

**Minutes  
Santee City Council  
Council Chamber – Building 2  
10601 Magnolia Avenue  
Santee, California  
June 28, 2023**

This Regular Meeting of the Santee City Council was called to order by Mayor John W. Minto at 6:32 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 Eric King – Lakeside Christian Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** was led by Dean Velasco.

**PROCLAMATION:** Proclaiming July 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month in the City of Santee

Mayor Minto and Vice Mayor Koval presented the Proclamation to James Northum, Recreation Supervisor and SPARC Members: Dean Velasco, Stephanie Price, and Alan Tuthill.

**CONSENT CALENDAR:**

The City Clerk requested Item 1, 2, 3, and 8 to be pulled for discussion.

- (1) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (2) **Item Pulled for Discussion.**
- (3) **Item Pulled for Discussion**
- (4) **Rejection of Bid for Alarm Monitoring, Inspections & Repairs (Including Fire Sprinklers), RFB #23/24-20067; Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Community Services – Chavez)**
- (5) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Second Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP for Audit Services, Annual Consolidated Financial Report Preparation. (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 070-2023)**

- (6) Approval of the Amended and Restated Heartland Communications Facility Authority's Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement. (Fire – Matsushita)
- (7) Adoption of a Resolution Declaring its Intention to Levy, as a Successor Agency to County Service Area (CSA) 69, a Special Tax within the CSA 69 Reorganization Boundary for FY 2023-2024 by the City of Santee and Setting a Public Hearing. (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 071-2023)
- (8) Item Pulled for Discussion.
- (9) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Irrigation Materials and Landscape Supplies to SiteOne Landscape Supply, LLC per County of Orange Contract MA-060-23010231. (Community Services – Chavez) (Reso 073-2023)

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

Council Member Trotter 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.

- (1) Approval of Reading by Title Only and Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinances and Resolutions on the Agenda. (City Clerk – Ortiz)

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

- Truth

**ACTION:** Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Trotter 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.

- (2) Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

- Truth

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor Koval moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Hall 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.

- (3) **Approval of the Expenditure of \$82,570.53 for May 2023 Legal Services. (Finance – Jennings)**

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

- Truth

**ACTION:** Council Member McNelis moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Trotter 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) **Adoption of a Resolution Establishing the Appropriations Limit for FY 2023-24. (Finance – Jennings) (Reso 072-2023)**

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

- Truth

**ACTION:** Vice Mayor Koval moved approval of staff recommendation.

Council Member Trotter 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) Renee J. Woodward spoke about concerns of solar-powered electric vehicle (EV) charging stations and inquired about who would be responsible for maintenance.
- (B) Bryant Rumbaugh spoke about citizen involvement in government.
- (C) Truth spoke about San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).
- (D) John Hossick complimented the Pride Walk in Santee and explained the history behind Buddy's Backpacks.
- (E) Brendan Thomas expressed the desire to have an FM radio station broadcast out of the City of Santee.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS:**

- (10) **Resolution Approving the Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2024-2028 and Adopting the Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2023-24 and 2024-25. (City Manager/Finance – Best/Jennings) (Reso 074-2023)**

The City Manager and the Finance Director introduced the item and the Engineering Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with the assistance of the key staff members.

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

- Truth

**ACTION:** Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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: No; and Trotter: Aye. Ayes: 4. Noes: 1.

- (11) **Continued Review of the Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24, and Resolution Adopting the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and Taking Related Actions. (City Manager/Finance – Best/Jennings) (Reso 075-2023)**

The City Manager introduced the item and the Finance Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

**PUBLIC SPEAKER:**

- Truth

**ACTION:** Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation.

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: No. Ayes: 4. Noes: 1.

- (12) **Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Professional Service Agreement with Interwest Consulting Group Inc. (a SAFEbuilt Company) for Specialized Professional Building Services. (Planning and Building – Sturm) (Reso 076-2023)**

The Building Official provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with assistance from the City Manager and City Attorney.

**MOTION:** Council Member Hall moved approval of staff recommendation. Council Member Trotter seconded the motion.

**AMENDMENT:** After discussion, Vice Mayor Koval requested a friendly amendment to revise the amount of the Professional Services Agreement to not exceed \$200,000.00. The amendment was accepted.

**ACTION:** The Motion 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

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

None

**CITY COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Council Member Hall reported about his attendance of the East County Homeless Task Force Meeting and their upcoming budget and grants for homelessness.

Vice Mayor Koval spoke about the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds the City has that could go towards homeless resources and the Metropolitan Transit System (MTS).

Council Member McNelis also commented on MTS and enforcement. Council Member McNelis announced the birthday of the Assistant City Manager and lead the Chamber in a Happy Birthday song.

Mayor Minto spoke about greenhouse emissions and his meeting with SANDAG.

**CITY MANAGER REPORTS:**

The City Manager spoke about the various events occurring in the City, such as, Summer Concerts in the Park starting at 6:30 p.m., Santee Salutes Fourth of July celebration at Town Center Park, and homeless cleanups in the City.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

Council Members recessed at 8:52 p.m. and convened in Closed Session at 8:55 p.m.

- (13) Public Employee Performance Evaluation**  
(Government Code Section 54957(b))  
Title: City Manager
  
- (14) Conference with Labor Negotiators**  
(Gov. Code Section 54957.6)  
City Designated Representative: City Manager  
Employee Organization: Santee Firefighters Association

Council Members reconvened in Open Session at 10:42 p.m. with all members present. Mayor Minto reported no reportable action on Item 13 and direction was given to staff on Item 14.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

Date Approved: August 9, 2023



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Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk