



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 3, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA

Present:
Councilmember Bush (*arrived at 6:39 p.m.*)
Councilmember Rodriguez
Councilmember Yamane
Vice-Mayor Molina
Mayor Morrison

Others Present:
Ben Martinez, Interim City Manager
Richard Romero, Assistant City Attorney
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 6:04 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 (*arrived at 6:39 p.m.*), Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina, Morrison

Administrative Officials present: Martinez, Romero, 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

Vice-Mayor Molina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Invocation delivered by Pastor Benny Madrid Sr. from World of Life Worship Center

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Morrison summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing three (3) minutes per comment and introduced Executive Secretary Hussain.

Two (2) speakers provided in-person comments, and three (3) people provided virtual comment.

In-Person Comment:

Laura Wilkinson Sinton
Joan Rincon
Paul Wapnowski
Ed Nieto

Zoom Comment:

Peggy Walker
Becky Rapp
Barbara Gordon

6. PROCLAMATION

6.1 National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Morrison presented the proclamation. The Proclamation was accepted by Domestic Violence Abuse Survivor Rachelle.

6.2 Introduction of New City Employees

Mayor Morrison Introduced Interim City Manager Martinez, introduced Acting Community Development Director, Brian Hadley, and Retired Annuitant Eric Dennis, hired as a Building Official.

Alex Hernandez, Assistant Chief of Police; Eugenia Gonzales, Animal Regulations Officer; and, Stephen Eric Karcher, Police Dispatcher

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

7.1 Civil Service Commission Annual Report to Council

Mayor Morrison Introduced Director of Administrative Services Brennan, who also serves as Secretary to the Civil Service Commission. Mrs. Brennan introduced Commissioner Wapnowski and gave the Annual Report.

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

Councilmembers Bush, Rodriguez, and Yamane had nothing to report.

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

Mayor Morrison had nothing to report.

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

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to approve Consent Calendar Items 9.1 through 9.3 and 9.5, 9.6, and 9.8 through 9.14 with Item 9.4 pulled by Councilmember Yamane, and Item 9.7 pulled by a member of the public.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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 Acceptance of Donation from The Over Under Initiative and Approval of Use of Existing Appropriation and Fund Balance for Fencing for Kimball Park Goalpher Project.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-140

Approved the Resolution Entitled "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Acceptance of the In-Kind Capital Donation and Installation of a Pair of Goalphers from The Over Under Initiative and the Use of the Kimball Park Dog Park & Tot Lot and Las Palmas Dog Park Project Fund Balance for Fencing for the Kimball Park Goalpher Project."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

9.3 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Item pulled for discussion by City Councilmember Yamane.

9.4 California Library Family Literacy Services Grant Funds Acceptance Recommendation:

Approved Resolution No. 2023-141

Adopted Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Accepting the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) grant of \$55,945 from the California State Library for the Library Literacy Services Program for FY24 Adult Literacy and Family Literacy programs and authorizing the establishment of Library Grants Fund appropriations of \$55,945 and corresponding revenue budgets."

Interim City Manager introduced Danielle Ghio, Acting City Librarian, who introduced Mikki Vidamo, Academic Enrichment Program Coordinator who provided information regarding the Literacy Services Program.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 9.5 Notice of Decision - Conditional Use Permit for Modified Alcohol Sales Hours at an Existing Retail Store (The 99 Cents Only Store) Located at 1320 Highland Avenue.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-144

Approved the Request for the Extended Alcohol Sales Hours Subject to the Attached Recommended Conditions. The Sale of Alcohol is a Conditionally Allowed Use in MXD-2 and Would Contribute to the Diversity of Commercial Offerings in the Area.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 9.6 Notice of Decision - Conditional Use Permit for an Outdoor Commercial Recreation Facility (Padel Club) to be Located at 21 West 7th Street.

Approved the Operation of an Outdoor Commercial Recreation Facility, Subject to the Recommended Conditions in the Attached Resolution and a Determination that the Project is Exempt from CEQA. The Operation of an Outdoor Commercial Recreation Page 2 of 4 Facility is a Conditionally-Allowed Use in Development Zone 1B of the Downtown Specific Plan (DSP).

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Item pulled for discussion by a member of the public.

- 9.7 Notice of Decision – Conditional Use Permit for alcohol sales and karaoke at a new entertainment center (Round 1 Bowling & Arcade) to be located at Westfield Plaza Bonita.

One (1) speaker provided in-person comment: Joan Rincon

Alex Hernandez, Assistant Chief of Police, and Martin Reeder, Planning Manager provided responses to City Councilmembers' questions.

Recommendation to approve the sale of on-site beer, wine, and distilled spirits with live entertainment, subject to the recommended conditions in the attached resolution and a determination that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The sale of alcohol is a conditionally allowed use in the MXD-2 zone and would be accessory to food sales at the proposed entertainment center.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to approve the recommendation to set a Public Hearing based on a date determined by the Interim City Manager to return to be considered by the City Council.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

9.8 Part-Time Police Dispatcher Trainer Assignment Pay

Approved Resolution No. 2023-142

Adopted a Resolution Entitled "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California Authorizing Trainer Assignment Pay for Part-Time Police Dispatchers."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

9.9 Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2023.

Accept and File the Investment Report for the Quarter Ended June 30, 2023.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

9.10 Investment transactions for the month ended July 31, 2023.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote

9.11 Warrant Register #3 for the period of 7/14/23 through 7/20/23 in the amount of \$1,484,995.15.

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$ 1,484,995.15

Motion carried by unanimous vote

9.12 Warrant Register #4 for the period of 7/21/23 through 7/27/23 in the amount of \$2,907,856.44.

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$ 2,907,856.44.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

9.13 Warrant Register #5 for the period of 7/28/23 through 8/03/23 in the amount of \$2,994,591.27.

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,994,591.27

Motion carried by unanimous vote

9.14 Warrant Register #6 for the period of 8/4/23 through 8/10/23 in the amount of \$3,540,950.62.

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$3,540,950.62

Motion carried by unanimous vote

PUBLIC HEARING

10.1 Master Fee Schedule Update

Approved Resolution No. 2023-143

Mayor Morrison introduced Director of Administrative Services Brennan who provided an overview of the report. Alex Hernandez, Assistant Chief of Police was also available for questions.

Vice-Mayor Molina asked for staff to return with a report in the future to provide the dog license process and responsibility for doing so.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 7:25 p.m.

No Public Comment.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Public Hearing closed at 7:25 p.m.

Recommendation: Hold a Public Hearing, Receive Public Comments, and Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Adopting Updated City User Fees."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt the Resolution adopting City User Fees.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

STAFF REPORTS

11.1 Exclusive Negotiating Agreement Between the City of National City and Tower 999, LLC for the Disposition of City-Owned Real Property located at 921, 925, and 929 National City Boulevard.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-144

Recommendation: Approval of a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Second Amendment to the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement By and Between the City of National City and Tower 999, LLC, A Nevada Limited Liability Company for the Disposition of City-Owned Real Property Located at 921, 925, And 929 National City Boulevard and Development of a Seven-Story, Mixed Use Building with Approximately 9,294 Square Feet of Retail/Commercial Space and 127 Rental Dwelling Units.

Acting Deputy City Manager and Housing Authority Director Aguirre provided the report.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Bush left the dais at 7:33 pm. and returned at 7:35 pm.

12. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

No report.

13. **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT**

Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.


14. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

No report.

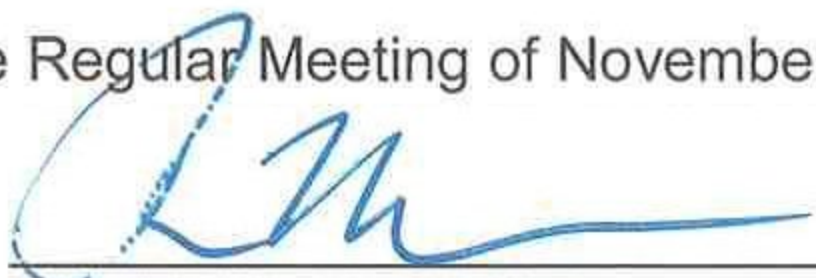
15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, October 17 2023, 6:00 in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.


for _____
Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

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



Ron Morrison, Mayor