



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

May 4, 2021

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

The City Council minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the City Council Agenda. Agenda Items can be taken out of order during the meeting. The Agenda Items were considered in the order presented.

A. CITY COUNCIL

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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, Tellez, and Palma.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

City Clerk Molina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No verbal public comments were received.

Two (2) written comments were received and read into the record: Erin E. (request for speed bumps on E. 16th St), and Joan Rincon (complaint of National City Liquor).

Mayor Sotelo-Solis announced that today's meeting will be adjourned in memory of life-long resident Carlos "Beaver" Juarez and thanked the Rico-Juarez family for sharing his legacy with National City.

PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

1. National City celebrates City Clerk Recognition Month.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis presented the Proclamation to City Clerk Molina and Deputy City Clerk, MMC, Chapel.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS – No agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS – No agenda items.

INTERVIEWS / APPOINTMENTS – No agenda items.

REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Port Commissioner Naranjo reported on the business of the Board of Port Commissioners for the Port of San Diego held on April 13, 2021.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis highlighted the leadership roles of the members of the Council and thanked them for representing National City in the various regional boards and committees. She reported on the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) meeting and the Five Big Moves transportation plan.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez announced that the next meeting of the Metropolitan Wastewater Joint Powers Authority (JPA) is occurring this week.

Councilmember Rios reminded the National City community that May is water awareness month. She highlighted the Water Conservation Garden that is sponsored by the San Diego County Water Authority and the Sweetwater Authority. She encouraged the community to attend the Garden; there is no admission fees on the second Friday of every month.

Councilmember Morrison had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bush reported on the business of the South County Economic Development Council (EDC). He also summarized the planned discussion for the upcoming Air Pollution Control District (APCD) meeting.

CONSENT CALENDER

Councilmember Rios pulled Item Nos. 11 and 12 for comment. Vice-Mayor Rodriguez pulled Items 6 and 19 for discussion.

Public Comments: None

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, including maker of the motion approving a friendly amendment by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez to approve the Consent Calendar Items 2 through 5, 7 through 10, and 13 through 18, and pull items 6, 11, 12, and 19 for comments and discussion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

2. 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.
3. Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2020 CA HA Reg Min, December 15, 2020 SP Min, March 2, 2021 CC HA Reg Min, March 16, 2021 CC HA Reg Min, March 16, 2021 CC SP Min, March 16, 2021 SA Min.
4. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-35 Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City denouncing xenophobia and anti-Asian/Pacific Islander racism arising due to fears of the COVID-19 pandemic and affirming the City's commitment to the well-being and safety of Asian Pacific Islander communities.
5. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-36. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Purchase and Sales Agreement and accepting the Grant Deed from Sayheune Phomsavanh for the purchase of property located at 140 West 18th Street.
6. Pulled for discussion.
7. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-38. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 (Mile of Cars) for Fiscal Year 2021/22.
8. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-39. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving the Engineer's Report for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 (Mile of Cars) for Fiscal Year 2021/22.
9. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-40. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City declaring its intention to conduct a public hearing on June 1, 2021 and to levy and collect assessments for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 (Mile of Cars) for Fiscal Year 2021/22.
10. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-41. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the Mayor to execute an Amendment to the Lease and Operating Agreement between the City of National City and American Golf Corporation to increase green fees effective May 5, 2021.
11. Pulled for discussion.
12. Pulled for discussion.
13. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-44. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the installation of a Stop Control sign for the T-intersection of E. 31st Street and "D" Avenue for eastbound traffic accessing "D" Avenue (TSC No. 2021-04).
14. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-45. 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 1615 "C" Avenue (TSC No. 2021-05).

15. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-46. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the installation of red curb “No Parking” on the east side of Palm Avenue, adjacent to the driveway of the apartment complex located at 1629 Palm Avenue, in order to enhance safety and visibility for drivers exiting the apartment driveway (TSC No. 2021-06).
16. Authorized the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Towing and Impound Services, for the City of National City.
17. Approved City Council 2021 Legislative Recess.
18. Ratified Warrant Register #38 for the period of 3/17/21 through 3/23/21 in the amount of \$1,260,307.62.
19. Pulled for discussion.

ITEMS PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDER

6. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-37. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City Approving the Settlement and Release Agreement between Justin Perez and the City of National City.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez commented on this item.

Public Comment: none

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Rios, to adopt the Resolution.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

11. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-42. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the Mayor to execute Program Supplement Agreement (PSA) No. N010 Rev. 2 with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Citywide Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Pedestrian Enhancements Project to allow for reimbursement of up to \$1,678,000 in eligible project expenditures through the Federal Active Transportation Program (ATP).

Councilmember Rios commented on this item.

Public Comment: none

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Mayor Sotelo-Solis, to adopt the Resolution.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

12. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-43. 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 development located at 130 E. 8th Street (TSC No. 2021-03).

No discussion was needed for this Item.

Public Comment: none

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

19. Ratified Warrant Register #39 for the period of 3/24/21 through 3/30/21 in the amount of \$790,256.83.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez asked clarifying questions. Staff provided the requested information.

Public Comment: none

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to adopt the Resolution.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

20. Third Reading and adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California adding National City Municipal Section 9.60 to regulate commercial cannabis.

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

City Manager Raulston provided the report and PowerPoint presentation titled “Third Reading and Third Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California Adding National City Municipal Section 9.60 to Regulate Commercial Cannabis.”

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions. Staff provided responses.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis declared the Public Hearing open at 6:54 p.m.

Public Comments:

Ten (10) public comments were heard; eleven (8) in opposition and two (2) in support:

Kelly McCormick (opposed),

Carol Green (opposed),

Becky Rapp (opposed),

Peggy Walker (opposed),

Adrian Kwiatkowski (support; request to revert 250 foot buffer zone),

Mark Wilcox (opposed),

Alonso Gonzalez (support; request to reconsider locations and buffers),

KB Strange (opposed),

Ann Riddle (opposed),

Barbara Gordon (opposed).

Four (4) written comments were received and read into the record; three (3) in opposition and one (1) in support:

Chad Matkowski (support; request to expand zoning),
Joan Rincon (opposed),
Riane Fletcher (opposed),
Ted Godshalk (opposed).

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to close the Public Hearing at 7:27 p.m.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to adopt the Ordinance.

Substitute motion by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez to reduce the area of buffer zone from 250 feet to 100 feet from residential parcel.

Motion died for a lack of a second.

Substitute motion by Councilmember Morrison to change the zoning for the consumption lounges to move them out of the commercial/recreation zone.

Motion died for a lack of a second.

Call for vote of original motion:

Ayes: Bush, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis

Nays: Morrison

Motion passed by 4-1 vote.

21. Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City amending Sections 18.30.340 (Medical marijuana dispensaries), and 18.30.345 (Medical marijuana cultivation) of Title 18 (Zoning) of the National City Municipal Code. (Applicant City-Initiated) (Case File 2019-29 A).

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced City Manager Raulston who confirmed that there are no changes to the report since the first reading of Ordinance.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis declared the Public Hearing open at 7:38 p.m.

Public Comments:

Three (3) public comments were heard; two (2) in opposition and one (1) in support:

Ann Riddle (opposed),

Carol Green (opposed),

Adrian Kwiatkowski (support).

One (1) written comment was received and read into the record:

Ted Godshalk (opposed)

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez, to close the Public Hearing at 7:44 p.m.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez, to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-2488, as presented.

Ayes: Bush, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis

Nayes: Morrison

Motion passed by 4-1 vote.

22. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-47. Public Hearing No. 2 of 2 and adoption of a Resolution of the City of National City adopting 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.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Housing Authority Carlos Aguirre, and Housing Programs Manager Angelita Palma who gave the report and PowerPoint Presentation on funding recommendations.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions. Staff provided responses.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis declared the Public Hearing open at 8:01 p.m.

Public Comments: None.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez, to close the Public Hearing at 8:02 p.m.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to adopt the Resolution as presented.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis relieved the translation Interpreters of their duty at 8:03 p.m.

NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

23. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-48. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City amending City Council Policy No. 201 entitled "Maintenance of Reserve Funds."

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced City Manager Raulston who provided the report and recommendations.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions. Staff provided responses.

Public Comment: None.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Rios, to adopt the Resolution.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

24. Notice of Decision – Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to operate a church (Iglesia de Cristo) located at 322 Highland Avenue. (Applicant: Francis Rodriguez) (Case File No. 2021-02 CUP).

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Principal Planner Reeder who was present to address questions.

Public Comments: None

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to accept the Notice of Decision.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – HOUSING AUTHORITY

No agenda items.

C. REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

25. City Manager Report

City Manager Raulston commented on the availability of COVID-19 vaccines for the community. He also announced that the computer lab at the library is now open.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk Molina announced the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission. Applicants may apply via the City Clerk's Office. Application deadline is May 6, 2021, 5:00 p.m.

City Treasurer Beauchamp expressed his concerns for the cannabis ordinance that passed. He also commented on the reserves discussion.

Councilmember Morrison passed on making a comment.

Councilmember Bush thanked the Mayor, Staff, and city for the effort towards informing the public of the availability of vaccines and the efforts to reach herd immunity.

Councilmember Rios acknowledge that the Morgan / Kimball Towers rehabilitation project was nominated for a San Diego Housing Federation Ruby Award for innovation and impact in affordable housing. She also acknowledged Director of Housing Authority Carlos Aguirre for his nomination for the John Craven Public Service Memorial Ruby Award.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez commented on May Day and its significance in the labor rights movement.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis announced the successful efforts in outreach for vaccination. She thanked the Council for all the work done.

CLOSED SESSION

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None

ADJOURNMENT

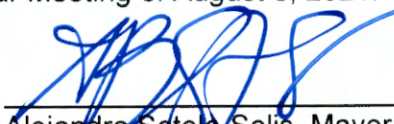
Mayor Sotelo-Solis adjourned the meeting in memory of Carlos “Beaver” Juarez to the next Virtual Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission – Housing Authority of the City of National City, California to be held Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Luz Molina, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021.



Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor