



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

March 16, 2021

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing consistent with State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

A. CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Mayor Sotelo-Solis.

ROLL CALL

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

Other Elected Officials present: Beauchamp, Molina

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

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Carlos Diaz and Luisa Diaz de Leon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Councilmember Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ten (10) spoken public comments received: Aida Castaneda (Lowrider Coalition), Alberto Pulido (Lowrider Coalition), Jovita Arellano (Lowrider Coalition), Marisa Rosales (Lowrider Coalition), Clair Carter (Marijuana – Opposition), Kelly McCormick (Marijuana – Opposition), Carol Green (Marijuana – Opposition), Barbara Gordon (Marijuana – Opposition), Becky Rapp (Marijuana – Opposition), and Kathleen Lippitt (Marijuana – Opposition).

Two (2) written public comments received: David Ozua (Code Enforcement) and Jim Traweek (Excessive Speeding).

PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

1. National City Celebrates Women's History Month.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis presented the proclamation to Marissa Cedillo, creator of Real Women Sisterhood, in celebration of Women's History Month in National City.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2. Employee of the Quarter 2021 - Lizza Galindo-Rojas, Administrative Secretary.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Human Resources Robert Mateau who presented the award to Ms. Galindo-Rojas.

PRESENTATIONS

No agenda items.

INTERVIEWS / APPOINTMENTS

Public Comments: None

ACTION: Mayor Sotelo-Solis motioned to reinstate the ad-hoc committee to revisit the cruising ordinance in National City, and to appoint Councilmember Rios to the committee. Seconded by Councilmember Rios. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Rios chaired the Operations Committee for the San Diego County Water Authority and reported on actions towards testing of the manganese and iron removal system. At the League of Cities Division meeting, 2-1-1 San Diego presented information on the resources and services available to the public.

Councilmember Bush reported on the Shoreline Preservation Working Group and the discussions around beach sand erosion issues and mitigating efforts.

Councilmember Morrison reported that the Regional Solid Waste Association will meet in April. He is working with EDCO to give a presentation to the Council on the organic recycling program at an upcoming meeting.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez reported on the Joint Powers Authority's discussions concerning industrial discharge permit and impacts to National City operators, as well as renewable water source updates.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis reported that Metropolitan Transit System lowered fees for riders, discussed security ambassadors, and recognized the need for bus service along the Blue Line in the late night/early morning hours. Also, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) meeting focused on the Five Big Moves transportation plan and funding efforts. One source will be an increase in National City's *TransNet* administration fees from 1% to 2%, or \$14,000, that will be redistributed to fund SANDAG information technology (IT) and data collection efforts.

CONSENT CALENDER

Public Comment: One (1) written public comment received from Joan Rincon (Item #8)

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. 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.
4. Approval of the Minutes of the Virtual Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission - Housing Authority of the City of National City - Virtual Regular Meeting: February 2, 2021.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-15. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the installation of 606 feet of “No Parking” signage on both sides of Paraiso Court to provide fire access and travel clearance for emergency response vehicles (TSC No. 2021-01).
6. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-16. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with sign in front of the residence located at 32 “D” Avenue (TSC No. 2021-02).
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-17. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City finding APR Construction, Inc. in default of the contract for the Civic Center ADA Accessibility Project, CIP No. 19-45 for materially violating the contract provisions by providing false information, consistent with Section 6.4.1 of the contract documents.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-18. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City ratifying the Agreement between the City of National City and Meyers Nave for legal services in consultation with the City Attorney on matters related to the implementation of a commercial cannabis structure and program for the total not to exceed amount of \$25,000.00 and approving the City Attorney’s execution of same.
9. Ratified Warrant Register #32 for the period of 2/03/21 through 2/09/21 in the amount of \$2,455,294.45.
10. Ratified Warrant Register #33 for the period of 2/10/21 through 2/16/21 in the amount of \$261,842.17.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

11. Public Hearing No. 1 of 2 for the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and the allocation of 2021-2022 HUD entitlement grant funds, program income, and funds remaining from completed projects to Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program activities proposed for 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Angelita Palma, Housing Programs Manager, and Carlos Aguirre, Director of Housing Authority, provided the report and PowerPoint presentation titled “Public Hearing No. 1 of 2 for the 2021-2022 HUD CPD Action Plan & Funding Recommendations”.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 p.m.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Rios, to close the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Received and Filed.

NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

12. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-19. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing, 1) the City (Buyer) to utilize cooperative purchasing established through Sourcewell previously known as National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA), consistent with Municipal Code Section 2.60.260 for cooperative purchasing, to purchase Tyler Technologies New World Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) based on their member number 17730; and 2) finance through Capital Innovations for a seven (7) year lease purchase agreement; and 3) the Mayor to execute the Agreement with Tyler Technologies and Capital Innovations to replace outdated current police department CAD for a lease purchase agreement in the amount of \$1,060,000.

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

City Manager Raulston introduced Chief of Police Jose Tellez, and Support Services Manager Amber Lashbrook. Chief Tellez and Manager Lashbrook gave the report and PowerPoint presentation titled "Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Project".

Mayor Sotelo-Solis opened the Public Hearing at 7:53 p.m.

City Manager Raulston stated for clarification that this item was not a Public Hearing.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Rios, to close the Public Hearing at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions of Staff. Chief Tellez and City Manager Raulston and City Attorney Bell provided responses.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to adopt the Resolution.. Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 14 TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

NEW BUSINESS

14. City of National City Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

City Manager Raulston introduced the item and presenters Kenneth Pun and Coley Delaney, auditors with The Pun Group, LLC. Mr. Pun and Mr. Delaney gave the report and PowerPoint presentation titled "Presentation to the City Council for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020".

Public Comments: None.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to adopt the report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8:12 p.m. City Clerk Molina read a statement at the two-hour mark to consider release of the interpretation service, consistent with the practice during in-person meetings. Mayor Sotelo-Solis determined that the City Council needs to discuss this process. This topic will be brought at the end of the meeting following agenda items. The interpreters remained in attendance and continued with interpretation of the meeting.

NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS - continued

13. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-20 of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing various Fiscal Year 2021 mid-year budget adjustments.

City Manager Raulston introduced Department of Finance personnel: Budget Manager Paul Valadez, Interim Director of Finance Phillip Davis, and Finance Manager Rachelle Barrera. City Manager Raulston gave the report and PowerPoint presentation titled "Fiscal Year 2021 General Fund Budget Mid-Year Budget Review".

The presenters and Director of Public Works Yano responded to City Councilmember questions.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis opened the Public Hearing at 8:35 p.m.

Public Comments: None.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to close the Public Hearing at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to adopt the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 14 TAKEN OUT OF ORDER - see above

15. Update on American Rescue Plan Act.

City Manager Raulston gave a report on the \$19.6 Million dollars in one time funding allocated to National City via the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds are available for use through December 2024. Staff is evaluating the eligible usage for these funds and will provide recommendations at the April 2021 Budget Workshop.

City Manager Raulston responded to questions asked by Councilmembers.

Public Comments: None.

Received and Filed.

16. 2020 Housing Element Annual Progress Report pursuant to California Code Section 654000.

Director of Housing Authority Aguirre gave the report and PowerPoint presentation titled “2020 Housing Element Annual Progress Report”.

Staff answered questions for Councilmembers.

Public Comments: None.

Received and Filed.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – HOUSING AUTHORITY

No agenda items.

C. REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

17. City Manager Report.

City Manager Raulston marked the one-year anniversary of the global pandemic and reported on the efforts made by the City for vaccine distribution, transition towards less restrictive guidelines, and plans for reopening.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

CITY TREASURER'S REPORT TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

City Treasurer Beauchamp expressed support for the new CAD system for the Police Department. He spoke about the cost of business in National City and the region and encouraged improvements in the movement of goods.

18. Discussion regarding Public Comment at City Council Meetings.

City Manager Raulston introduced the item and Deputy City Clerk Chapel gave the PowerPoint presentation titled “Public Comment Live via “Zoom” and Written”.

Staff answered questions for Councilmembers.

Public Comment: One (1) written public comment received from Ted Godshalk (offered suggestions for uniform public comment format)

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Rios, to direct Staff to continue to read the written comments received into the record. In addition, the motion allows for the reading of only the tally of comments in favor and/or opposition when the comments are voluminous, at the Chair's discretion. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL – reports continued

City Clerk Molina announced the vacancies in the Planning Commission and the Community and Police Relations Committee. Potential Commissioners may apply for consideration by March 17, 2021, 5:00 p.m. via the City Clerk's office.

Councilmember Morrison commented on the irony in needing to hire a firm to help the City navigate the cannabis issue and that the City is a drug-free workplace.

Councilmember Bush thanked Staff for considering the consultant services.

Councilmember Rios thanked Joe Olsen, Neighborhood Services, for addressing the matter in a timely manner. She thanked Deputy City Clerk Shelley Chapel for her help regarding the Statement of Economic Interests electronic filing. She thanked Staff in general for the helpful briefings and presentations. She requested more information on the American Rescue Plan Act.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez also thanked Staff for their timely preparation and for being available outside of the regular meetings. He recognized his mother on the occasion of her birthday.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Sotelo-Solis, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to bring back to Council the opportunity to discuss the management of translation services at the April 20, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Sotelo-Solis, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to give Staff direction to prepare a report addressing the illegal drag racing in the region. Friendly amendment to the motion allows for inclusion of excessive road noise. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis invited the City Council, Staff and public to the State of the City Address to be held virtually on March 25, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. Also, she read an excerpt from the children's story book, *Penny's Adventure in San Diego County*, written by the Mayors of San Diego County and the Purple Project, based on an idea created by Jordan Conole, Founder and Executive Director of the Purple Project - a nonprofit organization in San Diego that provides aid and support for emergency domestic violence shelters.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session was held during the Special Meeting commencing at 5:07 p.m., prior to the Regular Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Bell stated his report from the Closed Session.

- 1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:
Existing Litigation under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Tammy Davis v. City of National City, et al.
Case No. 19-CV-534-BEN-BGS

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.1, by unanimous vote, direction was given by the City Council in the legal action title Tammy Davis, et al. v. City of National City, et al. The case involves a Section 1983 Civil Rights Act claim arising from an in custody death.

- 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION:
Existing Litigation under Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Justin Perez v. City of National City
Case No. 37-2019-00037384-CU-PO-CTL

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.1, by unanimous vote, direction was given by the City Council in the legal action title Justin Perez v. City of National City. The case involves a personal injury claim arising an alleged dangerous condition on City property.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Rios, to adjourn the meeting to the Special Meeting of Successor Agency with all members present. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

SPECIAL MEETING OF SUCCESSOR AGENCY

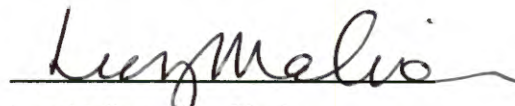
Successor Agency Items – See Special Meeting of the Successor Agency minutes.

ACTION: Motion by Boardmember Morrison, seconded by Boardmember Rios, to adjourn the meeting back to the Regular Meeting with all members present. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

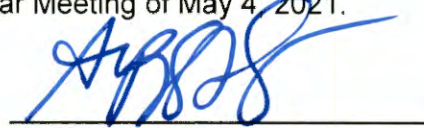
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sotelo-Solis adjourned the meeting to the next Virtual Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission – Housing Authority of the City of National City, California to be held Tuesday, April 6, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.


Luz Molina, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2021.


Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor