



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

June 1, 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 6:11 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, Torres, Gilman, Williams, Davis, Meteau, Denham, Drew, Duong, Gamwell, Gilman, Maxilom, Vergara, Aguirre, Olson, Yano, Parra, Barrera, Valdez, and Tellez.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Assistant City Manager Winney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis announced the passing of Co-Founder of EDCO Mr. Ed Burr, the meeting will be adjourned in his honor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced City Clerk Molina who summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment. Mayor Sotelo-Solis reduced comments to two (2)-minutes.

Four (4) spoken public comments were heard: Barbara Gordon (Cannabis), Peggy Walker (Cannabis), Kelly McCormick (Cannabis), and Becky Rapp (Cannabis).

Four (4) written comments were received and read into the record: Ted Godshalk (Public Meetings), Joan Rincon (Homelessness), Jim Traweek (Stop Street Racing), and Judi Strang (Marijuana).

PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES – No agenda items.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

1. Introduction of New Employee - Gabriela M. Torres, Deputy City Attorney.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced City Attorney Bell who introduced Gabriela M. Torres, Deputy City Attorney.

PRESENTATIONS

2. Citywide Communications Update.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Assistant City Manager Tony Winney, Management Analyst II Lauren Maxilom, and RMG Communications President/CEO Rachel McGuire who provided the report, and PowerPoint presentation titled “Communications Update”.

Public Comment: None

Received and filed.

3. Community and Police Relations Commission (CPRC) 2018, 2019 and 2020 Annual Reports. Community Service Month Recap.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Mike Lesley, CPRC Chair, and Management Analyst II Maxilom who provided the report and PowerPoint Presentation titled “City of National City Community & Police Relations Commission (CPRC) 2018, 2019, and 2020 Annual Reports”.

Public Comment: None

Received and filed.

INTERVIEWS / APPOINTMENTS

4. Appointments: City Boards, Commissions and Committees - City Council Appointment.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced City Clerk Molina who gave the report and recited City Council Policy #107 Section D8 regarding the interview process.

Civil Service Commission: Fulfill the remainder of the term for Commissioner Fred Puhn who resigned on April 7, 2021. One (1) vacancy for a term through September 30, 2022.

The City Council considered one (1) applicant for this position.

City Council conducted public interview one (1) applicant: Javier Alvarado.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez, to appoint applicant. Alvarado to the Civil Service Commission.

Substitute Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to reopen the vacancy for 30 days.

Ayes: Bush, Rios, Sotelo-Solis

Nays: Morrison, Rodriguez

Motion carried by 3 to 2 votes.

REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Sotelo-Solis reported on the SANDAG 2021 Regional Plan.

Councilmember Rios reported on San Diego County Water Authority's and Sweetwater Authority's budgets.

Councilmember Bush reported on Air Pollution Control District's support of CA State Bill 743 concerning vehicle emissions. The Bayshore Bikeway Working Group will hold a bike ride to commemorate Juneteenth.

Councilmember Morrison announced that his next committee meeting is planned for June 24, 2021.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez announced that the next Wastewater JPA meeting is planned for Thursday.

Port Commissioner Sandy Naranjo provided a report on the business of the Port of San Diego.

CONSENT CALENDER

Mayor Sotelo-Solis announced that Item 12 was pulled for public comment. Councilmember Bush recused himself from Item 12 due to a conflict of interest and left the virtual meeting

ITEM PULLED FROM CONSENT CALENDER FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION:

12. Adopted Resolution 2021-57. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the City Manager to execute an Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities ("AHSC") Implementation and Mutual Indemnity Agreement with the Metropolitan Area Advisory Committee on Anti-Poverty of San Diego County, Inc. (MAAC Project), a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, for the City's implementation of transportation infrastructure or transit-related amenities with a total budget of \$6,750,000 within the vicinity of a proposed 400-unit affordable housing project at 233 Roosevelt Avenue in National City.

Public Comment:

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

Six (6) spoken public comments were heard: Christopher Allen, Jesse Garcia, Victor Diaz, Javier Santizo, Francisco Pena, and Doug Hicks.

Council asked clarifying questions. Responses were provided by Roberto Yano, Bob Cummings, Arnulfo Manriquez, and Matt Capuzzi.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to approve the Resolution, Item 12.

Motion carried by 4 to 1 votes with Councilmember Bush recusing.

Councilmember Bush returned to the virtual meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Public Comment for Items 5-11 and 13-18: None.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to approve the Consent Calendar Items 5 through 11 and 13 through 18.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. 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.
6. Approval of City Council and Community Development Commission - Housing Authority of the City of National City Virtual Regular Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2021, and City Council of the City of National City Virtual Special Meeting Minutes April 20, 2021.
7. Adopted Resolution 2021-52. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City supporting increased broadband access to bridge the digital divide throughout the San Diego region.
8. Adopted Resolution 2021-53. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving City Attorney's request for authority to participate in the San Diego County Bar Association's Diversity Pledge.
9. Adopted Resolution 2021-54. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the City Manager to execute a Termination of a Notice of Assurances to the State of California of the Use of Property and/or the State of California's Right of Recapture for Kimball Highlands located at 1221 "D" Avenue.
10. Adopted Resolution 2021-~~55~~. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the City Manager to execute a Termination of a Notice of Restriction on Real Property located at 1320 Highland Avenue.
11. Adopted Resolution 2021-~~56~~. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the City Manager to execute and accept a Quit Claim Deed that reverts the recording of a Grant Deed on May 13, 2021 for the property located at 140 West 18th Street, National City; and authorizing the City Manager to execute and accept a Grant Deed previously approved by City Resolution 2021-36 at the close of escrow on or before June 30, 2021.

13. Adopted Resolution 2021-58. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the installation of “No Truck Parking” signage on the east side of Highland Avenue, north of E. 2nd Street, to increase parking turnover for customers and employees of the nearby businesses and to enhance street safety (TSC No. 2021-07).
14. Adopted Resolution 2021-59 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 1540 Harding Avenue (TSC No. 2021-08).
15. Adopted Resolution 2021-60. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the installation of a Stop Control sign for the three T-intersections within the neighborhood bounded by “G” Avenue, between E. 19th Street and E. 22nd Street (TSC No. 2021-09).
16. Adopted Resolution 2021-61. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the installation of red curb “No Parking” at the intersection of Earle Drive and E. 16th Street in order to enhance safety and visibility for drivers exiting Earle Drive onto E. 16th Street (TSC No. 2021-10).
17. Ratified Warrant Register #42 for the period of 4/14/21 through 4/20/21 in the amount of \$2,346,196.31. (Finance)
18. Ratified Warrant Register #43 for the period of 4/21/21 through 4/27/21 in the amount of \$1,139,452.53. (Finance)

Mayor Sotelo-Solis called for a recess at 8:33 p.m. Meeting was reconvened at 8:46 p.m. with all members present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

19. Adopted Ordinance No. 2021-2489. Public Hearing, second reading and adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City amending National City Chapter 9.52 of the National City Municipal Code regarding the Mandatory Commercial and Residential Recycling Program according to SB 1383.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Public Works Yano. There was no report.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis opened the Public Hearing at 8:47 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to close the Public Hearing at 8:47 p.m.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

20. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-62. 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 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).

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Chief of Emergency Services Parra and Deputy Fire Marshall Drew who provided the report.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions. Staff provided responses.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis opened the Public Hearing at 8:54 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to close the Public Hearing at 8:55 p.m.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

21. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-63. 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.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Principal Planner Reeder who provided an overview.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis opened the Public Hearing at 8:58 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to close the Public Hearing at 8:58 p.m.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

22. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-64. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the County of San Diego by and through its Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Mobile Crisis

Response Team (MCRT) for broad range of health and social services to community residents including trauma-informed behavioral health services.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced City Manager Raulston who gave the report. Cecily Thorton-Stearns with HHSA and Chief Tellez provided information and addressed questions by Councilmembers.

Public Comments: None.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

23. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-65. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving a Second Amendment to the Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for grant coordination services for a CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Grant awarded to the City of National City, extending the term of the Agreement to September 30, 2023, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Public Works Yano who provided the report and PowerPoint presentation titled “CAL-FIRE – National City Urban Forest Expansion & Improvement Project – Item 23 and Item 24” and addressed questions by Councilmembers.

Public Comment: None.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

24. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-66. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving a Second Amendment to the Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for tree planting services for a CAL FIRE Urban and Community Forestry Grant awarded to the City of National City, extending the term of the Agreement to September 30, 2023, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Agreement.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Public Works Yano who provided the report.

Public Comment: None.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

25. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-67. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City adopting the 24th Street Transit-Oriented Development Overlay (TODO) Plan. (Applicant City-Initiated) (Case File 2021-07).

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Principal Planner Reeder who provided the report and PowerPoint Presentation titled “24th Street TODO Transit Oriented Development Overlay”. The project team included Monique Chen, Diego Velasco, Andrew Prescott, Ted Smith, and Kristin Blackson. The team addressed questions and comments from the Councilmembers.

Public Comment:

One (1) spoken public comment was heard: Javier Padilla.

Three (3) written comments were received and read into the record: Bradley Bang, Danny Serrano, and Alicia Sanchez.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to include amended language “When evaluated as part of focus General Plan update process it must not displace and/or gentrify existing community members and/or create incompatible new land uses. The Housing policy also,” and adopt the Resolution as amended.

Ayes: Bush, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis

Nays: Morrison

Motion carried by 4 to 1 votes.

26. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-68. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City adopting a budget for fiscal year 2022.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis read the title of the Resolution into the record.

There was no report. City Manager Raulston addressed questions by Councilmembers.

Public Comment: None.

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

Ayes: Bush, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis

Nays: Morrison

Motion carried by 4 to 1 votes.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis recognized the time and asked if the City Council members would agree to extend the meeting past the 10:30 p.m. mark to complete the agenda items.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Mayor Sotelo-Solis, to extend the meeting to complete the last three (3) items.

Friendly Amendment by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez, to end the meeting by 11:00 p.m.

Ayes: Morrison, Rodriguez

Nays: Bush, Rios, Sotelo-Solis

Motion failed by 2 to 3 votes.

Original motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Mayor Sotelo-Solis.

Ayes: Bush, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis

Nays: Morrison

Motion carried by 4 to 1 votes.

NEW BUSINESS

27. National City Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Economic Recovery Proposal.

City Manager Raulston introduced Chad Matkowski, President and CEO, National City Chamber of Commerce who provided a report and PowerPoint presentation titled "Proposal for COVID-19 Economic Recovery."

City Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and Mr. Matkowski provided responses.

Received and filed.

28. Discussion on City Council Policy No. 110 entitled "Display of Flags".

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

Public Comment:

Five (5) written comments were received and read into the record all regarding the Pride Flag: Nadia Kean-Ayub, Moon Coyote, Bradley Bang, Elaine Lewis, Zachary Gomez.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Sotelo-Solis, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to add the Firefighter Mourning Flag to be flown at Fire Stations only, and Gay Pride Flag to be flown during the month of June to the policy.

Friendly Amendment by Councilmember Bush to add the Juneteenth Flag to be flown on June 19 annually, and the flag honoring the Kumeyaay- Diegueno Flag be flown during the month of November to the policy. Maker of the original motion accepted.

Ayes: Bush, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis

Nays: Morrison

Motion carried by 4 to 1 votes.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – HOUSING AUTHORITY

No agenda items.

C. REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

29. Update on City Sponsored Events.

Interim Director of Community Services Audrey Denham provided the report.

Received and filed.

30. City Manager Report.

City Manager Raulston commented on the availability of COVID-19 vaccines for the community. Assistant City Manager Winney provided an update on the homelessness response and future programming specific to those encampments along the 805 Corridor.

Received and filed.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk Molina wished everyone a happy Pride month.

City Treasurer Beauchamp commended the City Manager and the Chief of Police for their actions today.

Councilmember Morrison commented on the potential for restaurants to lease of outdoor public space.

Councilmember Bush provided details on the Juneteenth bike ride hosted by Major Taylor Cycling Club.

Councilmember Rios announced the program at St Anthony's church that provides resources to new and expectant mother. It is accepting donations. Also, she commended City Attorney Bell for the recorded trainings on Social Media and the Brown Act.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez provided comments on the origins of Pride month.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis wished everyone a happy Pride month. She provided comments on a call to action to reach out to state legislators to prioritize allocation of resources for homelessness services. She provided an update on the ad-hoc committee on lowriders and the cruising ordinance.

CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

City Attorney Bell reported that there was no action or direction provided by City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sotelo-Solis adjourned the meeting in memory of EDCO Co-Founder Mr. Ed Burr. The meeting was adjourned 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, June 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 p.m.


Luz Molina, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2021.


Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor