

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
March 08, 2023**

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 Laura Koval and Council Members Ronn Hall, Rob McNelis and Dustin Trotter – 5

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

INVOCATION was given by Lead Minister Marshall Masser, Lakeside Christian Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Marshall Masser.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- (1) Approval of Reading by Title Only and Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (City Clerk – Ortiz)
- (2) Approval of Payment of Demands; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Finance – Jennings)
- (3) Adoption of a Resolution Awarding the Construction Contract for the Community Development Block Grant (“CDBG”) Pedestrian Ramp Improvements (CIP 2023-07) Project and Determining the Project is Categorically Exempt from Environmental Review Under the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301. (Engineering – Schmitz) **(Reso 017-2023)**
- (4) Adoption of a Resolution Accepting the Citywide Slurry Seal and Roadway Maintenance Program 2022 (CIP 2022-02) Project as Complete and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Engineering – Schmitz) **(Reso 018-2023)**

- (5) **Approval of the Issuance of a Purchase Order Change Order to Border Tire, Increasing the FY 22/23 Purchase Order Amount to \$40,000 for Additional As-Needed Vehicle Tires; Finding the Acton is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Fire – Matsushita)**
- (6) **Claim Against the City by Ruben Ordunto; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Human Resources – Rankin)**

ACTION: Council Member McNelis moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Vice Mayor Koval seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye; and Council Members Hall: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Zandra Talbot spoke regarding an issue in her neighborhood.
- (B) Jean Emmons spoke regarding Santee homeless.
- (C) No Name spoke about public speaker policy and recession.
- (D) Michael Pittman spoke about Santee Nation Little League fields.
- (E) Truth made comments regarding various budget items.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (7) **Report of Community Oriented Policing Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Program; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (City Manager – Best)**

The Ad Hoc Committee Members Dr. Mark Foreman, Linda Roach, David Shorey and Steve Stelman provided a PowerPoint presentation. Council received information and gave direction to staff. Mayor Minto recommended the increase of one Community Oriented Policing (COMPOC) member appointing Steve Stelman.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Truth
- Michael Pittman

ACTION: Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation, with Mayor Minto’s friendly amendment of appointing Steve Stelman to COMPOC.

Mayor Minto seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye; and Council Members Hall: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

- (8) **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with M.W. Steele Group, Inc. for the Arts and Entertainment District Overlay Expansion Project and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Planning and Building – Coyne)**
(Reso 019-2023)

The Principal Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Truth
- Michael Ranson

ACTION: Council Member Trotter moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member McNelis seconded the motion, which carried by the following vote: Mayor Minto: Aye; Vice Mayor Koval: Aye; and Council Members Hall: Aye; McNelis: Aye; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 5. Noes: 0.

Council Member McNelis requested staff provide examples of various art renderings.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

None.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:

Council Member Hall spoke regarding some changes to Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) that will affect Santee riders.

Vice Mayor Koval spoke regarding San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Border Committee and how Caltrans is working on the 67 Freeway.

Council Member Trotter spoke about the Economic Development Council, he also spoke regarding his attendance at the West Hill Little League Day and being able to recognize the retiring umpire for over 30 years of service.

Mayor Minto reported on attending the Public Safety Committee Meeting at SANDAG.

Captain Michael McNeill responded to the Mayor’s question.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager reported on the rescheduled date for Fido Fest.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

The City Attorney reported an update on efforts to recoup reimbursements from unfunded state mandates related to Storm Water requirements.

CLOSED SESSION:

Council Members recessed at 8:07 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 8:09 p.m.

- (9) **Conference with Legal Counsel—Existing Litigation**
(Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(1))
Name of case: City of Santee v. Santee Trolley Square 991 LP, et al.
Case Number: San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2022-00035836-CU-OR-CTL

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 8:16 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported existing litigation information received, no action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Date Approved: May 10, 2023



Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk