



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**August 22, 2023, 4:30 p.m.**

**City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard  
National City, CA**

**Present:** Mayor Morrison  
Vice-Mayor Molina  
Councilmember Rodriguez  
Councilmember Yamane  
**Absent:** Councilmember Bush  
**Others Present:** Ben Martinez, Interim City Manager  
Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney  
Shelley Chapel, City Clerk *(via Zoom)*

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 4:34 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: Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina, Morrison

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Councilmember Yamane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. STAFF REPORT**

5.1 Responses from the City of National City to the findings and recommendations of a 2022/2023 County of San Diego Grand Jury Report filed on June 7, 2023, and titled "Governance of San Diego Bay and Its Tidal Lands and Regions."

Acting Deputy City Manager Aguirre gave the report.

Recommendation:

Review and approve the proposed responses to the County Grand Jury Report and authorize the Mayor to transmit the responses to the Grand Jury via the Superior Court Presiding Judge.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the response.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5.2 Letter of Recommendation for California Assembly Bill (AB) 399, the Water Ratepayers Protections Act 2023

Acting Deputy City Manager Aguirre gave the report.

In-Person Public Comment:

Daniel Gaytan, Legislative Analyst, San Diego County Water Authority

Roberto Yano, Assistant General Manager for Sweetwater Authority

Recommendation:

Receive direction from the City Council of the City of National City on submitting a letter of support for the Water Ratepayers Act of 2023, which requires a member agency to receive majority voter approval of its electorate, and the entire San Diego County Water Authority's electorate, before it can detach itself from the San Diego County Water Authority.

**ACTION:** Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to support AB 399.

Ayes: Rodriguez, Molina, Morrison

Nays: Yamane

Motion carried by 3-1 vote.


6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, September 5, 2023, 6:00 in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

  
for Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023.

  
Ron Morrison, Mayor