



## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 16, 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:** Armando Vergara, Acting City Manager  
Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney  
Shelley Chapel, City Clerk  
Carlos Aguirre, Housing Authority Director  
Molly Brennan, Administrative Services Director  
Alex Hernandez, Assistant Chief of Police  
Sergio Mora, Fire Battalion Chief  
Joyce Ryan, Library & Community Services Director  
Ben Martinez, Acting Director of Community Development  
Roberto Yano, Director of Public Works and City Engineering

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 6:16 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: Bush, Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina, Morrison

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

### 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Councilmember Yamane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **INVOCATION**

Pastor Carolyn Nichols, Southport Christian Center delivered the invocation.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Morrison summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing two (2) minutes per comment and introduced City Clerk Chapel.

Nine (9) speakers provided in-person comments, and three (3) people provided virtual comment.

In-person comment:

Yvette Vargas, Matias D. Garcia, Geoffrey Schrock, Abelino Munoz, Edward Nieto, Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez, Jacqueline Reynoso, Javier Gracia, and Luisa McCarthy

Comment received via Zoom:

Terri Ann Skelly  
Peggy Walker  
Judith Strang

6. **PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION**

6.1 National Public Works Week

Mayor Morrison presented the proclamation to Director of Public Works and City Engineering Yano and Assistant Director Martha Juarez, who also provided a PowerPoint Presentation highlighting the department's accomplishments.

6.2 National Emergency Medical Services Week

Mayor Morrison presented the proclamation to Chief Mora and Claudia Cardenas-Rempel with AMR.

6.3 Law Enforcement Appreciation Month

Mayor Morrison presented the proclamation to Assistant Chief Hernandez and Captain Chris Sullivan.

7. **REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Rodriguez had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bush provided an alert of San Diego Metropolitan Transit Systems service disruption due to labor disputes. Attended the Air Pollution and Control Meeting.

Councilmember Yamane reported on a Sweetwater Authority Open House, which occurred on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00-11:00 a.m., as a member of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) appointed to the panel tasked to hire a new General Manager for the SDCWA. Announced a May 27<sup>th</sup> Community Presentation in honor of

Asian Pacific Heritage Month scheduled to occur on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at the National City Library.

Vice-Mayor Molina provided an update on the SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting.

Mayor Morrison provided an update on a rescheduled Sweetwater Meeting for May 17.

Port of San Diego Commissioner Sandy Naranjo provided an update.

## **8. CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to approve Consent Calendar Items 8.1, 8.3, and 8.5 through 8.12. Councilmember Rodriguez pulled item 8.2, and Councilmember Yamane pulled item 8.4 for discussion.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

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

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

### *Item Pulled For Discussion*

8.2 Awarding a contract to HSCC, Inc. for the Kimball Park Dog Park and Tot Lot + Las Palmas Park Dog Park, CIP No. 23-06

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-51

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California 1) Awarding a contract to HSCC Inc., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$983,697 for the Kimball Park Dog Park and Tot Lot + Las Palmas Park Dog Park project, CIP No. 23-06; 2) Authorizing a 15% contingency of \$147,555 for any unforeseen changes; 3) Authorizing the Mayor to execute the contract; 4) authorizing the establishment of an appropriation and corresponding revenue budget of \$216,033 in the Engineering Department Grants Fund; and 5) Authorizing the establishment of an appropriation of \$576,576 in the Parks Development Impact Fees Fund."

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to approve the resolution.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

8.3 List of projects that will receive funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account through the Local Streets and Roads Funding Program as required by Senate Bill 1.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-52

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) approving the following projects proposed to receive funding from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) through the Local Streets and Roads Funding Program as required by Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017: A) FY 2024 Pavement Rehabilitation, B) Central Community Mobility Enhancements, and C) FY 2024 Pavement Slurry Seal; and 2) authorizing the establishment of a Gas Tax Fund appropriation of \$1,519,578 for Fiscal Year 2024 and corresponding revenue budget for receipt of RMRA funds."

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

*Item Pulled For Discussion*

- 8.4 Agreement between the City of National City and HDL Coren & Cone, Inc. to provide property tax consulting and property tax audit services.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-53

Adopt the Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement by and between the City of National City and HdL Coren & Cone, Inc."

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to approve with amendment to terms changing from a 5-year agreement to a 2-year.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 8.5 Authorizing a First Amendment to the Agreement with The Steinhilber Corporation DBA JJJ Enterprises to provide citywide fire and security alarm monitoring, service, testing, replacement, and repairs.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-54

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, authorizing the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with The Steinhilber Corporation DBA JJJ Enterprises, increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$25,000, for a total agreement amount of \$85,000."

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 8.6 The State of California Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Funds (SLESF)/Citizen's Option for Public Safety (C.O.P.S.) grants awarded to the National City Police Department (NCPD) for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2023.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-55

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, authorizing the establishment of an appropriation and corresponding revenue budget in the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund of \$493,282.68 for Fiscal Years 2020 through 2023 based on funds received through the Citizens' Option for Public Safety (C.O.P.S) Grant Program."

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

8.7 City Council 2023 Legislative Recess

Provide direction on observing a legislative recess, which is historically taken in the month of July. In accordance with National City Municipal Code (NCMC) Section 2.04.020, any Regular Meeting(s) may be dispensed with a vote.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

8.8 Temporary Use Permit – 4th Annual End of Summer Car Show hosted by the San Diego Lowrider Association at Kimball Park on Saturday, September 9, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 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 and in accordance with City Council Policy 802.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

8.9 Warrant Register #39 for the period of 3/24/23 through 3/30/23 in the amount of \$1,129,426.95.

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$1,129,426.95

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

8.10 Warrant Register #40 for the period of 3/31/23 through 4/6/23 in the amount of \$3,088,984.92.

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$3,088,984.92.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

8.11 Warrant Register #41 for the period of 4/7/23 through 4/13/23 in the amount of \$1,708,125.82.

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$1,708,125.82

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

8.12 Warrant Register #42 for the period of 4/14/23 through 4/20/23 in the amount of \$2,550,961.76.

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,550,961.76

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

*Councilmember Bush left the dais at 7:18 p.m. and returned at 7:20 p.m.*

## **9. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 9.1 Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City to extend the wastewater rates adopted for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 through Fiscal Years 2024-2025 with no increase.

Director of Public Works and City Engineering Roberto Yano presented the item utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 7:29 p.m.

There was no public comment.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Bush to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 7:29 p.m.

Recommendation: First Reading to Adopt the Ordinance titled, "Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California, amending Ordinance No. 2017-2442 extending the wastewater rates adopted for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 to Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 with no increase.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **10. STAFF REPORTS**

- 10.1 Temporary Use Permit – Family Cruising Day Events sponsored by the City of National City on June 17, August 12, and September 9, 2023, from 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Morrison introduced Pedro Garcia, Economic Development Manager and Joanne McGhee, Community Services Manager who gave the report and PowerPoint Presentation.

There was one (1) public comment: Jovita Arellano

Recommendation: Receive staff report and approve the application for a Temporary Use Permit subject to compliance with all conditions of the approval in accordance to the City Council Policy 802.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:** Nothing to report.

12. **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT**

12.1 POLICY 105 REQUEST - Request to Amend City Council Policy 104: XIV Procedural Matters, ((E) Proclamations) Requested by Councilmember Rodriguez

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to direct staff to return on June 20, 2023 with a report to discuss.

Motion carried by 3-1-1.

Ayes: Bush, Rodriguez, Yamane

Abstain: Molina

Noes: Morrison

12.2 POLICY 105 REQUEST - Creation of Ad Hoc Committees comprised of 2 National City Elected Representatives Requested by Councilmember Rodriguez

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to direct staff to return to a meeting in August with a report to discuss.

Motion carried by 3-1-1.

Ayes: Bush, Rodriguez, Yamane

Abstain: Molina

Noes: Morrison


Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.

13. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT** Nothing to report.

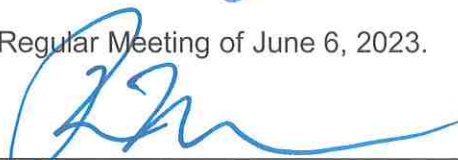
14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

  
Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2023.

  
Ron Morrison, Mayor