



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

August 3, 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 6:06 p.m. by Mayor Sotelo-Solis.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Bush, Morrison (joined at 6:38 p.m.), Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis
Other Elected Officials present: Beauchamp, Molina

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

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Claudia Valencia and Luisa Diaz de Leon.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Sotelo-Solis summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment.

Three (3) spoken public comments were heard: Peggy Walker (Cannabis), Kelly McCormick (Cannabis), and Becky Rapp (Cannabis).

Two (2) written comments were received and read into the record: Cassandra Martinez (Dog Parks and Alleyways), and Ana Morales (Gerry's Grill).

PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES – No agenda items.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS – No agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Drought Preparedness: Water Supply Reliability and Resilience in National City

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Assistant City Manager Winney, and Jennifer Sabine, Interim General Manager, Sweetwater Authority who provided the report and a PowerPoint Presentation titled “Drought Preparedness: Water Reliability and Resilience in National City”.

Public Comment: None

Received and filed.

INTERVIEWS / APPOINTMENTS

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

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

Deputy City Clerk Chapel provided the Staff report.

Civil Service Commission: Fulfill the remainder of the terms for Commissioner Fred Puhn who resigned on April 7, 2021, and Commissioner Lissette Miramontes who resigned on May 24, 2021.

One (1) vacancy for a term through September 30, 2022.

One (1) vacancy for a term through September 30, 2024.

The City Council considered two (2) applicants for these positions.

City Council conducted a public interview of applicant Thomas Luna, via telephone. The other applicant, Javier Alvarado, was not available for interview, but had been previously interviewed on June 1, 2021.

Public Comment: None

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to appoint Mr. Luna to the Civil Service Commission seat with term ending September 30, 2024.

Councilmembers cast their vote virtually by holding up the name of the applicant who received their vote.

- Councilmember Bush voted for Mr. Luna.
- Councilmember Morrison voted for Mr. Alvarado.
- Councilmember Rios voted for Mr. Luna.
- Vice-Mayor Rodriguez voted for Mr. Alvarado.
- Mayor Sotelo-Solis voted for Mr. Luna.

Mr. Luna was appointed to Civil Service Commission seat with term ending September 30, 2024 by 3-2 vote.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to not appoint at this time for the Civil Service Commission seat with term ending September 30, 2022.

Ayes: Bush, Rios, Sotelo-Solis

Nays: Morrison, Rodriguez

Motion carried by 3 to 2 votes.

This vacancy will be noticed during the month of August, and return to Council for interviews and appointment on September 21, 2021.

REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Councilmember Rios reported on San Diego County Water Authority announced that they will be participating on the Department of Defense SkillBridge Program to offer career-track jobs in the water industry.

Councilmember Morrison reported that the finances for The Regional Solid Waste Association will be managed by the City of National City at \$10,000 per year for the next five years.

Councilmember Bush reported on updates for the Air Pollution Control District and the South County Economic Development Council and the Metropolitan Transit System.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis reported on SANDAG and the project labor agreement discussions that are ongoing. She recognized the 40th anniversary of the Metropolitan Transit System and provided updates on transportation.

CONSENT CALENDER

Mayor Sotelo-Solis requested City Clerk Molina read any public comment received into the record.

Public Comment:

Item 9 – Two (2) written comments were received from Joan Rincon and Ted Godshalk.

Item 20 – One (1) spoken public comment was received from Joan Rincon.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Mayor Sotelo-Solis, to approve the Consent Calendar Items 3 through 21.

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 City Council, Community Development and Housing Authority of the City of National City: Virtual Regular Meeting Minutes: April 6, 2021, April 20, 2021, May 4, 2021, and May 18, 2021; Virtual Special Budget Workshop Minutes: April 20, 2021; Virtual

Special Closed Session Meeting Minutes: April 20, 2021, and May 18, 2021; and, Virtual Special Budget Meeting Minutes: May 18, 2021.

5. Adopted Resolution 2021-94. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Sixth Amendment to the Agreement by and between the City of National City and American Medical Response Ambulance Service, Inc. to continue to provide basic and advanced life support ambulance transportation services effective July 1, 2021, for a period of two years.
6. Adopted Resolution 2021-95. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City accepting funds in the amount of \$2,500 from the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) 2021 SAFE San Diego Grant Program through the Burn Institute, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, for the National City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to recruit, administer, and promote CERT training in National City, and authorizing the establishment of a Reimbursable Grants City-Wide Fund appropriation and corresponding revenue budget.
7. Adopted Resolution 2021-96. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City to authorize the Chief of Police to enter into an Agreement with Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility for the Temporary Right of Entry and License Agreement for Firing Range Use for the National City Police Department.
8. Adopted Resolution 2021-97. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the Mayor to execute the Second Amendment to the agreement by and between the City of National City and Chandler Asset Management, Inc. for investment management and investment advisory services, extending the agreement to November 15, 2021.
9. Adopted Resolution 2021-98. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City: 1) authorizing the appropriation of \$1,659,680.00 for the West 19th Street Greenway project, reimbursable through the State of California Natural Resources Agency; 2) establishing corresponding revenue and expenditure accounts; and 3) committing to providing a local match of \$100,000.00.
10. Adopted Resolution 2021-99. 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 321 E. 1st Street (TSC No. 2021-11).
11. Adopted Resolution 2021-100. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the installation of two (2) marked parallel “30-minute” parking spaces in front of the property located at 1120-1130 E. 8th Street to increase parking turnover for customers (TSC No. 2021-12).
12. Adopted Resolution 2021-101. 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 643 E. 28th Street (TSC No. 2021-13).
13. Temporary Use Permit – Spirit Halloween retail tent store hosted by Spirit Halloween at Westfield Plaza Bonita Mall from September 4, 2021 thru November 15, 2021 with no waiver of fees.

14. Temporary Use Permit – 2nd Annual End of Summer Car Show hosted by the Lowrider Coalition at Kimball Park on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with no waiver of fees.
15. Investment transactions for the month ended May 31, 2021.
16. Ratified Warrant Register #47 for the period of 5/19/21 through 5/25/21 in the amount of \$212,952.03.
17. Ratified Warrant Register #48 for the period of 5/26/21 through 6/01/21 in the amount of \$3,591,735.08.
18. Ratified Warrant Register #49 for the period of 6/02/21 through 6/08/21 in the amount of \$1,121,053.21.
19. Ratified Warrant Register #50 for the period of 6/09/21 through 6/15/21 in the amount of \$1,663,462.84.
20. Ratified Warrant Register #51 for the period of 6/16/21 through 6/22/21 in the amount of \$1,151,164.26.
21. Ratified Warrant Register #52 for the period of 6/23/21 through 6/29/21 in the amount of \$1,629,000.27.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

22. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-102. Public Hearing and Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving an amendment to the General Plan to adopt the 2021-2029 Housing Element (Case No. 2021 – 14GP), pursuant to Article 10.6 of the Government Code (Sections 65880 et al), which provides a comprehensive strategy for promoting the production, preservation, and maintenance of housing to meet current and future community housing needs in the City of National City; and adopting the Negative Declaration for the 2021-2029 Housing Element.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Housing and Economic Development Aguirre and Housing Element Project Manager Tara Lake, WSP, who provided the report and PowerPoint Presentation titled “2021-2019 Housing Element and Negative Declaration”.

Councilmembers asked clarifying questions. Staff provided responses.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis declared the Public Hearing open at 8:02 p.m.

Public Comment: None.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to close the Public Hearing at 8:03 p.m.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

23. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-103. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City: 1) authorizing the Mayor to adopt the 2019 San Diego Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan; 2) authorizing the City Manager to execute the Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant Agreement for the Paradise Creek Water Quality and Community Enhancement – Phase II project; and 3) establishing corresponding revenue and expenditure accounts.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Public Works / City Engineer Yano, who provided the report and PowerPoint presentation titled "Paradise Creek Water Quality & Community Enhancement Project".

Public Comment: None.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

24. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-104 Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California: (1) approving participation in the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) voucher pilot program from the California air resources board for the Free Ride Around National City (FRANC) Neighborhood Electric Vehicle (NEV) system and (2) authorizing the city manager to execute the approval of CMO voucher funds, reiterate CMO program commitment, and compliance with CMO program requirements to the CMO program administrator team.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Public Works / City Engineer Yano, who provided the report and PowerPoint presentation titled "FRANC Free Ride Around National City".

Public Comment: None.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis called for recess at 9:01, returning at 9:07 p.m. with all members present.

NEW BUSINESS

25. Discuss and provide direction to staff on the American Rescue Plan Act expenditure plan.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced City Manager Raulston, who provided the report and PowerPoint presentation titled “American Rescue Act (ARPA) Overview”.

Received and filed.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – HOUSING AUTHORITY

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS - HOUSING AUTHORITY – No agenda items.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: RESOLUTIONS - HOUSING AUTHORITY – No agenda items.

NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS - HOUSING AUTHORITY

26. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-105. Resolution of the Community Development Commission-Housing Authority of the City of National City (“Housing Authority”) adopting the National City Housing Authority 2021-2025 Housing Strategic Plan to establish guidance for the Housing Authority to utilize City-owned real estate and financial assets for housing purposes.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Housing and Economic Development Aguirre provided the report and PowerPoint Presentation titled “Housing Strategic Plan”.

Public Comment: None.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS - HOUSING AUTHORITY – No agenda items.

C. REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

27. City Manager Report.

City Manager Raulston provided an update on the changes made considering the COVID-19 delta variant surge. He commented on the Federal infrastructure bill and the State budget and the funding that is coming to the City for various services. He recognized the group of National City Firefighters that are deployed to fight the Dixie fire in Chico, CA. He welcomed new Library & Community Services Director Joyce Ryan.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk Molina announced that there will be at least eleven (11) vacancies on the City's Boards, Committees, and Commissions and encouraged Councilmembers to advocate for applicants to submit applications by the September 2, 2021 deadline.

Councilmember Bush had nothing to report.

Councilmember Morrison commented on the potential for restaurants to use permanent or semi-permanent outdoor space.

Councilmember Rios asked Staff to review the request for Gerry's Grill.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez mentioned a need for a community benefits agreement for public works projects.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to add to the September 7, 2021 City Council regular meeting agenda an item to discuss moving forward with negotiation of a community benefits agreement with the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council.

Ayes: Bush, Morrison, Rodriguez

Nays: Rios, Sotelo-Solis

Motion carried by 3 to 2 votes.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis proposed the need to form a sub-committee composed of herself and Vice-Mayor Rodriguez to discuss a community benefit agreement.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Sotelo-Solis, seconded by Councilmember Rios, to form an ad-hoc sub-committee composed of the Mayor and Vice-Mayor to discuss a community benefits agreement.

Ayes: Bush, Rios, Sotelo-Solis

Nays: Morrison, Rodriguez

Motion carried by 3 to 2 votes.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis announced that a new Miss National City was crowned and invites her to join the next City Council meeting for an introduction. Also, she thanked Staff for their ability to pivot in response to the COVID-19 delta variant threat.

Councilmember Morrison asked City Attorney Bell for clarification on the motion to form an ad-hoc sub-committee. City Attorney Bell will review the matter and provide a response based on City Council policy.

CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: *Mario Toledo Bedolla, et al. v. City of National City*

San Diego Superior Court – Central Division Case No. 37-2019-00054733-CU-PO-CTL

City Attorney Bell reported that City Council provided direction by unanimous vote.

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: *Cheryl Newell v. City of National City*

Workers' Compensation Appeal Board Case No. Claim # 19-144956 – WCAB #

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City Attorney Bell reported that City Council provided direction by unanimous vote.

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: *Denise Barahura v. City of National City*

Workers' Compensation Appeal Board Case No. *Claim # 18-135716 – WCAB #*

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


ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Rios, to adjourn the meeting to the Special Meeting – Successor Agency to The Community Development Commission as the National City Redevelopment Agency being held upon adjournment of this meeting.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis adjourned to the Special Meeting – Successor Agency to The Community Development Commission as the National City Redevelopment Agency.

The meeting adjourned at 10:39 p.m.


Luz Molina, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of September 7, 2021.


Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor

