



MINUTES
National City Proposition “D” Independent Evaluation Committee
Large Conference Room
Civic Center
1243 National City Boulevard
National City, California
Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m.

These minutes have been abbreviated. Full audio recordings of the proceedings are on file and available to the public upon request.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Waller-Bullock at 1:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Led by Chair Waller-Bullock.

Roll Call

Committee members in attendance: Sarah Waller-Bullock, Haney Hong, Ray Major.

Also in attendance: Stacey Stevenson, Deputy City Manager; Brad Raulston, Deputy City Manager; Mark Roberts, Director of Finance; Stephen Manganiello, Director of Engineering & Public Works; Alfredo Ybarra, Director of Housing & Economic Development; Megan Gamwell, Economic Development Specialist; Carlos Aguirre, Community Development Manager.

Non-Agenda Public Oral Communication (three minute time limit)

None.

Agenda Items

1. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of February 15, 2017.
Action: Motion by Committee Member Hong, seconded by Committee Member Major, to

approve the minutes with the following amendments:

- Agenda Item # 3 – add the City’s reserve policy to the items requested by the Committee;
- Agenda Item # 5 – add Committee Member Hong’s request that the Committee be provided all materials in advance of meetings.

Carried by unanimous vote.

2. Pension overview presentation by Deputy City Manager Stacey Stevenson.
Committee Members inquired as to when contracts for the represented employee groups will be renegotiated and MoU changes occurring since last Proposition D Committee. Committee Member Hong commented that the City’s elected officials in considering their own pay raises could exacerbate the pension and other problems facing the City in the context of the district transaction & use tax.
3. Asset management presentation by Director of Engineering & Public Works / City Engineer Stephen Manganiello and Director of Housing & Economic Development Alfredo Ybarra.
Committee Members inquired regarding capital improvement program (CIP) funding sources, the implementation of the asset management system and how assets are tracked, whether elected leaders follow staff CIP recommendations, and CIP outcome trends. Ms. Stevenson replied that the City Council typically follows staff’s recommendations regarding the CIP. Mr. Manganiello replied that the City could provide a presentation previously delivered to the Council listing City projects and awards received. Committee Member Hong requested the project and award presentation referenced by Mr. Manganiello.
4. Economic development presentation by Economic Development Specialist Megan Gamwell and Deputy City Manager Brad Raulston.
Committee Member Major inquired as to the types of jobs the City wants to attract. Ms. Gamwell replied the City is developing a business marketing attraction plan to attract high-revenue generating businesses. Committee Member Major inquired as to the impact of population growth on the provision of services. Mr. Raulston replied growth is integrated into the City’s capital improvement program and that the City is seeking mechanisms to fund services. Committee Member Hong inquired as to what the City’s unique strengths are and how it maximizes them, including what elected leaders are doing to define the City’s focus. Ms. Stevenson replied City staff has had discussions regarding what the City wants to be and what our area of focus should be and that discussions have included redefining the City’s relationship with the Port to try to advance the City’s balanced plan. Ms. Stevenson also noted the City’s vision for economic development is in its early stage of looking at how the City will move forward and that the City Manager has retained oversight of the Department of Housing & Economic Development at the City Council’s request, due to the importance placed upon it. Committee Member Major asked whether National City residents will “buy into” the City’s plans. Mr. Ybarra replied he has not seen resistance from residents. Committee Member Major asked whether the City’s economic development plan will get the City to the point it no longer needs to collect the tax. Ms. Stevenson replied economic development is the beginning of the plan to get the City to that point.

5. Discussion – review of requested information.
Due to lack of time, Committee Members agreed to review the provided documentation and discuss it during the next scheduled meeting.
6. Action – establishment of meeting schedule.
Action: Motion by Committee Member Hong, seconded by Committee Member Major, to approve the establishment of regular meeting schedule with meetings to be held on the third Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. beginning April 17, 2017. Carried by unanimous vote.
7. Committee comments.
Committee Members thanked City staff for preparing the presentations and for all the information provided.
8. Chair’s comments.
Chair Waller-Bullock acknowledged City staff’s effort in providing the requested information to the Committee.
9. Staff comments.
None.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.