



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

**October 5, 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, and AB 361 adopted by the City Council every 30 days.

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 6:05 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 Jr., Chapel, Gilman, Williams, Parra, Tellez, Ryan, Brennan, Meteau, Hernandez, Yano, and Barrera.

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Carlos Diaz 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 allowing three (3) minutes per comment and introduced City Clerk Molina.

Three (3) spoken comments were registered and spoken into the record: Becky Rapp, Peggy Walker, and Barbara Gordon.

No written comments were received.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis announced that the meeting will be adjourned in memory of Victoria A. Waters, wife of former National City Mayor George Waters. Her son, James Waters, accepted the City Councilmembers condolences.

### **PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES**

1. National City Recognizes Samahan Health Center in Honor of Filipino American History Month.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis presented the Proclamation to Lorna De Los Santos, Community Outreach Coordinator with Samahan Health Center.

Public Comment: None

Received and filed.

2. Fire Prevention Month.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis presented the Proclamation to Fire Chief Frank Parra and Fire Marshall and Battalion Chief Robert Hernandez, both with the National City Fire Department.

Public Comment: None

Received and filed.

**AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS** - No agenda items.

**PRESENTATIONS** - No agenda items.

**INTERVIEWS / APPOINTMENTS** - No agenda items.

### **REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Port Commissioner Sandy Naranjo reported on the business and operations of the Port of San Diego. She announced that the Port established an ad hoc committee to consider policies focused on diversity and equity and inclusion efforts. Also, the Port is undergoing a study to examine its fees structure and a plan for reducing pollution. The Port plans to use \$100 million from federal stimulus funds. Ms. Naranjo announced that the Draft Revised Maritime Clean Air Strategy (MCAS) is now available for public review. Also, the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the National City Bayfront Projects and Plan Amendments is now available for public review. The public review period is open through November 17, 2021.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis reported on the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) executive leadership team members advocated for our cities at Washington DC., including the need for the budget and infrastructure bills. She acknowledged the lowrider forum. She thanked the public for participating and Staff for facilitating the discussion. She commented that the ad hoc committee for PLA/CBA discussion held the first meeting.

Councilmember Rios reported on the business of the San Diego County Water Authority, including the announcement that the Metropolitan Water District agreed to pay damages and interest from illegal water charges from 2015 through 2017 of approximately \$36 million.

Councilmember Morrison reported that Regional Solid Waste Association (RSWA) will meet this Thursday. Also, he provided an update on LOSSAN rail corridor matters.

Councilmember Bush reported on the business of the South County Economic Development Committee including efforts for drought prevention and the upcoming annual economic summit will be held virtually on November 4, 2021.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez announced that the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority will meet October 7, 2021.

## CONSENT CALENDER

### Public Comment:

No spoken comments were received.

One (1) spoken comment was received and spoken into the record: Ted Godshalk for Item 6.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, 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. Approved Meeting Minutes: City Council and Community Development Commission - Housing Authority of the City of National City Virtual Regular Meeting September 7, 2021; Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City Virtual Special Closed Session Meeting September 7, 2021 and Virtual Pension Obligation Bonds Workshop September 7, 2021.
5. Adopted Resolution 2021-143. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving and authorizing: 1) the Mayor to execute the Standard Assurances for the FY20 State Homeland Security Grant Program and 2) the establishment of Reimbursable Grants City-Wide Fund appropriations and corresponding revenue budgets each in amounts totaling \$54,383 for FY20 State Homeland Security Grant Program funds for a reimbursable grant purchase of equipment for the Police and Fire Departments.
6. Adopted Resolution 2021-144. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City: (1) approving an Affordable Housing Density Bonus Agreement with Clara Futura Investments, LLC, a California Limited Partnership, restricting the rent and occupancy of one (1) unit to a very low income household in exchange for a Density Bonus and three concessions pursuant to California Government Code Sections 65915 – 65918 for the development of 14 housing units located at 1924 Harding Avenue in National City; and (2) approving a Subordination and Intercreditor Agreement subordinating said Affordable Housing Density Bonus Agreement.
7. Adopted Resolution 2021-145. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with AK & Company for preparation and filing of State mandated cost reimbursement (SB 90) claims for the periods ending June

30, 2021 to June 30, 2024 with the option to extend the agreement for three additional one-year extensions.

8. Adopted Resolution 2021-146. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City amending the Agreement between the City of National City and Dean Gazzo Roistacher LLP for legal services in the specialized area of General Civil Litigation Defense arising from Government Claims by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$35,000 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$110,000.
9. Adoption of the City Council Meeting Schedule for December 2021 and January 2022.
10. Approved Temporary Use Permit – Harvest Fest hosted by Heart Revolution Church at 1920 Sweetwater Road on October 29, 2021 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with no waiver of fees.
11. Filed Investment transactions for the month ended August 31, 2021.
12. Ratified Warrant Register #8 for the period of 8/18/21 through 8/24/21 in the amount of \$1,417,232.65.
13. Ratified Warrant Register #9 for the period of 8/25/21 through 8/31/21 in the amount of \$670,351.23.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS**

14. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-147. Adoption of a Resolution to Require AB 361 Findings Regarding Teleconference Meetings.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Deputy City Clerk Chapel who presented the report. Mrs. Chapel received comments from the Councilmembers.

Public Comment: None.

### **ACTION:**

Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to adopt the Resolution.  
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

15. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-148. Annual Review of the City Council Policy Manual and Adopt a Resolution of the City of National City, California Approving Amended City Council Policy Manual Updates to Policies No. 104, 105, 502, and Eliminate Policies 112, and 703.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Deputy City Clerk Chapel who presented the report. Mrs. Chapel received comments from the Councilmembers.

Public Comment: None.

**ACTION:**

Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to adopt the Resolution.  
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

16. Notice of Decision – Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit for beer and wine sales at a new restaurant (Hero's Café) located at 801 National City Boulevard, Suite 105. (Applicant: Natalia Garcia) (Case File 2021-20 CUP).

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Principal Planner Reeder who presented the report. Mr. Yano received comments from the Councilmembers.

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

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to accept the Notice of Decision.  
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

17. Notice of Decision – Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit for the addition of off-site distilled spirits sales (Type 21) and modification of alcohol sales area at an existing beer and wine-licensed convenience store (Kegs & Beer) located at 1811 'L' Avenue. (Applicant: Jose A. Perez) (Case File 2021-06 CUP).

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Principal Planner Reeder who presented the report. Director of Engineering/Public Works Yano received comments from the Councilmembers.

Public Comment: None.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to accept the Notice of Decision.  
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – HOUSING AUTHORITY**

No agenda items.

**C. REPORTS**

**STAFF REPORTS**

18. City Manager Report.

City Manager Raulston encouraged support for the upcoming Port of San Diego meeting. He provided updates on LOSSAN (Los Angeles San Diego Rail Corridor), the continued distribution

of flu vaccines on Tuesdays, the MAAC partnership to promote available public services, and the San Diego County rental assistance programs. He also invited the community to participate in the various events including Walk and Bike to School Day and Halloween Drive Thru Booktacluar at the National City Public Library.

## **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL**

City Clerk Molina announced the vacancies on the boards, committees, and commission. Applications are accepted through Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 5 p.m.. She also thanked Deputy City Clerk Chapel and Staff for their hard work.

City Treasurer Beauchamp provided comments concerning public health, housing, water, electricity, traffic, gentrification, and port issues.

Councilmember Bush had no report.

Councilmember Rios had no report.

Councilmember Morrison had no report.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez thanked everyone for a great meeting.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis shared an invitation to the City's Kumeyaay flag-raising ceremony in commemoration of Indigenous Peoples' Day.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced City Attorney Bell who provided the report.

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
One (1) Potential Case

City Attorney Bell reported that there was direction given by City Council by unanimous vote.

2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT**  
Government Code Section 54957  
Performance Evaluation: City Attorney

No report.

3. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS**  
Government Code Section 54957.6  
Employee Organizations: Municipal Employees' Association (SEIU, Local 221), National City Firefighters Association (Local 2744), Police Officers Association (POA)  
Unrepresented Groups: Executive, Confidential, and Management

Agency Designated Representatives: Eddie Kreisberg (Labor Negotiator), Brad Raulston (City Manager), Tony Winney (Assistant City Manager), Molly Brennan (Administrative Services Director), Paul Valadez (Budget Manager - Finance), Lilia Munoz (Human Resources Manager)


No report.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned in memory of Victoria Waters.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission - Housing Authority of the City of National City to be held Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Luz Molina, City Clerk

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



Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor