director; lead discussion on various topics related to the San Diego River and responded to Council questions.

Council and staff meet in break-out groups to discuss priorities for individual departments.

Council and staff went over ideal traits to be considered in the selection of the next City Manager. Mayor Minto announced he had another meeting to attend and left the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

Date Approved: September 24, 2025



James Jeffries, City Clerk