



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**April 7, 2026, 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:
Alejandro Hernandez, Acting City Manager
Heidi Skinner, Interim City Attorney
Shelley Chapel, City Clerk (Via Zoom)
Chris Sullivan, Police Captain
Rachelle Barrera, Acting Director of Finance
Danielle Ghio, City Librarian
Alicia Hicks, Director of Human Resources
Tonya Hussain, Deputy City Clerk
Martha Juarez, Assistant Director of Engineering/Public Works
Brian Krepps, Acting Deputy City Manager
Steve Manganiello, Director of Engineering/Public Works
Mike Pacheco, Director of Community Services
Martin Reeder, Director of Community Development
Ron Williams, IT Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 6:11 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, Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina, Morrison

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 Word of Life Worship Center Pastor Benny.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Morrison summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing two (2) minutes per comment.

In-Person Comment:

Luisa McCarthy	Sherry Gogue
Purita Javier	Liliana Armenta
Cesar Javier	Micaela Polanco
Larry Emerson	Julianna Vanessen
Karen McManus	Doyle Morrison

Virtual Comment:

Becky Rapp
Madison Rapp
Terri Skelly

6. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

6.1 Introduction of New Hires and Promotions of City Employees

Director of Community Services Martin Reeder, Director of Community Services Mike Pacheco, and Acting Deputy City Manager Brian Krepps announced new members of department staff.

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

Public comment received from Javier Cesar.

Councilmember Yamane reported on the business of the San Diego Community Power and their Rate Stabilization Policy; provided an update on the Sweetwater Authority and

detailed their Urban Runoff Diversion System; and, spoke to Metro Wastewater Joint Powers Authority and the search for an Executive Director.

Councilmember Bush announced upcoming agenda items for the Air Pollutions Control Board meeting, specifically the Warehouse Indirect Source Rule legislation and spoke to the City's pollution monitoring.

Vice-Mayor Molina reported on her attendance at the SANDAG Annual Retreat and the Transnet discussion; and, provided an update on the SANDAG Board Meeting where the draft budget was discussed.

Mayor Morrison provided an update on the Regional Solid Waste Association meeting including recycling of food waste and upcoming budget meetings.

Councilmember Rodriguez left the dais at 6:54 p.m. and returned at 6:58 p.m.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Bush to approve Consent Calendar Items 8.1, 8.2, 8.8, and 8.10. Items 8.3 through 8.7, 8.9, 8.11, and 8.12 were pulled for public comment or discussion.

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 Meeting Minutes – March 2026
Approve and file.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

- 8.3 Approval to Add One (1) Executive Assistant II (1.0 FTE) position to the Police Department's Authorized Position Count

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-29.

Public comment received from Cesar Javier.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Adding 1.0 FTE to the Police Department's Authorized Position Count for the Executive Assistant II Position and Authorizing an Increase of \$34,000 to the Police Department's Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Personnel Budget."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

- 8.4 Approval of an Agreement with Price, Postel & Parma LLP to represent the City of National City in Connection with Litigation Pertaining to Flood Related Matters Resulting from the January 2024 Rains.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-30.

Councilmember Bush left the dais at 7:06 p.m. and returned at 7:19 p.m.

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike, Cesar Javier, and Sherry Gogue.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing an Agreement with Price, Postel & Parma LLP for Legal Services in Connection with Litigation Related to the January 2024 Rain Event."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

Councilmember Bush was absent.

Item pulled for public comment.

- 8.5 Awarding a Contract to Commercial & Industrial Roofing Co., Inc. for the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Roof Replacement Project, CIP No. 26-03.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-31.

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) Awarding a Contract to Commercial & Industrial Roofing Co., Inc. in the Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$263,883 for the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center Roof Replacement Project, CIP No. 26-03; 2) Authorizing a 15% Contingency in the Amount of \$39,583 for any Unforeseen Changes; and 3) Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Contract."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

Councilmember Bush was absent.

Item pulled for public comment.

8.6 City Council 2026 Legislative Recess

Public comment was received from Cesar Javier.

Recommendation: Approve Staff Recommendation to Observe a Legislative Recess for the Month of July 2026, as Allowed by National City Municipal Code (NCMC) 2.04.020, and City Council Policy No. 104 (III)(H), and (K).

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote of those present.

Councilmember Bush was absent.

Item pulled for public comment.

8.7 Notice of Decision – Planning Commission Certification of a Negative Declaration and Approval of a Conditional Use Permit and Coastal Development Permit for Liquefied Petroleum Gas Storage and Dispensing to be Located at 2100 Haffley Avenue.

Public comment was received from Cesar Javier, Doyle Morrison, and Liliana Armenta.

Written public comment was received from Ted Godshalk.

Recommendation: Staff Recommends Certification of the Negative Declaration and Approval of the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) and Coastal Development Permit (CDP) for Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Propane) Storage and Dispensing Equipment, Subject to the Recommended Conditions in the Attached Planning Commission Resolution No. 2026-03. Liquefied Petroleum Gas (Propane) Storage and Dispensing is a conditionally allowed Use in the Medium Manufacturing Zone and Coastal Overlay Zone.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Bush for the item to be heard at a Public Hearing at the City Council meeting of May 5, 2026.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.8 Notice of Decision – Planning Commission Approval of a Planned Development (PD) Permit for Reduced Rear Yard Setbacks Within an Approved 10-Lot Subdivision Located at 3410 Valley Road.

Staff recommends Approval of a Planned Development (PD) Request for Reduced Rear Yard Setbacks Within the 10-Lot Subdivision, Subject to the Recommended

Conditions in the Attached Planning Commission Resolution No. 2026-04, and a Determination that the Project is Exempt from CEQA. The Project is Consistent with the General Plan and Meets all Applicable Findings for a PD Request.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

- 8.9 Notice of Decision – Planning Commission Approval of a Zone Variance (ZV) to Deviate from Minimum Requirements for Lot Area, Street Frontage, and Setbacks at a Vacant Property Located on East 5th Street between Highland Avenue and I Avenue.

Public comment was received from Joan Rincon.

Recommendation: Staff Recommends Approval of the Zone Variance (ZV) Request for a Single-Family Residence and an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU), Subject to the Recommended Conditions in the Attached Planning Commission Resolution No. 2026-02 and a Determination that the Project is Exempt from CEQA. The Granting of a Zone Variance is Allowable with Findings Pursuant to Section 18.12.120 of the Land Use Code.

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Yamane for the item to be heard at a Public Hearing at a future City Council meeting.

Motion carried by 4-1 vote.

Ayes: Bush, Yamane, Molina, Morrison

Nays: Rodriguez

- 8.10 Temporary Use Permit – National Day of Prayer Sponsored by Casa de Oracion at Kimball Park Bowl on Thursday, May 7, 2026, 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.

Item pulled for public comment.

- 8.11 Warrant Register No. 33 for the Period of 2/6/26 through 2/12/26 in the Amount of \$2,472,959.12

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,472,959.12.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to ratify the warrants for agenda items 8.11 and 8.12.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

8.12 Warrant Register No. 34 for the Period of 2/13/26 through 2/19/26 in the Amount of \$453,875.30

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$453,875.30.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to ratify the warrants for agenda items 8.11 and 8.12.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 Public Hearing and Resolution Approving the Streamlined Annual Public Housing Agency Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2026-2027.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-97.

Director of Community Development Martin Reeder introduced the item.

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing at 7:37 p.m.

Virtual Public Comment was received from Madison Rapp.

Recommendation: Conduct the Public Hearing and Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the Community Development Commission - Housing Authority of the City of National City, California, Approving the FY 2026-2027 Streamlined Annual Public Housing Agency Plan for the Housing Choice Voucher Program and Authorizing the Submittal of the Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:39 p.m.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to Conduct the Public Hearing and Adopt the Resolution.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. STAFF REPORTS

Councilmember Rodriguez left the dais at 7:41 p.m. and returned at 7:44 p.m.

- 10.1 Brown Act and California Senate Bill 707 (SB 707) Technology Disruption Policy
Adopted Resolution No. 2026-32.

City Clerk Chapel provided a PowerPoint presentation.

IT Manager Ron Williams answered questions posed by the Council.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Adopting a Technology Disruption Policy for Public Meetings in Compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and Senate Bill 707. The Policy Will be Known as City Council Policy No. 103, "Disruption of Telephonic or Internet Service During Public Meetings"; and Receive and File the Companion Presiding Officer/Clerk/Information Technology Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for Implementation of the Policy.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

None.

12. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.

- 12.1 POLICY 105 REQUEST - Permission to Attend National Assoc. of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) 43rd Annual Conference - Requested by Vice-Mayor Molina

Mayor Morrison introduced the item. Vice-Mayor Molina addressed the Council.

ACTION: Motion by Vice Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Yamane, to waive the requirements of Policy 105 and permit the City Council to take action on the item during the current meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to approve the request and grant permission for Vice-Mayor Molina to attend the conference.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

13. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mayor Morrison introduced Interim City Attorney Skinner who reported that on Closed Session Agenda Item 5.1 the City Council unanimously authorized the City to join an existing litigation. No reportable action was taken by the City Council on Items 5.2 through 5.4.

5.1 INITIATION OF LITIGATION

Pursuant to Paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9
Number of Cases: 1

5.2 THREAT TO PUBLIC SERVICES OR FACILITIES

Pursuant to subdivision (a)(1) Section 54957
National City Police Department

5.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Position: City Manager


5.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)
Position: City Attorney

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, April 21, 2026, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



Tonya Hussain, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2026.



Ron Morrison, Mayor