

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
March 27, 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 Sunrise Church – Pastor Jerry Phillips

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Sheriff Lieutenant Chris Galve

CONSENT CALENDAR:

- (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 February 14, February 28, and March 13, 2024, Regular Meetings, and the March 6, 2024, Special Meeting. (City Clerk – Ortiz)
- (3) Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)
- (4) Approval of the Expenditure of \$81,071.36 for February 2024 Legal Services. (Finance – Jennings)
- (5) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing Submission of the General Plan and Housing Element Annual Progress Report for Calendar Year 2023 to the State of California's Office of Planning and Research and Department of Housing and Community Development and Finding the Action is Not a Project and Therefore Not Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act. (Planning and Building – Sawa) (Reso 017-2024)
- (6) Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Four (4) APX 8000 All-Band Portable Radios and Two (2) APX 6000 Portable Radios from Motorola Solutions, Inc. per County of San Diego Regional Communications System Contract No. 532982. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 018-2024)

- (7) **Eighth Amendment to Agreement for Administration of For-Hire Vehicle Regulations Between San Diego Metropolitan Transit System and the City of Santee. (City Manager – Best)**
- (8) **Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Procurement of Transparency Adaptive System and Signal Controllers from SWARCO/McCain for the Mission Gorge Road Smart Signal System Project, and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 019-2024)**
- (9) **Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing an Increase in Change Order Authorization for the Construction Contract with Perfection Painting Corporation to Implement the City Hall Painting and Wood Repairs (CIP 2023-34) Project, and Finding the Action is Not a Project Subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) per State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(d). (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 020-2024)**

ACTION: Councilmember Hall moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

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 (15 minutes):

- (A) Lynda Marrokal spoke about the Santee Library.
- (B) Gina Austin, Association of Licensed Cannabis Operators (ALCO), spoke about the intoxication effects of hemp and requested the City put a ban of intoxicating hemp into place.
- (C) Mike Aiken spoke about the Veteran Bridge and Monument in the City and the upcoming golf tournament to raise money for the Marine Ball; he also wanted to acknowledge Vice Mayor Trotter and Council Member McNelis for the time and donations they put into the VFW and American Legion.
- (D) Truth spoke about the Town Hall meeting, SANDAG, requested Agenda Items which include maps also have a street view attachment, and she also spoke regarding tax measures.

PUBLIC HEARING:

- (10) **Public Hearing for a Conditional Use Permit CUP-2023-0002 for an Express Car Wash Facility and Related Site Improvements on a 1.26 Acre Site Located at 8837 Magnolia Avenue (APN 384-470-33-00) in the Light Industrial/General Commercial (IL/GC) Zone and Finding the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act Pursuant to the Class 32 Infill Exemption (Applicant: SSCW 22608 Rockville, LLC). (Planning and Building – Sawa) (Reso 021-2024)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 6:46 p.m. The Senior Planner provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions, with assistance from the Finance Director, City Attorney, and the applicants: Daniel Freedman and David Schate.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- David Schate (Director of site development)
- Daniel Freedman (Applicant)

ACTION: Vice Mayor Trotter 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.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

- (11) **Public Hearing for the Adoption of the Commercial Cannabis Retail Business Application Process, Including Procedures and Fees, and Finding the Action is Covered by the Previously Adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Santee Cannabis Business Ordinance Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. (Planning and Building – Sawa) (Reso 022-2024)**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:17 p.m. The Planning and Building Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with assistance from the City Attorney, City Manager and Finance Director.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Truth
- Gina Austin
- Lynda Marrokal
- Arkan Somo
- Jessica C. McElfuesh

MOTION: Councilmember Koval moved approval of staff recommendation. Councilmember McNelis seconded the motion.

AMENDMENT: After discussion, Councilmember Koval requested a friendly amendment to clarify the language “property” as defined as “legal lot”.

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

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:59 p.m.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- (12) **General Fund Reserve Policy Discussion. Presentation of Draft Policy. (Finance – Jennings)**

The Finance Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

PUBLIC SPEAKER:

- Truth

NEW BUSINESS:

- (13) **Resolution Authorizing the Transfers and Appropriations of Various Funds to the Town Center Community Park – Artificial Turf Replacement Project, and Award of a Contract for Synthetic Turf Replacement at Town Center Community Park East to FieldTurf USA, Inc. – a Tarkett Sports Company, Utilizing the Master Agreement Between the Cooperative Council of Governments, Inc. (“CCOG”), FieldTurf USA, Inc., and Equalis Group LLC. (Community Services – Chavez) (Reso 023-2024)**

The Community Services Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions, with assistance from the Engineering Director and the City Attorney.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

- Dean Velasco
- Truth

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 Transfer of Care meeting she attended and the appropriate times to call 911.

Councilmember Hall spoke about the Transfer of Care meeting, the appropriate times to call 911 and transportation times to Grossmont Hospital.

Vice Mayor Trotter spoke about the Mission Trails Regional Task Force meeting and the memorial bridge being constructed.

Mayor Minto spoke about the SANDAG CEO interviews and the League of California Cities.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager thanked the City Staff for their efforts put into the Santee Bunny Trail event; she gave thanks to Lieutenant Galve for his service in the City of Santee; she informed the City that the upcoming SanTree Day Event was cancelled due to weather conditions and let the community know there will be a shred event at City Hall on April 6, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

The City Attorney reported that the Supreme Court issued an important decision about social media.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Date Approved: May 8, 2024



Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk