



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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

Present:
Councilmember Bush
Councilmember Rodriguez
Councilmember Yamane
Vice-Mayor Molina
Mayor Morrison

Others Present:
Ben Martinez, Interim City Manager
Barry Schultz, City Attorney
Shelley Chapel, City Clerk (*via Zoom*)
Carlos Aguirre, Acting Deputy City Manager/Housing Authority
Director
Walter Amedee, Management Analyst III – Fire Dept.
Molly Brennan, Administrative Services Director
Joe Camacho, Police Sergeant
Danielle Ghio, Principal Librarian
Brian Hadley, Building Official/Acting Director of Community
Development
Alejandro Hernandez, Assistant Chief of Police
Tonya Hussain, Executive Secretary
Stephen Manganiello, Director of Public Works/City Engineer
Richard E. Romero, Assistant City Attorney

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 6:19 p.m. via teleconference and in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

2. **ROLL CALL**

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Councilmember Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Invocation delivered by Pastor Hugo Ramirez of Encounter Church.

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, six (6) people provided virtual comment and four (4) written comments were received.

In-Person Comment:

Joan Rincon
Gabiella Barragan
Eddie Trejo
Lewis Lawson
Geoffrey Schrock
Ted Godshalk
Mario Solano
Adam Cornejo
Christian Villasana

Written Comment:

Patrick Athay
Diana Cornejo-Sanchez
Kathleen Lippitt
Diane Grace

Virtual Comment:

Judi Strang
Barbara Gordon
Becky Rapp
Edin Enamorado
Peggy Walker
Kelly McCormick

6. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

6.1 Introduction of New City Employees

Assistant Police Chief Hernandez introduced Animal Regulations Officer Vania Nolasco.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Manganiello stated that new employees for the Engineering/Public Works Dept. would be introduced at the next City Council meeting.

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

Councilmember Rodriguez had nothing to report.

Councilmember Bush provided an updated from the Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors meeting.

Councilmember Yamane announced an upcoming event at El Toyon Park for Districts 2 and 3 scheduled to occur on November 18, 2023.

Vice-Mayor Molina reported on the SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting.

Mayor Morrison reported on the Sweetwater Authority.

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

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to approve Consent Calendar Items 8.1 through 8.8 and 8.10 through 8.13 with Item 8.9 pulled by Councilmember Yamane.

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.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.3 Acceptance of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control Award of \$40,000 to the National City Police Department to perform operations sponsored by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Minor Decoy/Shoulder Tap Grant Project.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-150

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Acceptance of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Minor Decoy/Shoulder Tap Grant Project Funds in the Amount of \$40,000, Funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Authorizing the Establishment of a Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget in the Amount of \$40,000."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.4 Accepting a Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant for the National City Sustainable Mobility Plan (SMP)

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-151

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) Accepting a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Division of Transportation Planning, Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant in the Amount of \$422,918; 2) Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Grant Agreement and any Amendments Thereto with Caltrans for the National City Sustainable Mobility Plan; 3) Authorizing the Establishment of an Engineering

Grants Fund Appropriation of \$422,918 and Corresponding Revenue Budget; and
4) Committing to Providing a Local Match of \$54,795.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.5 Acting Assignment Policy

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-152

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Adopting a City Administrative Policy on Acting Assignments.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.6 Affordable Housing Density Bonus Agreement for 2704 East 18th Street

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-153

Adopt the Resolution Entitled “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Approving an Affordable Housing Density Bonus Agreement and Related Documents with 2704 18th, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company, and Restricting the Rent and Occupancy of Two Units to Low-Income Households in Exchange for Four Incentives Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 65915 – 65918 for the Development of Nine Housing Units Located at 2704 East 18th Street in National City.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.7 Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and Appropriation of Funds to Purchase Red Dot Pistol Optics and Holsters.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-154

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Acceptance of the National City Police Department’s Grant Award of \$31,358.00 from the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to Purchase Red Dot Pistol Optics and Holsters, and Authorizing the Establishment of an Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.8 Authorize Adding One (1) Full-Time Police Dispatch Supervisor and Removing One (1) Full-Time Police Dispatcher for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Onward.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-155

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of National City, California, Authorizing the Addition of One (1) Police Dispatch Supervisor and Removal of One Police Dispatcher from the Authorized Positions of the City.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion by Councilmember Yamane.

8.9 National City Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Agreement

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-156

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement between the City of National City and the National City Chamber of Commerce for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$50,000 to Assist in Economic Development Services."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.10 Ratifying Prior Expenditures and Amendment No. 1 for Section 8 Software.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-157

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the Community Development Commission-Housing Authority of the City of National City, California, Ratifying Prior Expenditures from Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 through FY 2024 Totaling \$292,349.49 and Master Agreement Amendment No. 1, Including a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$35,030.00 for FY 2025, to Administer the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program through Happy Software Inc., Now Known as MRI Software LLC."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.11 Investment transactions for the month ended August 31, 2023.

Accept and file the Investment Transaction Ledger for the month ended August 31, 2023.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.12 Warrant Register #11 for the period of 9/8/23 through 9/14/23 in the amount of \$607,705.26

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$607,705.26

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.13 Warrant Register #12 for the period of 9/15/23 through 9/21/23 in the amount of \$2,130,294.40

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,130,294.40

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. **PUBLIC HEARING**

9.1 Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance Establishing Speed Limits Based on Engineering and Traffic Surveys

Director of Public Works/City Engineer Manganiello requested that the item be continued to the City Council meeting of November 21, 2023 to allow staff time to address public comment received.

In-person public comment was received from Ted Godshalk and a written comment was received from Zachary Gomez.

Recommendation: Adopt an Ordinance Establishing Speed Limits on Various Streets Based on Engineering and Traffic Surveys and Authorizing the Director of Public Works to Post Speed Limit Signs Consistent with the Recommendations of the Engineering and Traffic Surveys.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Bush to continue the item to the City Council meeting of November 21, 2023.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9.2 Cost Recovery Fees for Fire Department Responses

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-158

Management Analyst Walter Amedee provided the report.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 7:22 p.m.

There was no public comment.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to Close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Public Hearing closed at 7:22 p.m.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending Exhibit "A" of the National City Municipal Code Section 4.70.03 Relating to Recovering Costs for the Deployment of Emergency Services by the National City Fire Department."

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Bush to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9.3 Introduction of an Ordinance Amending National City Municipal Code Sections 10.70 – Police Regulated Business Regulations and 10.79 – Massage Establishments.

Mayor Morrison introduced Police Sergeant Joe Camacho who provided an overview of the report and PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 7:28 p.m.

There was no public comment.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to Close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Public Hearing closed at 7:28 p.m.

Recommendation: Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance Entitled, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending Chapters 10.70 – Police Regulated Business Regulations and 10.79 – Massage Establishments of the National City Municipal Code."

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Bush to accept the first reading of the Ordinance.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. STAFF REPORTS

10.1 Fiscal Year 2024 First Quarter Budget Review

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-159.

Budget Manager Paul Valadez provided the report.

Recommendation: Accept and File this Report, and Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing Various Fiscal Year 2024 1st Quarter Budget Adjustments."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane to deny the resolution. Motion died due to lack of a second.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to accept and file the report and for staff to return with a more detailed report.

Motion carried by 4-1 vote.

Ayes: Bush, Rodriguez, Molina, Morrison

Nays: Yamane

10.2 Consideration of a Project Labor Agreement with the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council and Associated Craft Unions.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-160.

Mayor Morrison introduced Interim City Manager Ben Martinez who presented the item via a PowerPoint presentation.

Councilmember Bush left the dais at 7:54 p.m. and returned at 7:56 p.m.

Public Comment:

In-Person Comment:

Victor Diaz

Ricardo Sanchez

Jose Chavez

Abdur-Raheem Hameed

Cori Schumacher

Matthew Leyba-Gonzalez

Carol Kim

Johnny Swanson

Ansermio Estrada

Written Comment:

Dustin Steiner

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing Entering into a Project Labor Agreement with the San Diego Building and Construction Trades Council and Associated Craft Unions."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Ben Martinez reported on his attendance at the San Diego Rescue Mission Fall Graduation ceremony.

12. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.

13. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

No report.

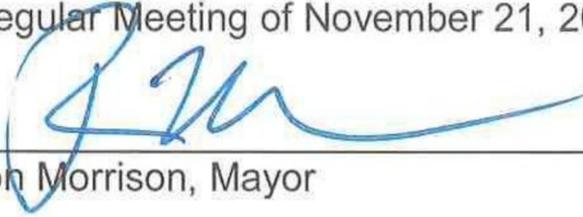
14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, November 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 8:31 p.m.


Tonya Hussain, Executive Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2023.



Ron Morrison, Mayor