



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

October 19, 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 6:10 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, Bell Jr., Chapel, Gilman, Williams, Parra, Tellez, Meteau, Olson, Reeder, Hernandez, 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.

Five (5) verbal comments were registered and spoken into the record: Peggy Walker, Judi Strang, Becky Rapp, Kelly McCormick, and Barbara Gordon.

No written comments were received.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis announced that the meeting will be adjourned in memory of Nancy Dalla. Her son, Michael Dalla, accepted the City Councilmembers condolences.

PROCLAMATIONS AND CERTIFICATES

1. Honoring our National City centenarian, Gerarda “Danding” Yambao.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis presented the Proclamation to the Yambao family.

Public Comment: None

Received and filed.

2. National City recognizes Breast Cancer Awareness month by honoring Assembly Woman Lorena Gonzalez.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis presented the Proclamation to Assemblywoman Lorena Gonzalez.

Public Comment: None

Received and filed.

3. National City Celebrates Sister-City Tecate in their 129th Anniversary.

This item was continued to the November 2, 2021.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS - No agenda items.

PRESENTATIONS - No agenda items.

INTERVIEWS / APPOINTMENTS - No agenda items.

REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Morrison reported on governmental bodies the meet once a quarter and the need now to meet monthly.

Councilmember Bush provided updates on the business of the Bayshore Bikeway Working Group.

Councilmember Rios reported that the Sweetwater Authority approved changes to the meeting dates for the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez provided updates on the Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis reported on the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) pilot program to provide youth opportunity passes and the directory for public restroom locations.

CONSENT CALENDER

Public Comment: No comment.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to approve the Consent Calendar Items 4 through 15.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. 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.
5. Approved Meeting Minutes: City Council and Community Development Commission - Housing Authority of the City of National City Virtual Regular Meeting - September 21, 2021 Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City Virtual Special Closed Session Meeting - September 21, 2021.
6. Adopted Resolution 2021-150. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City approving the settlement between Camilo Gutierrez Jr. and the City of National City.
7. Adopted Resolution 2021-151. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with VideoTrack LLC, for audio/video blurring, editing, synchronization, captioning, and transcription services for the National City Police Department and authorizing an increase of \$50,000 to fiscal year 2022 General Fund appropriation and use of General Fund balance for such services.
8. Adopted Resolution 2021-152. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to an Agreement with VideoTrack LLC, increasing the Agreement by \$35,621.13.
9. Adopted Resolution 2021-153. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City ratifying and authorizing the City Manager to execute a one year agreement between the City of National City, Alpha Project, and City of Chula Vista to provide a homeless emergency assistance program; and appropriate PLHA funds to the Alpha Project in the amount of \$60,000.
10. Adopted Resolution 2021-154. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the Mayor to execute Program Supplement Agreement (PSA) No. F011 Rev. 1 with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the El Toyon-Las Palmas Bicycle Corridor Project to allow for reimbursement of up to \$1,544,000 in eligible project expenditures through the Federal Active Transportation Program (ATP).
11. Adopted Resolution 2021-155. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing a Fiscal Year 2022 budget adjustment to establish appropriations in the amount of \$60,000 for Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Fleet Vehicle Equipment and Accessories for the Public Works Streets and Wastewater Division, Public Works Parks Division, and the National City Police Department.
12. Adopted Resolution 2021-156. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City authorizing the installation of 50 feet of parallel "15-minute" parking and 25 feet of parallel "Loading or Unloading" parking on the north side of E. 8th Street, in front of the future "Market on 8th" at 41 E. 8th Street to increase parking turnover for customers (TSC No. 2020-13).

13. Approved Temporary Use Permit – Milk & Honey Outdoor Event hosted by Outpouring Outreach Ministry at 1920 Sweetwater Road on December 4, 2021 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with no waiver of fees.
14. Ratified Warrant Register #10 for the period of 9/01/21 through 9/07/21 in the amount of \$3,816,368.09.
15. Ratified Warrant Register #11 for the period of 9/08/21 through 9/14/21 in the amount of \$462,311.81.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

16. Introduced Ordinance. Public Hearing and Introduction of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City amending Sections 18.20.020, 18.21.040, 18.21.050, 18.45, and 18.50, and addition of Sections 18.30.380 and 18.30.390 of Title 18 (Zoning) of the National City Municipal Code related to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units. (Applicant City-Initiated) (Case File 2021-18 A).

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Associate Planner, David Welch, who presented the report and PowerPoint Presentation titled, "Public Hearing Code Amendments of NCMC Sections 18.20.020, 18.21.040, 18.21.050, 18.45, and 18.50, and Addition of Sections 18.30.380 and 18.30.390 Related to Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units."

Mr. Welch, Principal Planner Martin Reeder, and Director of Housing Authority Carlos Aguirre addressed questions from Councilmembers.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis opened the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Public Comments:

Two (2) verbal comments were spoken into the record: Angeli Calinog, and Victor Avina. Three (3) written comments were read into the record by City Clerk Molina: Coyote Moon, Joe Frausto, and YIMBY Democrats SD.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to close the Public Hearing at 7:43.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Rios, to introduce the Ordinance with a revision to include language that one unit be owner-occupied by January 1, 2025.

Substitute motion by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to introduce the Ordinance with a revision to remove the parking requirements for ADUs and JADUs. A friendly amendment was offered by Councilmember Bush to eliminate the maximum allowance of square footage from 1,000 to 1,200 feet which is State standard. The maker of the motion accepted the friendly amendment.

Ayes: Bush, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis

Nays: Morrison, Rios

Substitute motion carried by 3 to 2 votes.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis called for a recess at 8:10 p.m. and reconvened the meeting at 8:20 p.m. with all members present.

17. Introduced Ordinance No. 2021-2491. Public Hearing and the Introduction of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City establishing Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) in the City of National City.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Director of Engineering and Public Works Yano, who presented the report and PowerPoint presentation titled “CCA Ordinance”. Director Yano received comments from the Councilmembers.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis opened the public hearing at 8:26 p.m.

Public Comments:

Six (6) written comments were read into the record by City Clerk Molina: Carolyn Scofield, Coyote Moon, Laura Minna-Choe, Matthew Vasilakis, Shelah Ott, and Tara Hammond. One (1) verbal comment was spoken into the record: Karinna Gonzalez.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to close the Public Hearing at 8:35 p.m.
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Vice-Mayor Rodriguez, to introduce the Ordinance.
Ayes: Bush, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis
Nays: Morrison
Motion carried by 4 to 1 votes.

NON CONSENT RESOLUTIONS

18. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-157. Approval of the 2021 Pension Obligation Bonds.

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

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

Public Comment: None.

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

NEW BUSINESS - No agenda items.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – HOUSING AUTHORITY

No agenda items.

C. REPORTS

STAFF REPORTS

19. City Manager Report.

City Manager Raulston reported that public comments concerning the Environmental Impact Report are due to the Port of San Diego by November 17, 2021. The new Market on 8th food hall had a successful opening. He also provided updates on the flu vaccination clinic and MAAC Project's outreach for public services. He announced that a special meeting will be held November 2, 2021 to discuss commercial cannabis. He mentioned the various upcoming city events and invited the community to participate.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

20. Proposal to name new park Dolores Huerta Park and Community Garden.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced City Manager Raulston who provided the report and received comments from the Councilmembers.

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

Eight (8) verbal comments were registered and spoken into the record: Enrique Morones, Margaret Godshalk, Fabio Rojas, Bridgette Browning, Rocina Lizaraga, Carolina Lizaraga, Francisco Lizaraga, and Christian Ramirez.

Twenty-one (21) written comments were read into the record by City Clerk Molina: Angelica Ramirez, Olivia Mariscal de Calzada, Araceli Baca, Ari Honarvar, Brian Sherwin, Cristina Quiroga, Eva, Jesus Nebot, Karia Nava, Lucca Gomez, Maria Huerta, Mario Acevebo Torero, Martin Eder, Maya Piceno, Natalie Camacho Mendoza, Rocio Cruz, Roger Quesada, Sarah Bella Mondragon, Sarah Ruiz, Silvia Calzada, and Ted Godshalk.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Sotelo-Solis, seconded by Councilmember Bush, to add an item to the agenda for the next city council meeting a discussion to rename the new park Dolores Huerta Park.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Vice-Mayor Rodriguez congratulated Paradise Valley Hospital nurses for their new union contract.

Councilmember Bush reported on the opening of the Parco development and the Market on 8th project..

City Treasurer Beauchamp congratulated the city on the pension obligation debt decision taken by 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..

Councilmember Rios expressed appreciation to Staff for their hard work.

Councilmember Morrison complimented the success of the soft opening of the Market on 8th food hall.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis invited the community to the various events planned throughout National City.

CLOSED SESSION

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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

No report

2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: *Sophia Bhandari, Garza Wilson, Sierra Wilson and Tony Wilson v. City of National City, et al.*
United States District Court, Southern District of California – Case No. 21-CV-1652-BTM-MDD

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

3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)
Name of Case: *Eugene R. Hawkinson v. City of National City, et al.*
San Diego Superior Court – Case No. 37-2020-00018398-CU-PA-CTL

No report.

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), Doug Johnson (Ralph Andersen & Associates), Brad Raulston (City Manager), Tony Winney (Assistant City Manager), Molly Brennan (Administrative Services Director), Frank Parra (Chief of Emergency Services), Jose Tellez (Chief of Police), Paul Valadez (Budget Manager - Finance), Lilia Munoz (Human Resources Manager)

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned in memory of Nancy Dalla.

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, November 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.


Luz Molina, City Clerk

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


Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor