



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**August 20, 2024, 6:00 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 *(via Zoom)*
Phil Davis, Interim Finance Director
Danielle Ghio, Acting City Librarian
Arturo Gonzalez, Street & Wastewater Superintendent
Brian Hadley, Deputy City Manager
Alejandro Hernandez, Chief of Police
Lydia Hernandez, Director of Human Resources
Tonya Hussain, Deputy City Clerk
Joanne McGhee, Acting Community Services Director
Sergio Mora, Fire Chief
Martin Reeder, Assistant Director of Community Development
Chris Sullivan, Police Captain

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 6:02 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, Molina, Rodriguez, Yamane, Morrison

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Vinka Valdivia and Carlos Diaz.

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

Vice-Mayor Yamane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **INVOCATION**

Delivered by Pastor Carolyn Nichols, Southport Christian Center.

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.

Five (5) speakers provided virtual comments and eight (8) people provided in-person comments:

Virtual Comment:

Megan Stuart

Becky Rapp

Barbara Gordon

Peggy Walker

Janice Luna Reynoso

In-person comment:

Gloria Salas

Geoffrey Schrock

Dukie Valderrama

Randi Castle - Salgado

Brian Clapper

Truth

Marcelo Ramirez

Randi Castle-Salgado

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

Acting Community Services Director Joanne McGhee introduced Recreation Supervisor Elyana Delgado who introduced Miss National City and Court.

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

Councilmember Rodriguez reported on the SANDAG Joint Mobility Working Group and Sustainable Communities Working Group meeting in addition to his attendance at a Housing Summit.

Councilmember Bush had no report.

Councilmember Molina commented on her attendance at the California Coastal Commission meeting, the California Transportation Commission meeting, and the South County Economic Development Commission meeting.

Vice-Mayor Yamane provided an update on the Sweetwater Authority's Women in Water meeting and reported on San Diego Community Power.

Mayor Morrison reported on the unanimous approval of the Balanced Plan presented at the California Coastal Commission meeting.

Port of San Diego Commissioner Dr. GilAnthony Ungab provided an update on agenda items approved at the most recent Port Commission Meeting.

Port of San Diego Director of Corporate Communications Ron Powell announced an upcoming meeting at the Aquatic Center on September 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to approve Consent Calendar Items except items 8.2, 8.5, 8.10, 8.15 (*pulled by members of the public*) and items 8.6 and 8.7 pulled by Vice-Mayor Yamane.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Following public comment and discussion for pulled items:

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to approve items 8.2, 8.5, 8.6, 8.7, 8.10, and 8.15.

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.

Item pulled for discussion.

8.2 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.

One public comment was received from Truth.

Approve and File.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.3 Approval of a Budget Appropriation for the Abatement of Substantially Dangerous Conditions at 1700 East Plaza Blvd. in National City, California.

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-90.

One written comment was received from Ted Godshalk.

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing a Budget Appropriation of \$450,000 for the Abatement of Substantially Dangerous Conditions at 1700 East Plaza Blvd. in National City, California."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.4 Authorize the Purchase of a John Deere 4066R Compact Utility Tractor for Engineering & Public Works Street & Wastewater Division

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-91.

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 # 031121-DAC with RDO Agriculture Equipment Co. for the Purchase of a John Deere 4066R Compact Utility Tractor in a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$68,135.02 for the Public Works Streets & Wastewater Division; and 2) Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Adjustments of up to \$6,813.50 to the Not-to-Exceed Amount for the Purchase as a 10% Contingency for Unforeseen Fluctuations in Pricing."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

8.5 California Library Literacy Services ESL Grant Funds Acceptance

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-92.

One public comment was received from Truth.

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) Two-year Grant in the Amount of \$20,000 for FY 2025 and \$20,000 for FY 2026 to Fund the National City Public Library’s ESL Program for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026, and Authorizing the Establishment of a Library Grants Fund Appropriation of \$20,000 for FY 2025 with a Corresponding Revenue Budget.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion by Vice-Mayor Yamane.

- 8.6 Dispense with Certain City Council Meetings Scheduled for November 2024, December 2024, and January 2025, per City Council Policy No. 104 and Schedule Special Meeting in November 2024.

Approve by Council Motion to Dispense with, and Schedule Special Meetings as recommended by staff.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion by Vice-Mayor Yamane.

- 8.7 Insurance Brokerage Services for Employee Benefits

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-93.

Adopt the Resolution Entitled: “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for Insurance Brokerage Services for Employee Benefits.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.8 Notice of Decision – Planning Commission Approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for Alcohol Sales at Etching Expressions Located at 900 Civic Center Drive.

Staff Recommends Approval of the CUP for an ABC Type 21 Alcohol License and Associated CDP, Subject to the Recommended Conditions in Planning Commission Resolution 2024-10. The Sale of Alcohol would be Non-Retail in Nature and Associated with Custom Gift Products. No General Public Access would Occur and Hours Reflect Standard Weekday Business Hours.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.9 Notice of Decision – Planning Commission Approval of a Conditional Use Permit for Beer and Wine Sales (ABC Type 41) at an Existing Restaurant (Mariscos de la Capital) at 801 National City Blvd., Suite 105.

Staff Recommends Approval of the Sale of On-Site Beer and Wine, Subject to the Recommended Conditions in Planning Commission Resolution No. 2024-11, and a Determination that the Project is Exempt from CEQA. The Sale of Alcohol is a Conditionally-Allowed Use in Downtown Specific Plan Development Zone 4 and Would be Accessory to Food Sales in the Restaurant.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

- 8.10 Semi-Annual Report – Boards, Commissions, and Committees Attendance Report – Includes First and Second Quarter of Calendar Year 2024

One public comment was received from Truth.

Receive and file.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.11 Temporary Use Permit – Spirit Halloween Retail Tent Store Hosted by Spirit Halloween at Westfield Plaza Bonita Mall from August 24, 2024 through November 3, 2024 with No Waiver of Fees.

Approve the Application for a Temporary Use Permit Subject to Compliance with all Conditions of Approval with No Waiver of Fees and in Accordance with City Council Policy 802.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.12 Setting the FY 2025 Property Tax Rate for Library General Obligation Bonds

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-94.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Setting the Fiscal Year 2025 Secured Property Tax Rate for the Library General Obligation Bonds at 0.284 cent (0.00284%) per \$100 of Assessed Valuation."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.13 Investment transactions for the month ended April 30, 2024.

Accept and file the Investment Transaction Ledger for the month ended April 30, 2024.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.14 Investment transactions for the month ended May 31, 2024.

Accept and file the Investment Transaction Ledger for the month ended May 31, 2024.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

8.15 Warrant Register #1 for the period of 6/28/24 through 7/4/24 in the amount of \$1,958,635.66

One public comment was received from Truth. One written comment was received from Ted Godshalk.

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$1,958,635.66

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.16 Warrant Register #2 for the period of 7/5/24 through 7/11/24 in the amount of \$2,328,767.15

One written comment was received from Ted Godshalk.

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,328,767.15

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. STAFF REPORTS

9.1 League of California Cities Annual Conference – Designation on Voting Delegate and Alternate(s)

Adopted Resolution No. 2024-95.

City Clerk Shelley Chapel provided a report on the item.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Designating a Voting Delegate and up to Two Alternates to Represent the City of National City at the 2024 League of California Cities Annual Conference and Expo."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Molina, seconded by Vice-Mayor Yamane to designate Mayor Morrison as the voting delegate and Vice-Mayor Yamane as the alternate.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Ben Martinez thanked staff for their hard work.

11. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.

One public comment was received from Truth on this item and item 9.1.

12. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mayor Morrison introduced City Attorney Schultz who announced that there was nothing to report on Closed Session item 5.1.

5.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION


Government Code Section 54956.9(d)

Number of potential cases: 115

13. ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, on Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Tonya Hussain, Deputy City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2024.



Ron Morrison, Mayor