

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION –  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY**

**September 3, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission – Housing Authority of the City of National City was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor / Chairwoman Alejandra Sotelo-Solis.

**ROLL CALL**

Council / Board members present: Cano, Morrison, Quintero, Rios, Sotelo-Solis.  
Administrative Officials present: Aguirre, Dalla, Duong, Manganiello, Meteau,  
Morris-Jones, Olson, Parra, Raulston, Tellez, Vergara, Williams, Ybarra.  
Others present: City Treasurer Mitch Beauchamp.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG BY VICE MAYOR MORRISON**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Sotelo-Solis called for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Jess Van Deventer, former National City Councilmember, Port Commissioner Sweetwater Authority Board Member; and for the seven people slain and twenty-five injured in the mass shootings that occurred in Odessa and Midland Texas.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Larry Emerson, National City, shared information on an electrical vehicle test-drive event on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Becky Rapp spoke on her concerns regarding marijuana. She asked the Council to carefully consider their position and not allowing it to move into the City.

Peggy Walker shared health warnings, articles and concerns regarding vaping and marijuana use, especially among youth and young adults.

Kelly McCormick spoke on her concerns regarding marijuana use in young children and adolescents. She shared information regarding the dangers and severe consequences.

Laura Wilkinson, National Cannabis Industry Association Volunteer Committee and South County Economic Development Council (EDC) Boardmember, explained the difference between cannabis and marijuana and spoke in support of medical and/or adult marijuana use.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**COUNCIL MEETING PRESENTATIONS 2019 (102-10-14)**

1. San Diego State University (SDSU) Center for Regional Sustainability (CRS) and Brightside Update

**PRESENTATIONS (cont.)**

**COUNCIL MEETING PRESENTATIONS 2019 (102-10-14)**

2. Healthy Cities Healthy Residents Grant Conclusion

**NOTE:** All presentation material is available in the Office of the City Clerk.

**REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no reports.

**CITY COUNCIL**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR.** Item No. 3 (NCCMC), Item Nos. 4 and 5 (Resolution Nos. 2019-124 and 2019-125), Item No. 6 (Report), Item Nos. 7 through 9 (Warrant Registers). Motion by Rios, seconded by Cano, to approve the Consent Calendar. Carried by unanimous vote.

**MUNICIPAL CODE 2019 (506-2-34)**

3. MOTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY APPROVING THE WAIVING OF THE READING OF THE TEXT OF THE ORDINANCES CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING AND PROVIDING THAT SUCH ORDINANCES SHALL BE INTRODUCED AND/OR ADOPTED AFTER A READING OF THE TITLE ONLY. (CITY CLERK)

**ACTION:** Approved. See above.

**CONTRACT (C2018-37)**

4. Resolution No. 2019-124. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, 1) ACCEPTING THE WORK PERFORMED BY DBX, INC. FOR THE FIBER OPTIC TRAFFIC SIGNAL INTERCONNECT EXPANSION PROJECT, CIP NO. 18-06; 2) APPROVING THE FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$615,516.46; 3) RATIFYING THE RELEASE OF RETENTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,775.82; AND 4) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE PROJECT. (Engineering/Public Works)

**ACTION:** Adopted. See above.

**CONTRACT (C2018-35)**

5. Resolution No. 2019-125. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, 1) ACCEPTING THE WORK PERFORMED BY DBX, INC. FOR THE HIGHLAND AVENUE AND E. 28TH STREET TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, CIP NO. 18-04; 2) APPROVING THE FINAL CONTRACT AMOUNT OF \$239,339.92; 3) RATIFYING THE RELEASE OF RETENTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,967; AND 4) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE PROJECT. (Engineering/Public Works)

**ACTION:** Adopted. See above.

**CONSENT CALENDAR (cont.)**

**FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT 2019-2020 (204-1-34)**

6. National City Sales Tax Update - First Quarter 2019. (Finance)  
**ACTION:** Filed. See above.

**WARRANT REGISTER JULY 2019 - JUNE 2020 (202-1-34)**

7. Warrant Register #3 for the period of 7/10/19 through 7/16/19 in the amount of \$1,713,863.63. (Finance)  
**ACTION:** Ratified. See above.

**WARRANT REGISTER JULY 2019 - JUNE 2020 (202-1-34)**

8. Warrant Register #4 for the period of 7/17/19 through 7/23/19 in the amount of \$1,325,761.10. (Finance)  
**ACTION:** Ratified. See above.

**WARRANT REGISTER JULY 2019 - JUNE 2020 (202-1-34)**

9. Warrant Register #5 for the period of 7/24/19 through 7/30/19 in the amount of \$9,244,838.85. (Finance)  
**ACTION:** Ratified. See above.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS 2019 (403-32-3)**

10. Resolution No. 2019-126. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ADULT SCHOOL (INTERAMERICAN COLLEGE) IN SWEETWATER PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER LOCATED AT 1727 SWEETWATER ROAD, SUITES 209-212. (Applicant: Reymundo Marin) (Case File 2019-07 CUP) (Planning)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.

**TESTIMONY:** Maura Redmond and Alma Leticia Perez, Chula Vista, spoke in support of approving the CUP for InterAmerican College.

Maria Viramontes de Marin and Reymundo Marin, Applicants, introduced themselves, explained the need for InterAmerican College and responded to questions.

**ACTION:** Motion by Cano, seconded by Morrison, to close the Public Hearing. Carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Rios, seconded by Cano, to adopt the Resolution. Carried by unanimous vote.

**EX PARTE DISCLOSURE:** Member Rios stated that she viewed the Planning Commission when the item was considered.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont.)**

**MUNICIPAL CODE 2019 (506-2-34)**

11. Ordinance No. 2019-2463. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY ADDING CHAPTER 8.38 OF THE NATIONAL CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE RETAIL SALE OF DOGS, CATS AND RABBITS. (City Attorney)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Ordinance.

**TESTIMONY:** The following individuals spoke in support of the Ordinance: Leslie Davies, Theresa Carpenter, Andrea Cunningham, and Karen Clayton.

The following individuals spoke against the Ordinance: Sheena Raimo, Makenzie Floyd, Keela Penny, Samantha Nunez, David Salinas, Salvador Candia, Johanna Flores, Samra Beqaj, Breanna Chandler, Mara Salinas, Richard Pena, Jocelyn Tyoran, Nataly Oseguera, Melissa Garcia, Alona Jackson, Kira Brayman, Makayla Isham, Katherine Merrigan, Julia Munoz, Brenda Paramo, and Brian Clapper.

**ACTION:** Motion by Cano, seconded by Rios, to close the Public Hearing. Carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Rios, seconded by Quintero, to adopt the Ordinance. Carried by the following vote, to-wit: Ayes: Cano, Quintero, Rios, Sotelo-Solis. Nays: Morrison. Abstain: None. Absent: None.

**RECESS**

A recess was called at 7:55 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m. All members were present.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY 2019 (404-1-8)**

12. Resolution No. 2019-127. PUBLIC HEARING, AS REQUIRED BY THE TAX EQUITY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY ACT OF 1982 (TEFRA), AND THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY APPROVING THE ISSUANCE BY THE CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF EXEMPT FACILITY BONDS FOR A QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL PROJECT PURSUANT TO SECTION 142(A)(7) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE WITH NO FISCAL IMPACT TO THE CITY AND NOT TO EXCEED \$72,000,000 IN OUTSTANDING AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL TO FINANCE THE ACQUISITION AND REHABILITATION OF A 268-UNIT MULTIFAMILY RENTAL HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED AT 817 ETA STREET IN NATIONAL CITY. (Housing Authority)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.

**TESTIMONY:** Jack St. Marie, Fairfield Residential, provided details of the project.

**ACTION:** Motion by Morrison, seconded by Cano, to close the Public Hearing. Carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Rios, seconded by Cano, to adopt the Resolution. Carried by unanimous vote.

## NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

### CONTRACT (C2019-36)

13. Resolution No. 2019-128. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, 1) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO DICK MILLER, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,330,869.70 FOR THE PARADISE CREEK PARK EXPANSION PROJECT, CIP NO. 18-16; 2) AUTHORIZING A 15% CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$349,630.45 FOR ANY UNFORESEEN CHANGES; AND 3) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. (Engineering/Public Works)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.

**TESTIMONY:** None.

**ACTION:** Motion by Cano, seconded by Rios, to adopt the Resolution. Carried by unanimous vote.

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT 2019-2020 (204-1-34)

14. Resolution No. 2019-129. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY REDUCING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE LIBRARY GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 FROM 0.73 CENT PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUATION TO 0.67 CENT. (Finance)

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the Resolution.

**TESTIMONY:** None.

**ACTION:** Motion by Morrison, seconded by Cano, to adopt the Resolution. Carried by unanimous vote.

## NEW BUSINESS

### CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS 2019 (403-32-3)

15. Notice of Decision - Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit for the on-site sale of beer and wine at a new restaurant (Vons Chicken) located at 811 "K" Avenue. (Applicant: Wing & Wo LLC/ Steve Rawlings) (Case File 2019-15 CUP) (Planning)

**RECOMMENDATION:** File the Notice of Decision.

**TESTIMONY:** None.

**ACTION:** Motion by Morrison, seconded by Rios, to file the Notice of Decision. Carried by unanimous vote.

### CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS 2019 (403-32-3)

16. Notice of Decision - Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit for a baseball academy to be located at 220 W. 25th Street. (Applicant: Jose Luis Espinoza) (Case File 2019-17 CUP) (Planning)

**RECOMMENDATION:** File the Notice of Decision.

**TESTIMONY:** None.

**ACTION:** Motion by Rios, seconded by Morrison, to file the Notice of Decision. Carried by unanimous vote.

**B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION - HOUSING AUTHORITY**

There were no CDC-HA action items.

**C. REPORTS**

**STAFF REPORTS**

**POLICE DEPT ADMIN (302-4-1)**

17. Police Hot Team Presentation. (Police)

**ENGINEERING / PUBLIC WORKS DEPT - GRANTS / REPORTS ADMIN (1104-1-1)**

18. Update on Community Choice Aggregates (CCAs). (Engineering/Public Works)

**TESTIMONY:** Larry Emerson, National City, shared information on solar and battery backup systems and the importance of reducing fossil fuel use and adopting Community Choice Energy. He encouraged the City to partner with the San Diego Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

Rita Clement, SanDiego350 (SD350), a Climate Action Organization, recommended and encouraged the City to partner with a JPA; to vote on an upcoming Ordinance regarding climate change and to go with Community Choice Energy.

Father Emmett Farrell, Creation Care Dioceses of San Diego, spoke on moral responsibility and encouraged Community Choice Energy.

**ACTION:** Motion by Morrison, seconded by Cano, to move forward with Option No. 3, to "Continue to monitor the CCA process throughout the County and State and provide an update as part of the FY2021 budget process" with additional language for updates in the General Plan and Climate Action Plan. Carried by unanimous vote.

**MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Member Cano expressed his condolences to the family of former Councilmember Jess Van Deventer. He shared information regarding Sweetwater High School's 40<sup>th</sup> Reunion event on September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Member Quintero asked that in light of recent climate changes and weather forecast, he asked City Staff, especially those who work with the elderly, to make sure that everything is done in regards to proper air conditioning and cool zones across the City and that it is being promoted on social media.

Member Rios reminded everyone that September is National Preparedness Month and announced that this year's theme is, "Prepared, not scared". She encouraged residents to get involved by joining the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

**MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS (cont.)**

Vice Mayor Morrison said that the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) will be going over the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) numbers again and shared information regarding the agenda.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis spoke on the Strategic Plan and what it should look like; offered her comments and input on RHNA matters; thanked Staff and the City Manager for providing background information on the dialogue regarding housing; extended an invitation to a Non-Profit Forum that will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> and reminded City employees that the Staff lounge had its grand opening and encouraged its use.


**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

There was no Closed Session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Cano, seconded by Morrison, to adjourn the meeting to the next Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission - Housing Authority of the City of National City - Tuesday – September 17, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. - Council Chambers - National City, California. Carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting closed at 9:27 p.m.

  
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for City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2020.

  
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Mayor