



**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
NATIONAL CITY COUNCIL**

December 21, 2021

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with State of California Assembly Bill No. 361, approved by Governor Newsom on September 16, 2021.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:27 p.m. by Mayor Sotelo-Solis.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Bush, Morrison, Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis
Other Elected Officials present: Molina (arrived at
Administrative Officials present: Raulston, Winney, Bell Jr., Chapel, and Gilman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Councilmember Rios led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment:

One (1) written comment for Item 2 was received and read: Joan Rincon.

Deputy City Clerk Chapel announced to the Mayor that the live-stream of the meeting was interrupted and the public were unable to view meeting. In compliance with AB 361 the meeting discontinued at 6:35 p.m. The meeting was restarted and confirmed live stream for public at 6:42 p.m. The meeting started over from Call to Order.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m. by Mayor Sotelo-Solis.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Bush, Morrison (arrived at 6:49 p.m.), Rios, Rodriguez, Sotelo-Solis
Other Elected Officials present: Molina (arrived at 6:49 p.m.)
Administrative Officials present: Raulston, Winney, Bell Jr., Chapel, and Gilman.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Councilmember Rios led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Public Comment:

One (1) written comment for Item 2 was received and read: Joan Rincon.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Vice-Mayor Bush, to approve the Consent Calendar Items 1 and 2.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

1. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-199. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, amending the Agreement between the City and Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley, PC for legal services in the specialized area of Election Law by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$80,000 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$105,000 and authorizing an increase of \$80,000 in General Fund appropriations and use of General Fund fund balance for said legal services.
2. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-200. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, authorizing registering in the National Opioid Settlement and authorizing the City Attorney to execute the necessary registration documents.

NON CONSENT RESOLUTION

3. Adopted Resolution No. 2021-201. Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, declaring its intent to transition from At-Large Elections for City Council to District-Based Elections for City Council pursuant to Elections Code Section 10010.

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

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced City Attorney Bell who introduced Senior Council Aleks Giragosian. Mr. Giragosian provided a report and a PowerPoint Presentation.

Vice-Mayor Bush left the meeting at 7:23 p.m. and returned at 7:34 p.m.

Public Comment:

Nineteen (19) written comments were received and read: Wendy Aragon-Mills, Debbie Discar-Espe, Joe Mazares, Kirin A. Macapugay, Alicia DeLeon-Torres, Femie Villaflores, Ellen Nash, APAC – Steve Hisieh, Mitz Lee and Cynthia "CK" Suero-Gabler, National City Residents and Community of Interest, Joel Tubao, Salvador B. Flor, Ted Godshalk, Carol Kim, Ellen Nobles, Thelma Virata de Castro, Chris Cate, Myrna Reyes, Anamaria Labao Cabato, and Nancy Castro-Nieto.

Three (3) speakers registered to speak but were not present to provide comment: Richard D'Ascoli, William Peetoom, and Ken Seaton-Msemaji.

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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

1. 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), Jose Tellez (Chief of Police), Frank Parra (Chief of Emergency Services), Molly Brennan (Administrative Services Director), Paul Valadez (Budget Manager - Finance), Lilia Munoz (Human Resources Manager)

There is nothing to report on this item.

2. 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 3-2 vote with (Yays: Bush, Rios, Sotelo-Solis; Nays Morrison, Rodriguez)

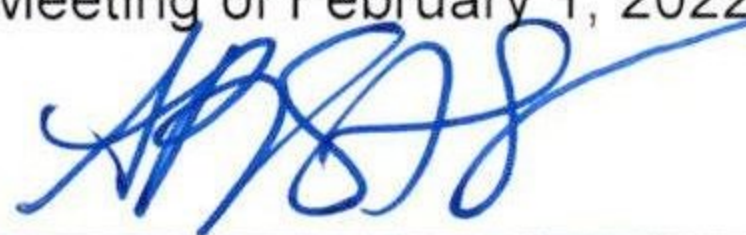
ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Sotelo-Solis adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council and Community Development Commission - Housing Authority of the City of National City, Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 6:00 p.m. via teleconference.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.


Luz Molina, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of February 1, 2022.


Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor