



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**February 7, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA**

Present:

**Mayor Morrison
Vice-Mayor Molina
Councilmember Bush
Councilmember Rodriguez
Councilmember Yamane**

Others Present:

**Brad Raulston, City Manager
Barry Schultz, Interim City Attorney
Frank Parra, Assistant City Manager
Shelley Chapel, Interim City Clerk (*via Zoom*)
Carlos Aguirre, Director of Housing
Molly Brennan, Administrative Services Director
Alex Hernandez, Police Captain
Tonya Hussain, Executive Secretary
Joanne McGhee, Community Services Manager
Sergio Mora, Fire Battalion Chief
Joyce Ryan, Library & Community Services Director
Armando Vergara, Director of Community Development
Paul Valadez, Budget Manager
Roberto Yano, Director of Public Works and City Engineering**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 6:12 p.m. via teleconference and in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Morrison, Molina, Bush, Rodriguez, Yamane

Other elected officials: Treasurer Mitch Beauchamp

Administrative Officials present: Raulston, Parra, Schultz, Chapel (*via Zoom*), Aguirre, Brennan, Hussain, McGee, Mora, Ryan, Hernandez, Valadez, Vergara, Yano

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Carlos Diaz and Luisa Diaz de Leon.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Vice-Mayor Molina led the Pledge of Allegiance. Innovation was delivered by National City Clergy Association Pastor Eddie Dueñas.

Item 5.2 heard out of order.

5.2 Presentation of Proclamation - 82nd Airborne Division, San Diego Chapter - Honor Guard Day

Mayor Morrison presented the proclamation to the 82nd Airborne Division.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Morrison summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing three (3) minutes per comment and introduced Interim City Clerk Chapel.

Two (2) speaker slips were received for in-person comment and five (5) people provided virtual comment.

Comment received via Zoom:

Terri-Ann Skelly

Gina Austin

Becky Rapp

Peggy Walker

Judith Strang

In-Person Comment:

Geoffrey Schrock

Laura Wilkinson

5. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

5.1 Introduction of New City Employees

City Manager Brad Raulston presented the item and recognized the new employees. Director Brennan introduced Hasani Wiggins, HR Manager and Fire Chief Mora introduced five (5) new recruits.

6. REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS (Limited to Five (5) Minutes each)

Vice-Mayor Molina provided an update on the San Diego Association of Governments Board.

Councilmember Bush provided an update on the business of the Metropolitan Transit Service.

Councilmember Yamane provided an update on the San Diego County Water Authority.

Mayor Morrison spoke to his appointments and provided an update on the business of the Sweetwater Authority and the South County Economic Development Council.

Councilmember Rodriguez spoke to his appointment on the Public Safety Committee for San Diego Association of Governments and for the Metropolitan Transit Service.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Molina, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the Consent Calendar Items 7.1 through 7.3, item 7.6 and items 7.8 through 7.10 with Item 7.4 pulled for discussion by Councilmember Bush and Item 7.7 pulled for discussion by Vice-Mayor Molina.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

7.1 Approval of Reading by Title Only and Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinance on this Agenda

Motion carried by unanimous vote

7.2 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.
Approve and file.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

7.3 Authorizing the City to piggyback onto San Diego Unified Port District Agreement #70-2022MA with Data Ticket, Inc., for Parking Citation Processing Services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$70,000.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-05.

One online comment was received from Ted Godshalk.

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, waiving the formal bid process pursuant to National City Municipal Code Section 2.60.260 regarding cooperative purchasing and authorizing the City to piggyback onto San Diego Unified Port District Agreement #70-2022MA with Data Ticket, Inc., for Parking Citation Processing Services in a not-to-exceed amount of \$70,000."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

7.4 Approval of Agreement with EXOS Community Services LLC for Las Palmas Pool Operations

City Manager Brad Raulston provided a report on the item.

EXOS Aquatic Manager Dillon Delaney participated virtually and answered questions posed by the City Council.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Service Agreement between the City of National City and EXOS Community Services, LLC, to provide Aquatic Programs and Services at Las Palmas Pool located at 1800 East 22nd Street."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Rodriguez to continue the item to a future meeting to allow staff time to return with a proposed budget.

Friendly amendment by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez that the item return no later than the March 7, 2023 City Council meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

7.5 Memorandum of Agreement between the California Department of Transportation and the City of National City for the preparation and approval of the environmental document for the I-5/SR-15/Harbor Drive 2.0 Connected Corridor project.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-07.

Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing City Manager or Designee to Execute a Memorandum of Agreement between the California Department of Transportation and the City of National City for the Preparation and Approval of the Environmental Document for the I-5/SR-15/Harbor Drive 2.0 Connected Corridor Project.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 7.6 Acceptance of a Grant of Easement and Right-of-Way from National Plaza LLC and Plaza Blvd LLC for the private street commonly known as a portion of N Avenue, for the installation of bicycle lanes and other improvements.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-08.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Accepting and Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Grant of Easement and Right-of-Way from National Plaza LLC, and Plaza Blvd LLC, for the private street commonly known as a portion of N Avenue, for the installation of bicycle lanes and other improvements associated with the Central Community Mobility Enhancements Project, CIP No. 19-23."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 7.7 Semi-Annual Report – Boards, Commissions, and Committee Attendance Report – Includes Fourth Quarter and Full Calendar Year 2022

Vice-Mayor Molina thanked Commissioners and Committee members and recognized those with perfect attendance.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Bush to approve the staff recommendation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Morrison to amend the report to include the attendance record of Councilmember Yamane for the Planning Commission and Housing Advisory Committee.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 7.8 Temporary Use Permit – Circus Vargas event sponsored by Circus Vargas from February 17, 2023 to February 27, 2023 at the Westfield Plaza Bonita Mall with no waiver of fees.

Approve the application for a Temporary Use Permit subject to compliance with all conditions of approval with no waiver of fees.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 7.9 Warrant Register #23 for the period of 12/2/22 through 12/8/22 in the amount of \$715,173.08.

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$715,173.08

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 7.10 Warrant Register #24 for the period of 12/9/22 through 12/15/22 in the amount of \$3,727,077.84

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$3,727,077.84

Motion carried by unanimous vote

8. PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of the Public Hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and no earlier than specified in the notice.

- 8.1 Public Hearing and Introduction of Multiple Ordinances Amending the National City Municipal Code Chapters 15.08, 15.14, 15.20, 15.24, 15.28, 15.75, 15.78, and 15.79 related to California Codes for Fire, Electrical, Energy, Building, Plumbing, Mechanical,

Director of Community Development Vergara presented the item.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 7:39 p.m.

There was no public comment.

Recommendation: Introduce the Ordinances for the 2022 California Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association Standards; the 2022 California Building Code; the 2022 California Electrical Code and 2020 National Electrical Code; the 2022 California Energy Code; Appendix J of the 2022 California Building Code, and Amending Chapter 15.70 (Grading) of the National City Municipal Code; the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code; the 2022 California Mechanical Code; the 2022 California Plumbing Code; and the 2022 California Residential Code and all Appendices related to these Codes; receive public input; and schedule for the meeting of February 21, 2023, for consideration and adoption.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 7:40 p.m.

- 8.2 Public Hearing and Introduction of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California Establishing the Compensation of the Mayor and City Council.

City Attorney Schultz presented the report.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 7:42 p.m.

In-Person Public Comment:

Mitchel Beauchamp

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Bush to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 7:43 p.m.

Recommendation: Introduce an ordinance adjusting Mayor and City Council compensation in accordance with City Council direction.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to bifurcate compensation for the Mayor and City Council and decrease the compensation to 15% for the Mayor.

Substitute Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Mayor Morrison to approve the Introduction of the Ordinance.

Motion carried by 3-2 vote.

Ayes: Morrison, Rodriguez, Yamane

Nays: Bush, Molina

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

9.1 Senior Nutrition Infrastructure Grant Acceptance

Approved Resolution No. 2023-09.

Community Services Manager McGee presented the item.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, authorizing the Mayor to execute an amendment to the agreement between the City of National City and the County of San Diego to accept the Senior Nutrition Infrastructure Grant and establish grant fund appropriations of \$198,815 and corresponding revenue budget."

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to approve the staff recommendation.

Motion carried by unanimous vote by those present.

Councilmember Bush left the dais at 7:59 p.m. and returned at 8:05 p.m.

9.2 Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California authorizing various fiscal year 2023 first quarter budget adjustments

Approved Resolution No. 2023-10.

Budget Manager Valadez presented the report.

Recommendation: Accept the staff report and adopt the resolution authorizing fiscal year 2023 supplemental budget appropriations.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the staff recommendation.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Raulston introduced staff who provided updates.

Director of the Housing Authority Aguirre provided a report on the House National City Opt-in Density Bonus Program.

Director of Engineering & Public Works Yano provided a report on the Eastside I-805 Community Greenbelt Project.

11. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

11.1 POLICY 105 REQUEST - Street Sweeping Schedule and Associated Policy/Procedures Requested by Councilmember Rodriguez

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to add the item to the next agenda.

Motion carried by 4-1 vote.

Ayes: Morrison, Bush, Rodriguez, Yamane

Nays: Molina

11.2 POLICY 105 REQUEST - City Council Policy #901 Management of Real Property (Sale, Lease, Rental, Surplus) Requested by Councilmember Rodriguez

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to add the item to the next City Council meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Closing remarks were provided by Members of the City Council.

12. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Morrison introduced Interim City Attorney Schultz who announced that there was no reportable action from the earlier Closed Session items.

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)

Number of potential case: 1

2. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Government Code Section 54957.6

Positioned to be Reviewed: City Manager

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, February 21, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.


LaTonya Hussain, Executive Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2023


Ron Morrison, Mayor