

**Minutes
Santee City Council
Council Chamber – Building 2
10601 Magnolia Avenue
Santee, California
May 8, 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 Mara Abramovitz, Tifereth Israel Synagogue

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was led by Greg Carter.

PROCLAMATION: Proclaiming April 28 to May 4, 2024, as National Small Business Week.

Mayor Minto presented the Proclamation to James Sly, East County Economic Development Council, and recognized Greg and Stephanie Carter owners of Pedego Electric Bikes.

PROCLAMATION: Bike Anywhere Day – May 16, 2024

Mayor Minto presented the Proclamation to Greg Carter, owner of Pedego Electric Bikes.

PROCLAMATION: Proclaim the Month of May 2024, to be “Jewish American Heritage Month”

Mayor Minto presented the Proclamation to Mara Abramovitz from Tifereth Israel Synagogue.

Councilmember McNelis acknowledged Karen Pearlman for attending the City Council Meeting.

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 for the March 27, 2024, Regular Meeting. (City Clerk – Ortiz)
- (3) Approval of Payment of Demands as Presented. (Finance – Jennings)
- (4) Adoption of a Resolution Awarding the Traffic Signal and Communication Systems Maintenance Contract to Southwest Traffic Signal Service, Inc. for Fiscal Year 2024-25 and Approving a Categorical Exemption Pursuant to the Guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 046-2024)
- (5) Adoption of a Resolution Prohibiting Parking of Vehicles Over Eight Feet in Height Between the Hours of 12 AM and 6 AM on Railroad Avenue. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 047-2024)
- (6) Adoption of a Resolution Appropriating Transportation Development Act Funds for the Clock Tower in Trolley Square. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 048-2024)
- (7) Adoption of a Resolution Approving the Appropriation of \$25,000 to the Planning Department Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Operating Budget to Fund the Preparation of a Water Supply Assessment by the Padre Dam Municipal Water District for Environmental Work Related to the Town Center Specific Plan Update. (Planning & Building – Sawa) (Reso 049-2024)
- (8) Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement for Concession Services at Mast Park with the Dog Haus Disc Golf Shop, LLC. (Community Services – Chavez)
- (9) Rejection of all Proposals for Landscape and Horticultural Management Services for Area 2 – Medians and Rights-of-Way (ROW) per Proposal #24/25-40034 and Area 3 – Landscape Maintenance Districts (LMDS) and Community Facilities District (CFD 2015-1) per Proposal #24/25-40035. (Community Services – Chavez)

ACTION: Councilmember McNelis moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

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.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT (15 minutes):

- (A) Patrick Henry, Santee Firefighters Association, provided an update about the Protect Santee Citizens initiative.

CONTINUED BUSINESS:**(10) Municipal Code Policy Workshop. (Planning & Building – Sawa)**

The Senior Planner and Engineer Director provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions with the assistance of the City Manager, City Attorney and Planning & Building Director.

The Council received the report and provided feedback and direction to staff.

NEW BUSINESS:**(11) Acceptance and Appropriation of FY 2024 San Diego River Conservancy Grant Funds as Matching Funds for a FEMA Hazardous Mitigation Grant; and to Purchase Essential Equipment to Outfit a Type 6 Fire Engine, Firefighter Personal Protective Equipment, and Provide Wildland Firefighting Training. (Fire – Matsushita) (Reso 050-2024)**

The Deputy Fire Chief provided a PowerPoint presentation and responded to Council questions.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Trotter 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.

(12) Resolution Adopting a List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-25 Funded by Senate Bill 1: The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. (Engineering – Schmitz) (Reso 051-2024)

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

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 Hall provided an update on an upcoming MTS vote regarding trolley routes and extensions; he also reported on an MTS application for a State of California grant.

Councilmember Koval spoke about attending a SANDAG Borders Committee meeting and reported on the Otay Mesa Border Crossing and State Route 125 toll roads audit.

Councilmember McNelis wished Vice Mayor Trotter an early Happy Birthday.

Mayor Minto reported that Mario Orso has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of SANDAG; he also clarified the purpose of SANDAG and the role the organization is supposed to have for the county.

CITY MANAGER REPORTS:

The City Manager reported on the following upcoming community events: San Diego River Days Cleanup on May 11th at Santee Mast Park; Trotter Talk, hosted by Vice Mayor Trotter, on May 14th at Santee City Hall; the first Friday Nights Live on May 17th at Santee Trolley Square; and the Heroes Golf Classic Tournament on May 31st at Carlton Oaks Golf Course.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Date Approved: June 12, 2024



Annette Fagan Ortiz, CMC, City Clerk