



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

September 21, 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 6:04 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, Meteau, Aguirre, Yano, Barrera, Ryan, and Brennan.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing two (2) minutes per comment and introduced City Clerk Molina.

Thirteen (13) spoken comments were registered and spoken into the record: Diane Grace, Aida Castaneda, Jovita Arellano, Carol Green, Peggy Walker, Jose Gomez, Norma Acosta, Henry Joiner, Ruben Covarrubias, John Moore, Deanna Garcia, Sofia Toral, and Leticia Carrancio.

Two (2) written comments were received and read into the record: Kathleen Lippitt and Ted Godshalk.

PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

1. A Proclamation of the City of National City Celebrating Latino Heritage Month and Recognizing Father Edmundo Zarate.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis presented the proclamation to Father Edmundo Zarate.

Public Comment: None

Received and filed.

2. A Proclamation of the City of National City Declaring September as National Disaster Preparedness Month.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis presented the proclamation to Walter Amedee, Management Analyst III with the National City Fire Department.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

3. Employee of the Quarter 2021 - Christopher Garcia, Supervising Custodian.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis presented the proclamation to Christopher Garcia. Director of Public Works Yano and Facility Maintenance Supervisor Gonzalez accepted on his behalf.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Library Board of Trustees Annual Report 2020-2021.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Library and Community Services Joyce Ryan and Chair of the Board of Library Trustees Sherry Gogue. Ms. Gogue gave the report as a PowerPoint presentation entitled Library Board of Trustees Annual Report FY 2020-2021 and received comments from the Councilmembers.

Public Comment: None

Received and filed.

5. School Resource Officer Program.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Police Captain Alex Hernandez who provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled National City Police Department Staff Report on the School Resources Officer Program. School Representatives Dr. Vernon Moore and Alma Sarmiento responded to questions of the City Council.

Public Comment: None

Received and filed.

INTERVIEWS / APPOINTMENTS

6. Appointments: City Boards, Commissions, and Committees - Mayoral Appointments.

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

Staff recommended that the previously advertised vacancy for the Community and Police Relations Committee will return to the City Council at a future meeting date as the City Attorney brought a possible conflict between the Operating Procedures and the Bylaws of the Committee to the attention of the Office of the City Clerk that may require an additional step in the appointment process.

City Clerk Molina informed the City Council that Staff recommends that the appointment for the Housing Advisory Committee be delayed as Staff has determined a conflict between City Council Policy #107 and the National City Municipal Code.

Public Comment: None.

ACTION:

Mayor Sotelo-Solis motioned to appoint Coyote Moon to the Board of Library Trustee for a term ending 9/30/2024, seconded by Councilmember Bush.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis motioned to appoint H. Bradley Bang to the Board of Library Trustees for a term ending 9/30/2024, seconded by Councilmember Bush.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis motioned to appoint Anzueth G. Zambrano to the Board of Library Trustee for a term ending 09/30/2024, seconded by Councilmember Bush.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis motioned to appoint Florfina Arce to the Park, Recreation & Senior Citizens Advisory Committee for a term ending 9/30/2024, seconded by Councilmember Bush.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis motioned to appoint Reuben Felizardo to the Park, Recreation & Senior Citizens Advisory Committee for a term ending 9/30/2024, seconded by Councilmember Rios.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis motioned to appoint Jose A. Lopez as a primary member to the Public Art Committee for a term ending 9/30/2024, seconded by Councilmember Rios.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis motioned to appoint Natalia Valerdi-Rogers to the Public Art Committee for a term ending 9/30/2024, seconded by Councilmember Bush.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis motioned to appoint Marisa Rosales to the Traffic Safety Committee for a term ending 9/30/2024, seconded by Councilmember Bush.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis motioned to appoint Javier Alvarado to the Traffic Safety Committee for a term ending 9/30/2024, seconded by Councilmember Bush.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis motioned to appoint Jhoana Alvarado to the Veterans & Military Families Advisory Committee for a term ending 9/30/2025, seconded by Councilmember Rios.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

The City Council considered two (2) applicants for this position.

City Council conducted public interviews of one of the two (2) applicants: Javier Alvarado. Applicant Dr. Gonzalo Quintero was not available for interview but did submit written comment to the City Council for consideration.

Public Comment:

One (1) written Public Comment: Dr. Gonzalo J. Quintero

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

Councilmember Bush voted for Dr. Gonzalo Quintero

Councilmember Morrison voted for Javier Alvarado

Councilmember Rios voted for Dr. Gonzalo Quintero

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez voted for Javier Alvarado

Mayor Sotelo-Solis voted for Dr. Gonzalo Quintero

Dr. Gonzalo Quintero was appointed to the Civil Service Commission by 3-2 vote.

REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mayor Sotelo-Solis reported that San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) will hold an upcoming meeting to discuss the Regional Transportation Plan. She also reported that San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) is updating the access to restrooms.

Councilmember Rios announced that Sweetwater Authority appointed Carlos Quintero as General Manager. She also reported on San Diego County Water Authority's announcement in response to the State Water Resources Control Board announcement of water conservation figures for July. San Diego County water users have done a good job of reducing water waste.

Councilmember Bush reported on the business of the San Diego Air Pollution Control District (APCD).

Councilmember Morrison stated that his next meeting will be held next quarter.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez stated that his next meeting will be held next month.

CONSENT CALENDER

Public Comment: None.

ACTION:

Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to approve the Consent Calendar Items 8 through 21.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8. 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.
9. Adopted Resolution 2021-132. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City ratifying a First Amendment extending the term to September 30, 2021 and authorizing a Second Amendment extending the term to June 30, 2022 to the Agreement with the County of San Diego for the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations via mobile service units (Mutual Aid Agreement) and authorizing the City Manager to execute future amendments extending the term of the Mutual Aid Agreement.
10. Adopted Resolution 2021-133. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving the one (1) year ratified Agreement and Authorizing the Mayor to execute the ratified Agreement with the National School District for partial funding of the School Resource Officer Program for FY 2022. The City of National City will be reimbursed \$77,068 for FY 2022.
11. Adopted Resolution 2021-134. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving the one (1) year ratified Agreement and Authorizing the Mayor to execute the ratified Agreement with the Sweetwater Union High School for partial funding of the School Resource Officer Program for FY 2022. The City of National City will be reimbursed \$105,000 for FY 2022.
12. Adopted Resolution 2021-135. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving the settlement between Cheryl Newell and the City of National City.
13. Adopted Resolution 2021-136. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving the settlement and release agreement between Mauquieta McNeil and Taneka McNeil and the City of National City.
14. Adopted Resolution 2021-137. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with Vortex Industries, Inc., increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$60,000, for a total Agreement amount of \$120,000, due to the demand and continuous need for assistance with specialized services for commercial roll-up doors and gates.
15. Adopted Resolution 2021-138. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with 24 Hour Elevator, Inc., increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$100,000, for a total Agreement

amount of \$160,000, due to the demand and continuous need for assistance with specialized elevator services.

16. Adopted Resolution 2021-139. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the installation of red curb “No Parking” at the intersection of Stancrest Lane and E. 14th Street in order to enhance safety and visibility for drivers exiting Stancrest Lane onto E. 14th Street (TSC No. 2021-17).
17. Adopted Resolution 2021-140. 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 1510 Harding Avenue (TSC No. 2021-18).
18. Filed Investment transactions for the month ended July 31, 2021.
19. Ratified Warrant Register #5 for the period of 7/28/21 through 8/03/21 in the amount of \$1,321,040.70.
20. Ratified Warrant Register #6 for the period of 8/04/21 through 8/10/21 in the amount of \$2,265,977.29.
21. Ratified Warrant Register #7 for the period of 8/11/21 through 8/17/21 in the amount of \$976,085.85.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis called for a recess at 8:27 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:40 p.m. with all members present.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

22. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-141. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City: 1) acknowledging the Preliminary Update of Climate Action Plan and; 2) directing staff to return to City Council with a CCA ordinance and Joint Powers Agency agreement with San Diego Community Power.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Public Works Yano, who presented the report and gave a PowerPoint presentation titled “Climate Action Plan Preliminary Update / CCA Recommendation”. Mr. Yano invited Stephanie Whitmore, Director with WSP, and Cody Hooven with San Diego Community Power and received comments from the Councilmembers.

Public Comment:

Ten (10) spoken comments were registered and spoken into the record: Karinna Gonzalez, Matthew Vasilakis, Sean Ellis, Kori Ellis, James Hardie, Angel Del Rosario, MacCollin Pelayo, Adam Paris, Cristina Marquez, and Madison Coleman.

Five (5) written comment was received and read into the record: Moon Coyote, Kelvin Barrios, John Bennett, Kyle Heiskala, and Vi Nguyen.

ACTION:

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

Ayes: Bush, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis

Nays: Morrison

Motion passed by 4 to 1 vote.

Substitute motion by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Morrison, to direct Staff to bring back to Council options to purchase energy from this community power agreement and discuss other potential electrical sources.

Ayes: Morrison, Rodriguez

Nays: Bush, Rios, Sotelo-Solis

Motion failed by 3 to 2 vote.

Original motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rios, to adopt the Resolution.

Ayes: Bush, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis

Nays: Morrison

Motion passed by 4 to 1 vote.

NEW BUSINESS

23. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-142. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the acceptance of the Library Access on the Go Grant from the State Library in the amount of \$16,421 to cover the costs associated with creating an app for National City Public Library and the establishment of Library Grants Fund appropriations of \$16,421 and corresponding revenue budget for Library Access on the Go with no matching funds required.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Library and Community Services Joyce Ryan who gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled Library Access On the Go Mobile App.

Public Comment: None.

ACTION:

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – HOUSING AUTHORITY

No agenda items.

C. REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

24. City Manager Report.

City Manager Raulston provided a report on the upcoming policy from OSHA to require private employers to adopt an employee vaccine mandate. He stated that our organization's vaccination rate is 79%. He continues to promote vaccination as the safest and most effective way for residents and employees to avoid serious illness and hospitalization. Also, the Fire Department will begin their flu vaccination clinics soon.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

City Clerk Molina acknowledged National Hispanic Heritage Month. She also mentioned the United Nations General Assembly meeting focused on vaccination, climate change, and sustainable development goals.

City Treasurer Beauchamp provided comments concerning the lowrider community's interests. He spoke about sea-level rise and the potential impacts. He mentioned that the City's finances are good due to bonds.

Councilmember Bush thanked the ad hoc committee on the lowrider issues and the community members in support of repealing the cruising ordinance.

Councilmember Morrison spoke about the private event for the lowrider community.

Councilmember Rios acknowledged efforts for a cleaner National City.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez spoke about the misinformation campaign concerning the Covid-19 vaccine. He acknowledged the nurses and other workers that continue their work during the pandemic. He acknowledged Hispanic Heritage Month.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis wished a happy Hispanic Heritage Month to the community. She acknowledged the diversity within the Police Department. She spoke about the Paradise Creek clean-up and thanked the volunteers. She also acknowledged the Miracle Babies diapers event, the lowriders event, and the National City Movies in the Park. She wished National City a happy 134th birthday and thanked Baked by Brodic for the special birthday cake.

CLOSED SESSION

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: *Tammy Davis v. City of National City, et al.*

United States District Court, Southern District of California – Case No. 19-CV-534-BEN-BGS

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

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: *Camillo Gutierrez v. City of National City*

Workers' Compensation Appeal Board Case No. Claim: 13324860

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

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – LIABILITY CLAIM

Government Code Section 54956.95

Claimant: *Elva Garcia-Aguilera, et al.*

Agency Notice of Potential Liability Claim Against: City of National City

City Attorney Bell reported that direction was given by a vote of 4 to 0 vote with Mayor Sotelo-Solis as absent. Mayor Sotelo-Solis returned to the meeting at 3:51 p.m. prior to Item 4 Closed Session Item.

4. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE EMPLOYMENT

Government Code Section 54957

Performance Evaluation: City Attorney

No report.

5. 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), Jose Tellez (Chief of Police), Paul Valadez (Budget Manager - Finance), Lilia Munoz (Human Resources Manager)

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

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 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.


Luz Molina, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2021.


Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor