



**MINUTES**  
**National City Proposition “D” Independent Evaluation Committee**  
**Large Conference Room**  
**Civic Center**  
**1243 National City Boulevard**  
**Wednesday, January 25, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m.**

These minutes have been abbreviated. Full audio recordings of the proceedings are on file and available to the public upon request.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Stacey Stevenson at 11:00 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

Led by Stacey Stevenson

**Roll Call**

Committee members in attendance: Ray Major, Haney Hong, and Sarah Waller-Bullock

Also in attendance: Leslie Deese, City Manager, Stacey Stevenson, Deputy City Manager, Mark Roberts, Director of Finance, George Eiser, Interim City Attorney.

**Non-Agenda Public Oral Communication (three minute time limit)**

None

**Agenda Items**

1. Presentation by Interim City Attorney George Eiser: Brown Act

Mr. Eiser provided an explanation of the Brown Act, which governs open meetings for legislative bodies. Committee member Hong inquired on how communication between Chair members for unrelated to the business of the Committee should be. Mr. Eiser outlined the manner in which the Committee can communicate with one another and conduct business under the provisions the Act.

2. Presentation by City Manager Leslie Deese

Ms. Deese provided an historical overview of the City’s financial situation and challenges since 2005. The presentation included a discussion of National City’s financial strategies to overcome the structural deficit that the City has confronted during this period. The impact to the City’s services provided if discontinuing the District Tax was also addressed. Topics corresponding to City’s fiscal sustainability, reserve strategies, grants, staff/workforce, and vehicle replacement fund status were also referred.

Committee member Hong inquired on how feedback from constituents is gathered. In response Ms. Stevenson explained that a firm conducted a formal public survey and the results can be provided. Furthermore, Ms. Deese noted the participation from the Neighborhood Council members as well as the City conducting public events like “Coffee with the Police.”

Committee member Major inquired on the strategic plan to diversify the tax base. In response Ms. Deese conveyed that an Economic Development Plan will be presented in the next Council meeting. Additional discussions included on how the citizens of National City have perceived the outputs and outcomes of Proposition D, the hiring of a new Financial Advisor for the City, the City’s Strategic Plan, and the future businesses joining the City.

Committee member Hong requested copies of previous Committee minutes and the current Reserve Policy.

3. Selection of Chair

Acceptance of nomination: Sarah Waller-Bullock, Ray Major, and Haney Hong. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. Discussion – Next steps

For the next meeting it is expected to commence a budget discussion. Finance staff will prepare a budget presentation. An Economic Development Report will also be provided.

The Chair members requested additional information to be provided: the vision and future of National City, the perspective of the elected leaders of National City on this matters, a financial forecast for the following five years, and an asset management presentation.

5. Action Item – Establishment of meeting schedule

The next tentative committee meeting is scheduled to be in February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

6. Committee Comments

None

7. Chair’s Comments

None

8. Staff Comments

The attending National City staff was introduced to the Committee.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.**