



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**August 6, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA**

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

Others Present:
Benjamin A. Martinez, City Manager
Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney
Shelley Chapel, City Clerk
Alejandro Hernandez, Chief of Police
Carlos Aguirre, Director of Community Development
Phil Davis, Interim Finance Director
Lydia Hernandez, Director of Human Resources
Danielle Ghio, Acting City Librarian
Martha Juarez, Assistant Director of Engineering/Public Works
Brian Krepps, Fire Captain
Brian Hadley, Deputy City Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 5:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

2. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers present: Bush, Molina, Rodriguez, Yamane, Morrison
City Treasurer Mitch Beauchamp

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Luisa Diaz de Leon.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Councilmember Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Invocation delivered by Jesus Church of San Diego

ADDITION OF ITEM NOT ON AGENDA:

Mayor Morrison announced that one item would need to be added to the agenda. This was a time-sensitive item that was brought to the attention of the City concerning "Operation Stand-Down" to occur on Friday, August 9, 2024 regarding the Veteran's Village and San Diego Rescue Mission. A two-thirds vote was required of the Council to add this item to the agenda.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Molina to add the item to the agenda as item 9.2.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT (Public Comment will be Restricted to Agenda Items Only)

Mayor Morrison summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing one (1) minute per comment and introduced City Clerk Shelley Chapel.

Six (6) spoken comments were received:

Sherry Gogue

Rob Umana

Truth

Terry-Ann Skelly (via Zoom)

Becky Rapp (via Zoom)

Madison Rapp (via Zoom)

6. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

6.1 Introduction of New City Employees

City Manager Martinez introduced department directors who introduced the staff.

Alex Hernandez, Police Chief introduced Violeta Cisneros, Senior Office Assistant.

Martha Juarez, Assistant Director of Engineering/Public Works, introduced two new employees to the Engineering/Public Works Department who were unable to be present at the meeting. Blanca Rincon Olmos, Custodian, and Francisco Ornelas, Building Trades Specialist.

7. REGIONAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Molina reported on SANDAG meetings in July.

Vice-Mayor Yamane attended the San Diego County Water Authority meeting.

Councilmember Bush attended the MTS Board Meeting.

Mayor Morrison reported on the SANDAG "ITOC" Board Selection Committee Meeting, attendance at the National Association of Regional Councils' (NARC) Conference in Atlanta, and the Sweetwater Authority met at Stein Family Farm.

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Molina to approve Consent Calendar Items 8.4-8.7, 8.11-8.14, 8.18, 8.21, 8.23-8.25.

Items pulled by members of the public 8.1-8.3, 8.8-8.10, 8.16-8.17, 8.19-8.20, 8.22, and 8.15 pulled by Councilmember Molina for discussion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

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

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

8.2 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.
Recommendation: Approve and File.

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

8.3 Adoption of the National City Systematic Safety Analysis Report Program (SSARP) / Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP).

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-73

Two (2) spoken comment was received: Truth, and Ted Godshalk

One (1) Written Comment: Ted Godshalk

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, adopting the Systematic Safety Analysis Report Program / Local Roadway Safety Plan, as Amended by the April 2024 Addendum, Which Assesses and Identifies Locations and Safety Needs to Improve Local Road Safety within the City."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.4 AMR Agreement Extension

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-74

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Approving and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Eighth Amendment to the Agreement By and Between the City of National City and American Medical Response Ambulance Service, Inc., to Continue to Provide Basic and Advanced Life Support Ambulance Transportation Services Effective July 1, 2024, Through September 30, 2024."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.5 Authorize the Purchase of a Street Stripper for Engineering & Public Works Street and Wastewater Division

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-75

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) Waiving the Formal Bid Process Pursuant to National City Municipal Code Section 2.60.260 Regarding Cooperative Purchasing and Authorizing the City to Piggyback onto Sourcewell Contract # 080521-AEB with M-B Companies, Inc. for the Purchase of a Maxi-110A Drum Street Stripper in a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$381,000 for the Public Works Streets and Wastewater Division; 2) Authorizing a Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Adjustment to Establish an Appropriation in the Amount of \$381,000 in the Vehicle Acquisition Fund; and 3) Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Adjustments of up to \$38,100 to the Not-to-Exceed Amount for the Purchase as a 10% Contingency for Unforeseen Fluctuations in Pricing."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.6 Awarding a Contract to Bert W. Salas Inc. for 3131 Hoover Avenue Storm Drain Replacement Project, CIP No. 24-11.

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-76

Recommendation: 1) Awarding a Contract to Bert W. Salas Inc. in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$498,719 for the 3131 Hoover Avenue Storm Drain Replacement Project, CIP 24-11; 2) Authorizing a 15% Contingency in the Amount of \$74,808 for any Unforeseen Changes; 3) Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Contract; and 4) Authorizing the Establishment of an Appropriation in the Amount of \$573,527 in the Storm Response Contracted Services Account."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.7 Awarding a Contract to Wright Construction Engineering Corp for Paradise Creek Emergency Storm Damage Repair, CIP No. 24-08.

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-77

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) Awarding a Contract to Wright Construction Engineering Corp. in the Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$261,075.00 for the Paradise Creek Emergency Storm Damage Repair, CIP No. 24-08; 2) Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Contract; and 3) Authorizing the Establishment of an Appropriation in the Amount of \$261,075 in the Storm Response Contracted Services Account."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

- 8.8 8th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Rail Crossing Enhancements CIP 22-33 PSA

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-78

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth

Recommendation: 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 No. F029 with the State of California Department of Transportation for the 8th Street Bicycle and Pedestrian Rail Crossing Enhancements Project, CIP 22-33; 2) Authorizing the Establishment of an Engineering Grants Fund Appropriation of \$100,000 with a Corresponding Revenue Budget; and 3) Committing to Providing a Local Match of \$12,960."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

- 8.9 2023 LISTOS California CERT Support Grant

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-79

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Accepting Funds in the Amount of \$18,746.00 from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services 2023 LISTOS California CERT Support Grant, for the National City Fire Department's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program and Authorizing the Establishment of a Reimbursable Grants City-wide Fund Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

- 8.10 Agreement between the City of National City and Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for Legal Services in the Specialized Area of Labor Law.

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-80

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Approving an Agreement Between the City of National City and Liebert Cassidy Whitmore for Legal Services in the Specialized Area of Labor Law."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.11 Acceptance of Highway Safety Improvement Program Funding for the Construction Phase of the Pedestrian Safety Enhancements Project, CIP 22-16.

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-81

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Establishment of an Engineering Grants Fund Appropriation of \$367,500 and Corresponding Revenue Budget for the Construction Phase of the Pedestrian Safety Enhancements Project, CIP 22-16, Reimbursable through the Highway Safety Improvement Program Grant Approved by Caltrans."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.12 Affordable Housing Density Bonus Agreement for 2039 E 8th Street

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-82

Recommendation: Approve 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 Talas LLC, a California Limited Partnership, Restricting the Rent and Occupancy of Three (3) Units to Very Low-Income Households in Exchange for the Density Bonus and One (1) Incentive

Pursuant to California Government Code Sections 65915 – 65918 for the Development of 48 Housing Units Located at 2039 E 8th Street in National City.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.13 Agreement Between the City of San Diego Office of Emergency Services and the City of National City for the Distribution of FY23 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Funds.

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-83

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, (1) Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement Between the City of San Diego Office of Emergency Services and the City of National City and (2) Authorizing the Establishment of an Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget in the Amount of \$53,452 from the Fiscal Year 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative (“UASI”) Grant Funds for the Purchase of Trainings for the National City Police and Fire Departments.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.14 Amendments and Additions to the City of National City’s Schedule of Job Classifications and Corresponding Updates to the Management and Confidential Positions Salary Schedules

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-84

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Revising the Job Descriptions for Seven (7) Job Classifications, Creating Five (5) New Job Classifications, and Amending the National City Management and Confidential Positions Salary Schedules to Reflect the New Job Classifications.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

- 8.15 California Library Literacy Services ESL Grant Funds Acceptance

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-85

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled: “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Accept the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Grant in the Amount of \$20,000 to Fund the National City Public Library’s English as a Second Language (ESL) Program for FY 2024 and Authorizing the Establishment of a Library Grants Fund Appropriation of \$20,000 and a Corresponding Revenue Budget.”

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

- 8.16 Installation of a Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space with Signage in Front of the Residence Located at 3626 Cherry Blossom Street.

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-86

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth

Recommendation: 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 3626 Cherry Blossom Street."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

- 8.17 San Diego Community Power Grant for the Climate Action Plan (CAP) Implementation Plan

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-87

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the City Manager or His Designee to Accept the San Diego Community Power Member Agency Grant of \$50,000 for the Development of an Implementation Plan for the City's Climate Action Plan (CAP), and Authorizing the Establishment of an Appropriation in the Amount of \$50,000 in the Housing Authority Fund with a Corresponding Revenue Budget."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.18 FY23 State Homeland Security Grant Program Funds to Purchase Equipment for the Police and Fire Departments.

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-88

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Approving and Authorizing 1) The Mayor to Execute the Standard Assurances for the FY23 State Homeland Security Grant Program and 2) The Establishment of Appropriations in the Amount of \$40,680 in the Reimbursable Grants City-Wide Fund with a Corresponding Revenue Budget for the Purchase of Equipment for the Police and Fire Departments."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

- 8.19 Warrant Register #47 for the period of 5/17/24 through 5/23/24 in the amount of \$3,367,078.13

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$3,367,078.13

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.20 Warrant Register #48 for the period of 5/24/24 through 5/30/24 in the amount of \$3,023,900.94

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$3,023,900.94

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.21 Warrant Register #49 for the period of 5/31/24 through 6/06/24 in the amount of \$2,368,482.04

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,368,482.04

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.22 Warrant Register #50 for the period of 6/07/24 through 6/13/24 in the amount of \$3,951,508.74

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$3,951,508.74

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.23 Warrant Register #51 for the period of 6/14/24 through 6/20/24 in the amount of \$486,961.98

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$486,961.98

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.24 Warrant Register #52 for the period of 6/21/24 through 6/27/24 in the amount of \$2,496,929.20

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,496,929.20

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.25 Approval of an Agreement Amendment with Devaney Pate Morris & Cameron, LLP for legal services in the specialized area of land use and business matters regarding the San Diego Unified Port District by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$50,000.

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-89

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending the Agreement Between the City of National City and Devaney Pate Morris & Cameron, LLP, for Legal Services in the Specialized Area of Land Use and Business Matters Regarding the San Diego Unified Port District by Increasing the Not-to-Exceed Amount by \$50,000 for a New Not-to-Exceed Total Amount of \$75,000."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. STAFF REPORTS

- 9.1 Discussion of Letter in Opposition of Legislation – Protecting Energy Efficiency Funding in Public Purpose Programs

Recommendation: Discuss and Provide Staff Direction.

San Diego Community Power - Government Affairs Director Laura Fernandez was available to answer questions.

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Molina to approve.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9.2 Tentative Use Permit Application (TUP) Veteran's Village of San Diego – Stand-Down 2024 Event.

City Manager Martinez explained the necessity of this item being added on this agenda. This process requires an expedited process since the event is happening Friday, August 9, 2024 beginning at 6:00 a.m. and will end Sunday, August 11, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. Located at 2400 Euclid Avenue.

Recommendation: Provide staff direction, to expedite the TUP Permit application process, staff meeting Wednesday with all relevant departments to gather specifics on the site, and delegate Council's discretion to the staff to review the project, and approve the event if found to be approvable.

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Molina, seconded by Vice-Mayor Yamane to approve, with Councilmember Bush abstaining based on the location of the event and his residence.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

No report.

11. **ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT**

Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.

One (1) spoken comment was received: Truth


12. **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

No report.

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 6:00 in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.


for Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2024.


Ron Morrison, Mayor