

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

June 2, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission – Housing Authority of the City of National City was called to order at 6:15 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, Denham, Morris-Jones, Parra, Tellez, Raulston, Roberts, Vergara, Williams, Winney, Yano.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG BY MEMBER QUINTERO

Mayor Sotelo-Solis read the following statement into record:

“Thank you for being strong and abiding by our ever-changing City environment including the fight against COVID-19 and the actions and emotions that have arisen around the county regarding the death of Mr. George Floyd. Now more than ever, we need to show tolerance, understanding and unity, without violence. Our City’s mission is to nourish and support community values, and implicit in that, is the responsibility to stand up for marginalized communities. The events of the last few days following the death of Mr. George Floyd in Minneapolis, and the civic unrest that has resulted here in San Diego County, and across the country, are truly heartbreaking. The video of the incident is tragic to watch, and the tactics utilized by the Minneapolis Police Department, were shameful. Those tactics are far outside of what I would ever consider reasonable, and know that the City of National City and its Police Department are committed to protect and serve the community, without exception. There is a difference between peaceful protesting and unlawful behavior. I, alongside many in the community, are equally disturbed by the corruption of the lawful protests here in San Diego County by those individuals who seek to discredit those who are peacefully trying to draw attention to the issue of racial injustice. Their callous actions and brazen looting have created a dangerous situation, culminating in the loss of property by hard working business owners in the downtown San Diego area and the City of La Mesa. I extend my heartfelt sympathies for those people and business owners here in San Diego County who have been impacted by this violence. I am also incredibly inspired by the actions of those who have already stepped forward to volunteer and help clean up the destruction that has occurred, those have included some from our own National City community. We must do better as a country to combat the systematic racism that is prevalent. To that end, it is important to create and review policies that value and preserve life. Today, I request that our community police review board will work with the police department to review the current

policy regarding carotid restraint. We must take action in the coming months and days to ensure that citizens such as George Floyd can breathe and thrive in our society, and we must take action peacefully so that the message is not corrupted by those who would seek to distract from a most vital message: black lives matter, and all residents of our city and our country should be treated with dignity and respect. Thank you." (See Exhibit "A" attached)

PUBLIC COMMENTS (SUBMITTED VIA E-MAIL)

Rebecca Rapp expressed her appreciation for the temporary moratorium on evictions adopted by the City Council and her concerns about young people smoking and vaping.

PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

PROCLAMATION AND CERTIFICATE ADMIN (102-2-1)

1. National City Celebrates Soapy Joe's Day 2020

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS ADMIN (101-1-1)

2. Interviews and Appointments: Various Boards and Committees. (City Clerk)
ACTION: Motion by Sotelo-Solis, seconded by Rios, to reappoint Michael Lesley to the Community and Police Relations Commission. Carried by unanimous vote.
Motion by Sotelo-Solis, seconded by Cano, to reappoint William Sendt to the Planning Commission. Carried by unanimous vote.
Motion by Sotelo-Solis, seconded by Rios, to appoint Charles Reilly as a full voting member on the Public Art Committee. Carried by unanimous vote.

CITY COUNCIL

CONSENT CALENDAR

ADOPTION OF CONSENT CALENDAR. Item No. 3 (NCCMC), Item Nos. 4 through 7 (Resolution No. 2020-96 through 2020-99), Item Nos. 8 and 9 (Warrant Registers). Motion by Cano, seconded by Morrison, to approve the Consent Calendar. Carried by unanimous vote.

MUNICIPAL CODE 2020 (506-2-35)

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.

HOUSING AUTHORITY 2020 (404-1-9)

4. Resolution No. 2020-96. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY RATIFYING A STANDARD AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND ESTABLISHING FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND A CORRESPONDING REVENUE BUDGET FOR SB2 GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$310,000. (Housing Authority)

ACTION: Adopted. See above.

CONTRACT (C2020-32)

5. Resolution No. 2020-97. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY: 1) AWARDED A CONTRACT TO BASILE CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,394,292 FOR THE P-1 SEWER UPSIZE PROJECT FOR SWEETWATER HIGH SCHOOL, CIP NO. 19-43; 2) AUTHORIZING A 15% CONTINGENCY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$209,143.80 FOR ANY UNFORESEEN CHANGES; AND 3) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT. (Engineering/Public Works)

ACTION: Adopted. See above.

CONTRACT (C2020-33)

6. Resolution No. 2020-98. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY: 1) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT (PSA) NO. U51 WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) FOR THE CITYWIDE BIKE WAYFINDING PROJECT TO ALLOW FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF UP TO \$15,000 IN ELIGIBLE PROJECT EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE STATE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP); AND 2) AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENGINEERING GRANT FUNDS APPROPRIATION OF \$15,000 AND CORRESPONDING REVENUE BUDGET. (Engineering/Public Works)

ACTION: Adopted. See above.

CONTRACT (C2020-34)

7. Resolution No. 2020-99. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY: 1) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT (PSA) NO. U52 WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS) FOR THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY MOBILITY ENHANCEMENTS PROJECT TO ALLOW FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF UP TO \$43,000 IN ELIGIBLE PROJECT EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE STATE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP); AND 2) AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENGINEERING GRANT FUNDS APPROPRIATION OF \$43,000 AND CORRESPONDING REVENUE BUDGET. (Engineering/Public Works)

ACTION: Adopted. See above.

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

8. Warrant Register #42 for the period of 4/8/20 through 4/14/20 in the amount of \$1,138,982.03. (Finance)
ACTION: Ratified. See above.

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

9. Warrant Register #43 for the period of 4/15/20 through 4/21/20 in the amount of \$2,856,064.58. (Finance)
ACTION: Ratified. See above.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

WEED ABATEMENT 2020 (402-3-19)

10. Resolution No. 2020-100. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY CONFIRMING THE COSTS OF WEED ABATEMENT AND APPROVING THE REPORT AND ACCOUNT FOR SUCH, AFTER HAVING A PUBLIC HEARING WHICH CONSIDERED ANY OBJECTIONS OR PROTESTS; PURSUANT TO NATIONAL CITY MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 1.36 (ABATEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCES) AND 9.12 (ABATEMENT OF WEEDS AND OTHER FIRE HAZARDS). (Fire)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

TESTIMONY (VIA E-MAIL): None.

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

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

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 (MILE OF CARS) (406-2-8)

11. Resolution No. 2020-101. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY CONFIRMING THE ASSESSMENT AND ORDERING THE LEVY FOR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 (MILE OF CARS) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21. (Planning)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

TESTIMONY (VIA E-MAIL): None.

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

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

SEWER CAPACITY / FEES ADMIN (906-1-4)

12. Resolution No. 2020-102. PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY ACCEPTING THE NATIONAL CITY 2020/2021 TAX ROLL SEWER SERVICE FEES REPORT, WHICH IDENTIFIES BY PARCEL NUMBER, EACH PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY RECEIVING SEWER SERVICES AND THE AMOUNT OF SEWER CHARGES FOR EACH PARCEL FOR FY 2020-21 AS REQUIRED BY THE CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE SECTION 5473, ET SEQ., PERTAINING TO COLLECTION OF SEWER CHARGES ON THE TAX ROLL, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO FILE THE REPORT WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY AUDITOR, AND DIRECTING THE CITY ENGINEER TO FILE A CERTIFICATION OF THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES WITH THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY AUDITOR. (Engineering/Public Works)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

TESTIMONY (VIA E-MAIL): None.

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

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

NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

CONTRACT (C2018-1)

ENCROACHMENT AGREEMENT ADMIN (903-14-10)

13. Resolution No. 2020-103. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN ENCROACHMENT PERMIT AGREEMENT WITH PROTEA NATIONAL CITY, LLC, TO INSTALL AN OUTDOOR DESIGNATED PLAZA AREA IN THE ALLEY WITH ALLEY POP-OUT, AWNINGS, AND BALCONIES WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AS PART OF THE FUTURE 7-STORY MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED ON 130 EAST 8TH STREET (APN 556-472-26-00). (Engineering/Public Works)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

TESTIMONY (VIA E-MAIL): None.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Sotelo-Solis to hold item for further discussion. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Morrison, seconded by Quintero, to adopt the Resolution. Carried by unanimous vote.

EMERGENCY / DISASTER PLANNING ADMIN (301-1-1)

14. Resolution No. 2020-104. RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY: 1) AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF, AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND (CRF) ALLOCATION OF \$1,095,124 FROM THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND 2) AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CORRESPONDING REVENUE BUDGETS FOR THE FUNDS. (City Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the Resolution.

TESTIMONY (VIA E-MAIL): None.

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

NEW BUSINESS

BUDGET FY 2020-2021 (206-1-36)

15. Update on the status of the City of National City's Fiscal Year 2021 proposed budget. (Finance)

Note: Presentation materials are attached as Exhibit "A".

ACTION: Motion by Quintero, seconded by Cano, to bring back an update regarding AXIOS at the June 16th meeting. Carried by unanimous vote.

RECESS

A recess was called at 8:04 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:13 p.m. All members were present.

C. REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

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

16. Report to City Council on the Homefront to Waterfront Connectivity Study. (Engineering/Public Works)

PLANNING REPORTS ADMIN (405-3-1)

17. Report to City Council on the 24th Street Transit-Oriented Overlay District. (Planning)

HOUSING AUTHORITY 2020 (404-1-9)

18. Report on the presentation of the Focused General Plan Update including the Sixth Cycle Housing Element to the Housing Advisory Committee. (Housing Authority)

TESTIMONY (VIA E-MAIL): Rebecca Rapp expressed concerns regarding Goal No. 3, dealing with safe affordable housing and recommends that the City adopt a policy for smoke-free units.

**CITY MANAGER / REPORTS ADMIN (1104-1-12)
EMERGENCY / DISASTER PLANNING ADMIN (301-1-1)**

19. COVID-19 Update. (City Manager)

City Manager Brad Raulston reported on the nationwide protest and civil unrest arising from the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd in Minnesota while in police custody and expressed his gratitude and admiration for the National City Police Department.

Police Chief Tellez acknowledged that these are trying times in our nation and our region. He stated that the National City Police Department (NCPD) does not condone the unlawful use of force by the Minneapolis Police Department that resulted in the tragic death of Mr. George Floyd and that the members of the NCPD are proud to serve our community and recognize that diversity is one of our strongest creeds. He affirmed that the members of the Police Department are committed to provide the highest level of service to the community while respecting the rights and dignity of the people they serve. Chief Tellez provided information regarding the use and deployment of National City officers to assist other communities in the County in dealing with the protests and civil unrest that has occurred. Fortunately the National City has not experience any of the unlawful protests and destruction that took place in San Diego and La Mesa.

City Manager Raulston reported on efforts, events and progress regarding the Covid 19 pandemic. Plaza Bonita is slowly reopening, expanded access to some business is being allowed; the City is working with businesses and restaurants to assist in reopening; the library has started curb site pick up and City tennis courts and skate parks are open.

MAYOR, CITY COUNCIL, AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS

Member Cano thanked Staff, Fire and Police Departments for coming together and doing a great job. He expressed concerns about security issues and the need to have contingency plans in place and mentioned efforts by EDCO to provide safe ways to dispose of used face masks and latex gloves.

Member Quintero thanked staff for their efforts and Mayor for her opening remarks. He stated that discrimination, institutional racism and mistreatment of black people is not new, but has gone for generations; that Black lives matter and that all residents deserve to be treated with dignity and respect and the 1st Amendment to our Constitution guarantees freedom of speech, freedom to

peacefully assemble and it exists for a reason. Please know that National City is unified, the South Bay is unified and our eyes and ears are open as are our hearts.

Member Morrison said he was proud of National City and how they have responded to the current situation; that there is huge pride within the City and overwhelming support for our Police Department and pride about their relationship with the people as well as the communities reaction to the situation going on around them. Member Morrison said National City will continue to do what we need to-do to make sure bad things don't happen here and gave thanks to staff for all they are doing.

Member Rios said she is pleased the Mayor began the meeting with her comments and brought forward a resolution that everyone stand strong together and united in support; that it is important that Council stands proud and strong with the community. Member Rios discussed the importance of proxy voting on the San Diego County Water Authority and made the following motion.

ACTION: Motion by Rios, seconded by Cano, to have staff bring back a Resolution allowing designation of a proxy for San Diego County Water Authority meetings. Carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis said she is always humbled and honored to be leading an organization with colleagues who come together on important issues and she is pleased to report that all members of the City Council signed on to her opening letter committing to moving forward with equity and addressing racial injustice at all levels. She expressed her heartfelt appreciation for Council support. Mayor Sotelo advised that additional Covid testing has been arraigned in the City with the assistance of the County and San Ysidro Health Clinic; that the stay-at-home order is still in effect; that food distribution for families continues through the efforts of St Anthony's Church and the San Diego Food Bank and she thanked her Council colleagues for the successful recognition efforts for Sweetwater High School Graduating Seniors.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Angil Morris-Jones reported that in Closed Session direction was given on Item No. 1, Labor Negotiations, by a 5 to 1 vote. (See attached Exhibit 'L')

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cano, seconded by Rios, 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 – June 16, 2020 - 6:00 p.m. – Online Only - Council Chambers - National City, California. Carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting closed at 10:13 p.m.



City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of December 1, 2020.



Mayor

CITY COUNCIL SUMMER LEGISLATIVE RECESS

July 7, 2020 - City Council Meeting - Dispensed With

July 21, 2020 - City Council Meeting - Dispensed With
