



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

September 19, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA

And

Teleconference Location (*Vice-Mayor Molina*)
Sheraton Dallas Hotel
400 North Olive Street
Dallas, Texas 75201
(Per Government Code 54953)

Present:

Councilmember Bush
Councilmember Rodriguez
Councilmember Yamane
Vice-Mayor Molina (*via Zoom*)
Mayor Morrison

Others Present:

Ben Martinez, Interim City Manager
Richard Romero, Assistant City Attorney
Shelley Chapel, City Clerk (*via Zoom*)
Carlos Aguirre, Acting Deputy City Manager/Housing Authority Director
Molly Brennan, Administrative Services Director
Danielle Ghio, Principal Librarian
Alejandro Hernandez, Assistant Chief of Police
Tonya Hussain, Executive Secretary
Stephen Manganiello, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Sergio Mora, Fire Chief
Martin Reeder, Planning Manager

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 6:10 p.m. via teleconference and in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

Mayor Morrison announced that Vice-Mayor Molina would be attending remotely as noticed on the agenda from a location in Dallas, Texas. Due to the requirements of AB2449, this virtual attendance did not qualify, but since the notification and location were provided prior to the distribution and posting of the meeting agenda Vice-Mayor Molina was able to attend if requirements were met. Mayor Morrison confirmed that Vice-Mayor Molina had posted the agenda and provided access to the meeting at her location as required by the Brown Act and Government Code Section 54953. Vice-Mayor Molina confirmed and was allowed to continue virtually. This action does not require a vote of the City Council.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Bush, Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina (*via Zoom*), Morrison

Administrative Officials present: Martinez, Romero, Chapel (*via Zoom*), Aguirre, Brennan, Ghio, Hernandez, Hussain, Manganiello, Mora, Reeder

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Ruth Monroy and Luisa Diaz.

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

Councilmember Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **INVOCATION**

Invocation delivered by Pastor Carolyn Nichols from the Southport Christen Center.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

Three (3) speakers provided in-person comments, one (1) written comment was received, and two (2) people provided virtual comment.

In-person Comment:

Geoffrey Schrock
Edward Nieto
Nancy Romero

Written comment received, not read into
the record:

Kathleen Lippitt

Zoom Comment:

Judith Strang
Katrina Preece

6. **PROCLAMATION**

6.1 Hispanic Heritage Month

Mayor Morrison presented the proclamation. The Proclamation was accepted by representatives from Herencia Hispana California and the San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

7. **PRESENTATION (Limited to Five (5) Minutes each)**

7.1 Annual Planning Commission Chair 2023 report to City Council

Planning Manager Martin Reeder introduced Planning Commission Chair Richard Martin Miller, who provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

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

Councilmember Rodriguez provided an update on the SANDAG Public Safety Committee Meeting.

Vice-Mayor Molina reported on the business of the SANDAG Board of Directors and reported her attendance at the NALEO Policy Institute Conference.

Mayor Morrison reported on the business of the SANDAG Independent Tax Oversight Committee and participation on the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness.

Councilmembers Bush and Yamane had no report.

Port of San Diego Commissioner Sandy Naranjo provided a report on the recent Board Meeting.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Bush to approve Consent Calendar Items 9.1 through 9.5 and 9.7 through 9.10 with Item 9.6 pulled for discussion.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote

9.2 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.

Approve and file.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 9.3 Accept SDG&E's 2023 SAFE San Diego Grant Program Award of \$3,000 for the City's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-133

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Funds in the Amount of \$3,000 from the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) 2023 SAFE San Diego Grant Program for the National City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program and Authorizing the Establishment of a Reimbursable Grants City-Wide Fund Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 9.4 Authorize the Purchase of a Utility/Command Vehicle for the Fire Department.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-134

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Informal Bid Process Pursuant to National City Municipal Code Section 2.60.210, Open Market Procedure When Informal Bidding Required, Regarding the Purchasing of the lowest of three bids and Authorizing the City to purchase from Perry Ford of National City One (1) Ford Super-Duty F-350 Lariat 4X4 Crew Cab Pickup Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$74,986.00 for the Fire Department and Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Adjustments to the Not-to-Exceed Amount for the Purchase of up to \$78,736.00 as a 5% Contingency for Unforeseen Fluctuations in Pricing; 2) Approving Appropriations from the General Fund and Vehicle Replacement Fund in the Amount of \$78,736.00 including a 5% Contingency Based on Increased Revenue from the Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District; and 3) Adding the Vehicle to the Vehicle Replacement Schedule Based on Annual Reimbursements from the California Office of Emergency Services."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 9.5 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Program Supplement Agreement for the Retroreflective Back-Plates Project, CIP No. 23-04.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-135

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Program Supplement Agreement (PSA) No. A238 with the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) for the Retroreflective Back-Plates Project, CIP No. 23-04; 2) Authorizing the Establishment of an Engineering Grants Fund Appropriation of \$92,250 and Corresponding Revenue Budget, and 3) Committing to Providing a Local Match of \$10,250."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Item Pulled for Discussion by Mayor Morrison

9.6 California Library Sustainability Grant Funds Acceptance

Approved Resolution No. 2023-136

Principal Librarian Danielle Ghio reported on the item.

Adopt Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Accepting the California Library's Sustainable California Grant in the Amount of \$30,000 to Fund the National City Public Library's Tool Lending Program for FY 2024 and Authorizing the Establishment of a Library Grants Fund Appropriation of \$30,000 and Corresponding Revenue Budget."

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to adopt the resolution and staff to return at the October 3, 2023, City Council meeting to provide program details.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

9.7 Installation of a Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space with Signage in front of the Residence at 135 E 6th Street.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-137

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Installation of a Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space with Signage in Front of the Residence at 135 E 6th Street."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

9.8 Installation of a Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space with Signage in Front of the Residence at 507 F Avenue.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-138

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Installation of a Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space with Signage in Front of the Residence at 507 F Avenue."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

9.9 Warrant Register #1 for the Period of 6/30/23 through 7/6/23 in the Amount of \$1,217,172.59

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$ 1,217,172.59

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 9.10 Warrant Register #2 for the Period of 7/7/23 through 7/13/23 in the Amount of \$5,438,604.24

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$ 5,438,604.24

Motion carried by unanimous vote

10. STAFF REPORTS

- 10.1 Amendment to City Council Policy No. 901, to Require a Study and Development of Homeownership on City-Owned Property Zoned for Residential Use.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-139

Acting Deputy City Manager/Housing Authority Director Carlos Aguirre provided a PowerPoint Presentation.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending City Council Policy No. 901, Entitled 'Management of Real Property,' to Require a Study and Development of Homeownership Units With Maximized Affordability On City-Owned Property Zoned For Residential Use and Include a 75% Local Preference or Residents of National City."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Bush left the dais at 7:06 p.m. and returned at 7:07 p.m.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

12. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.

13. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Morrison introduced Assistant City Attorney Romero who announced that there was no reportable action from the earlier Closed Session item.

4.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)

Number of potential cases: 1

14. **ADJOURNMENT**


Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 6:00 in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.



Tonya Hussain, Executive Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of October 3, 2023.



Ron Morrison, Mayor