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

December 15, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission – Housing Authority of the City of National City was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Mayor/Chairperson Alejandra Sotelo-Solis.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Cano, Morrison, Quintero, Rios, Sotelo-Solis

Councilmembers absent: None

Other Elected Officials present: Beauchamp, Dalla

Administrative Officials present: Raulston, Winney, Bell, Chapel, Williams, Davies, Meteau, Denham, Duong, Vergara, Aguirre, Yano, Parra, Tellez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG LED BY COUNCILMEMBER CANO.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None for this portion of the meeting.

CITY COUNCIL

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Vice-Mayor Rios, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 through 3. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. Acceptance of Angil P. Morris-Jones, City Attorney Retirement Letter.
2. Warrant Register #16 for the period of 10/14/20 through 10/20/20 in the amount of \$2,209,316.63.
3. Warrant Register #17 for the period of 10/21/20 through 10/27/20 in the amount of \$1,242,089.80.

BUSINESS RELATING TO GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 3, 2020

4. Adopted Resolution No. 2020-221. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City reciting the fact of the Presidential General Election held on November 3, 2020, declaring the results and such other matters as provided by law.

City Clerk Dalla read the title of the Resolution into the record.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Cano, seconded by Vice-Mayor Rios.
Motion carried by unanimous vote.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Sotelo-Solis thanked outgoing Councilmember Jerry Cano, Councilmember Gonzalo Quintero, and City Clerk Michael Dalla. They are receiving plaques of appreciation and badges for their years of service.

Member Cano recognized the residents, businesses, and visitors of National City. Also thanked the military service members and police and fire officers of National City. Also thanked his fellow public officials and city staff. He expressed thanks for all the years of service and congratulated the new elected Members.

Member Quintero shared that it was an honor to serve National City for the last two years. He acknowledged the incoming elected Members. He is grateful for sharing in the legacy of National City. He thanked his family and fellow colleagues.

City Clerk Michael Dalla acknowledged his extended years of service to National City during his entire working life. He expressed gratitude to city officials and city employees. He congratulated the newly elected officials and advised that unity and trust are key. He addressed the National City community and thanked them for their confidence and trust.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis offered that a proclamation will be forthcoming to recognize Mr. Dalla's lifelong dedication to the people of National City.

Vice Mayor Rios and Member Morrison thanked the three gentlemen for their work and service to National City.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mayor Sotelo-Solis invited newly elected Councilmember Jose Rodriguez, Councilmember Marcus Bush, City Clerk Luz Molina, and re-elected City Treasurer Mitchel Beauchamp to join the meeting for administration of the Oath of Office.

City Clerk Dalla administered the ceremonial Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmember Marcus Bush.

Councilmember Marcus Bush honored the Native peoples of these lands. He expressed gratitude to the outgoing Members and City Clerk. He spoke about identity, diversity, and the need for equity. He thanked his family and supporting community.

City Clerk Dalla administered the ceremonial Oath of Office to newly elected Councilmember Jose Rodriguez.

Councilmember Jose Rodriguez expressed thanks for his extended family, his community, Labor groups, and residents of National City. He is grateful for the victory in

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this long journey. He acknowledged the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has posed for everyone. He called for government to fight for working families and hurting local businesses.

City Clerk Dalla administered the ceremonial Oath of Office to re-elected City Treasurer Mitch Beauchamp.

City Treasurer Mitch Beauchamp thanked the voters of National City for retaining the elected positions for City Treasurer and City Clerk. He expressed gratitude to Mr. Dalla for his service and advice during all the years of working together and wished him well in his retirement.

City Clerk Dalla administered the ceremonial Oath of Office to newly elected City Clerk Luz Molina.

City Clerk Luz Molina gave thanks to the voters of National City, her support team, friends, and family. She acknowledged Mr. Dalla's integrity and dedication to the City Clerk's seat and thanked him for setting the example.

Outgoing Councilmember Cano, Councilmember Quintero, and City Clerk Dalla left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

RECESS

Mayor Sotelo-Solis called a recess of the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Sotelo-Solis called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Bush, Morrison, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis

Councilmembers absent: None

Other Elected Officials present: Beauchamp, Molina

Administrative Officials present: Raulston, Winney, Bell, Chapel, Williams, Davies, Meteau, Denham, Duong, Vergara, Aguirre, Yano, Parra, and Tellez.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG WAS LED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOSE RODRIGUEZ.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Beverly Bigham (excessive speed), Terry Ann Skelly (marijuana opposition), Rebecca Rapp (marijuana opposition), Coyote Moon (human rights representative), Barbara Gordon (marijuana opposition).

INTERVIEWS / APPOINTMENTS

5. Interviews and Appointments: Committee on Housing and Community Development (City Clerk)

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

The City Council conducted public interviews of Lorna De Los Santos and Randi Marie Castle.

ACTION: Councilmember Morrison motioned to continue the item to the next Council meeting, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez.

Ayes: Morrison, Rodriguez
Noes: Bush, Rios, Sotelo-Solis
Motion failed by 3-2 vote to continue item.

Ballots were provided by the City Clerk. Each Councilmember voted virtually by holding up a sheet of paper to the camera indicating the applicant's name who received their vote.

Votes cast for De Los Santos: Bush, Rios, Sotelo-Solis.
Votes cast for Castle: Morrison, Rodriguez.

Lorna De Los Santos appointed to the Committee on Housing and Community Development 3-2.

6. Interviews and Appointments: City and Regional Boards and Committees – Current Status, Vacancies, and Expiring Terms (City Clerk)

ACTION: Mayor Sotelo-Solis made the following appointments by motion:

Bayshore Bikeway Working Group:

Primary: Councilmember Bush
Alternate: Mayor Sotelo-Solis
Seconded by Vice-Mayor Rios. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority (JPA)

Primary: Councilmember Rodriguez
Alternate: Councilmember Bush
Seconded by Vice-Mayor Rios. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Otay and Sweetwater River Watershed Panels:

Primary: Councilmember Rodriguez
Alternate: Mayor Sotelo-Solis
Seconded by Councilmember Morrison. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Regional Solid Waste Association:

Primary: Councilmember Morrison
Alternate: Councilmember Rodriguez
Seconded by Councilmember Bush. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors:

Primary: Mayor Sotelo-Solis
Alternate: Councilmember Bush
Seconded by Vice-Mayor Rios. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) Board of Directors:

Primary: Mayor Sotelo-Solis
First Alternate: Vice-Mayor Rios
Second Alternate: Councilmember Bush
Seconded by Vice-Mayor Rios. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Shoreline Preservation Working Group:

Primary: Councilmember Bush
Alternate: Vice-Mayor Rios
Seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Sweetwater Authority Board

Motion by Mayor Sotelo-Solis to use emergency provision for immediate removal of Councilmember Cano and temporary appointment of Vice-Mayor Rios to fill the position until a permanent appointment can be made.
Seconded by Vice-Mayor Rios
Motion carried by the following 4-1 roll call vote:
Ayes: Bush, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis
Noes: Morrison

Motion by Mayor Sotelo-Solis to appoint Vice-Mayor Rios to temporarily fill the position until a permanent appointment can be made, seconded by Councilmember Bush, motion carried by unanimous vote.

REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Sotelo-Solis shared that SANDAG appointed their new Chairperson Catherine Blakespear and spoke to her direction towards COVID-19 vaccine distribution. Also, updates from MTS included: the success of the MTS public event "Stuff the Bus" for collection of donations virtually to combat food insecurities in the region; the opportunity to bring a ferry route between Downtown San Diego, Coronado, National City (Pepper Park), and Chula Vista.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Vice-Mayor Rios, to approve the Consent Calendar Items 7 through 11. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. Motion of the City Council of the City of National City approving the waiving of the reading of the text of the Ordinances or Resolutions that are having a Public Hearing considered at this meeting and providing that such Ordinances or Resolutions shall be introduced and/or adopted after a reading of the title only.
8. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-222. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City: 1) ratifying the acceptance of the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Grant in the amount of \$37,973 to fund the National City Public Library's Literacy Services Program for FY2021; and 2) authorizing the establishment of a Library Grant Fund appropriation in the amount of \$37,973 and corresponding revenue budget.
9. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-223. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the installation of red curb "No Parking" to enhance visibility at the intersections of "F" Avenue between E. 18th Street and E. 22nd Street and to install Stop Control signs for these T-intersections (TSC No. 2020-19).
10. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-224. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the installation of red curb "No Parking" at the intersection of Division Street and Dahlia Drive to enhance visibility at the intersection (TSC No. 2020-20).
11. Approval of the Local Appointments List - Maddy Act Requirement.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

12. Public Hearing of the City Council of the City of National City to consider Discussion and Introduction of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City Establishing the compensation of the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis opened the Public Hearing at 8:46 p.m.

City Attorney Bell provided the report. City Councilmembers discussed the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to close the Public Hearing at 8:47 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to hear the introduction of the Ordinance. Motion carried by the following 3-2 roll call vote, with direction to staff to return with comparisons for the second reading of the Ordinance.

Ayes: Bush, Rios, Rodriguez.

Noes: Morrison, Sotelo-Solis.

NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

13. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-225. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving the salary schedule for the Part-Time and Seasonal employee classifications effective January 1, 2021.

City Clerk Molina read the title of the Resolution into the record.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to adopt the Resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

14. Adopt Resolution No. 2020-226. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City: 1) awarding a contract to Tri Group Construction and Development, Inc. in the amount of \$2,049,491 for the Roosevelt Smart Growth Corridor Project, CIP No. 19-19; 2) authorizing a 25% contingency in the amount of \$512,485 for any unforeseen changes; and 3) authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract.

City Clerk Molina read the title of the resolution into the record.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director Yano and Associate Civil Engineer Lopez who gave the report along with a PowerPoint Presentation.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Rios, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to adopt the Resolution. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

15. Selection of Vice Mayor.

City Attorney Bell presented the item.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Rios, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to appoint Councilmember Rodriguez as Vice-Mayor. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – HOUSING AUTHORITY

There were no items for Housing Authority.

REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

16. City Manager Report (City Manager)

City Manager Raulston acknowledged the new elected officials. He provided information regarding the weekly cases of COVID-19 reported and the status of the "deep purple" level that the State of California is presently enduring. Mr. Raulston reminded all to maintain the recommendations to stay safe and avoid gatherings. He reassured that public services are in place for all emergencies.

Mr. Raulston shared that the City was awarded a \$1.7 million dollar State grant for construction of the Bay Shore Bikeway at the 19th St. underpass. He highlighted the holiday celebrations organized through the Community Services department.

Mr. Raulston thanked all of City staff for their hard work during this challenging year. He addressed concerns about the mandatory online training for COVID-19 for all City staff and officials.

Mr. Raulston was joined by Chief Parra to discuss the availability of sandbags during inclement weather. They also confirmed readiness for COVID-19 vaccine distribution when the time comes.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk Molina thanked everyone for this opportunity to share thoughts via this channel.

City Treasurer Beauchamp invited the new Members to attend the quarterly meeting with the City's tax consultant to discuss revenue, as well as to the Committee that oversees expenses and purchases on a weekly basis. He spoke about the city cash flow, and properties that are up for sale.

Councilmember Bush thanked everyone for the welcome and opportunity to serve.

Councilmember Morrison said that he is inspired with the community's ability to reach out and help those in need in a safe manner. He wished everyone happy holidays and again welcomed the new Members.

Councilmember Rios welcomed the new elected officials and advised to be aware of the various upcoming committee meetings. She encouraged the community to view the City's website regularly for reliable information about services available to all residents.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez thanked everyone for this first meeting and said he is looking forward to working together with all his colleagues.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis congratulated all the new officials. She asked that the City Manager work to provide the Council the same information that Finance provides to the City Treasurer. She highlighted the holiday lights throughout the City, and she hopes that they bring joy to the community in this difficult time. She thanked the residents and local businesses that participated, and the community at large. She mentioned the upcoming

event on Jan 7, 2021, for distribution of COVID-19 safety kits and hams. She reminded everyone of the ongoing safety precautions: maintain the recommended safe distance, avoid gatherings, and continue wearing a face covering.

CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Bell stated the direction given by unanimous vote by the City Council in the legal action concerning a personal injury claim arising from an alleged dangerous condition on public property.

City Attorney Bell stated the direction given by unanimous vote by the City Council to submit a request for the publication of an amicus letter to the California Supreme Court concerning the County of Sonoma matter.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to adjourn the meeting to the next Virtual Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission of the City of National City to be held Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via virtual platform. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Future Meeting Schedule for City Council and Community Development Commission - Housing Authority for the Period January 1, 2021 through January 19, 2021:

January 05 - Dispense with Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
January 19 - Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 10:21 p.m.



City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Virtual Regular Meeting of February 16, 2021.



Mayor