



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**April 21, 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:
Alex Hernandez, Acting City Manager
Heidi Skinner, Interim City Attorney
Shelley Chapel, City Clerk (via Zoom)
Derek Aydelotte, Police Captain
Rachelle Barrera, Acting Director of Finance
Danielle Ghio, Director of Library Services
Roberto Gonzalez, Police Lieutenant
Alicia Hicks, Director of Human Resources
Tonya Hussain, Deputy City Clerk
Martha Juarez, Acting Deputy City Manager
Steve Manganiello, Director of Engineering/Public Works
Sergio Mora, Fire Chief
Mike Pacheco, Director of Community Services
Martin Reeder, Director of Community Development
Paul Valadez, Budget Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 6:03 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: Molina, Rodriguez, Yamane, Bush, Morrison

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Carlos Diaz and Luisa Diaz de Leon.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Councilmember Yamane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. INVOCATION

Invocation was delivered.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

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

In-Person Comment:

Dr. Peter Anderson	Chamber of Commerce
Larry Emerson	Daisy Alcantia
Brian Clapper	Alexander Fernandez
Purita Javier	Delise Vann
Cesar Javier	
Micaela Polanco	
McCarthy	

Virtual Comment:

Terri Skelly
Becky Rapp
Peggy Walker

Written Comment:

Marissa Cuevas

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

6.1 Annual Report - Board of Library Trustees

PowerPoint presentation provided by Chair Nidya Rivera-Moreno.

6.2 Annual Report - Community and Police Relations Commission

PowerPoint presentation provided by Chair Daniel Orth.

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

Councilmember Bush provided an update on the Metropolitan Transit System Board meeting and the Board's approval of a rate increase.

Mayor Morrison reported on the business of the Sweetwater Authority and their work on the Strategic Plan for the upcoming year.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to approve Consent Calendar Items 8.1 and 8.2. Items 8.3 through 8.9 were pulled for public comment.

ACTION: 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

Approve and file.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

8.3 2025 Annual Military Equipment Use Report

Public comment was received by Cesar Javier.

Police Lieutenant Roberto Gonzalez addressed the Council.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Accepting the 2025 Annual Military Equipment Use Report, and Renewing Ordinance 2022-2496."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez for the item to return to the City Council after review by the Community & Police Relations Commission.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

8.4 Approval of Agreement for Legal Services with Wright, L'Estrange & Ergastolo – Emergency Ambulance Service Program

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-35

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing an Agreement with Wright, L'Estrange & Ergastolo for Legal Services for the Development of Emergency Ambulance Service Program."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

- 8.5 Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Three Program Supplement Agreements with Caltrans for Projects Funded by Highway Safety Improvement Program Grants.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-36

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike and Cesar Javier.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute Program Supplement Agreements with the State of California Department of Transportation for the Downtown 8th Street Pedestrian Crossing Enhancements Project, CIP 26-06 (PSA No. A997), Edgeline Striping Traffic Calming Project, CIP 26-07 (PSA No. A998), and 4th Street Traffic Calming Project, CIP 26-08 (PSA No. A999); 2) Authorizing the Establishment of Engineering Grants Fund Appropriations of \$32,850, \$62,100, and \$134,100, Respectively; and 3) Committing to Providing a Local Match of \$3,650, \$6,900, and \$14,900, Respectively."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Bush left the dais at 7:07 p.m. and returned at 7:09 p.m.

Item pulled for public comment.

- 8.6 Voluntary Agreements for DTSC Environmental Oversight of Two City-Owned Properties

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-37

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike and Cesar Javier.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the City Manager or Their Designee to Execute Voluntary Agreements with the California Department of Toxic Substances Control for Not-To-Exceed Amounts of \$55,971 Each for Environmental Oversight of City-Owned Properties Located at 921-929 National City Blvd and 1028 A Avenue."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

8.7 Warrant Register No. 35 for the Period of 2/20/26 through 2/26/26 in the Amount of \$3,052,275.49

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$3,052,275.49.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to ratify the warrants for Agenda Items 8.7, 8.8, and 8.9.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

8.8 Warrant Register No. 36 for the Period of 2/27/26 through 3/5/26 in the Amount of \$2,959,510.51

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,959,510.51.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to ratify the warrants for Agenda Items 8.7, 8.8, and 8.9.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

8.9 Warrant Register No. 37 for the Period of 3/6/26 through 3/12/26 in the Amount of \$5,087,182.83

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$5,087,182.83.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to ratify the warrants for Agenda Items 8.7, 8.8, and 8.9.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Rodriguez left the dais at 7:19 p.m. and returned at 7:30 p.m.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

- 9.1 Public Hearing – Appeal of a Planning Commission Approval of a Conditional Use Permit for a Proposed Drive-Through Coffee Shop (Dutch Bros Coffee) to be Located at 1838 Sweetwater Road.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-38

Councilmember Bush disclosed that he reached out to the appellant and the applicant and did not speak with the appellant but did speak with the applicant.

Mayor Morrison disclosed that he contacted the church pastor and informed them of the date and time of the Public Hearing via a voicemail message.

Director of Community Development Martin Reeder provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Attorney Daniel Galarte representing the appellant, Heart Revolution Church, addressed the City Council.

Dutch Bros. Coffee Senior Development/Construction Manager John Caglia and Regional Operator Kelsey Parker addressed the City Council.

Director of Engineering & Public Works Steve Manganellio answered questions posed by the Council

Recommendation: Staff Recommended Approval of the CUP to the Planning Commission and Recommends Denying the Appeal and Adopting the Resolution Entitled: “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Determining that the Project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Class 32 of the CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 (In-Fill Development Projects) and Approving a Conditional Use Permit for a Drive-Through Coffee Shop (Dutch Bros Coffee) to be Located at 1838 Sweetwater Road.”

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing at 7:59 p.m.

In-person Public Comment:

Doyle Morrison

Cesar Javier

Jose Martinez representing Heart Revolution Church

Written Public Comment:

Ed Nieto

Registered Positions in Opposition but did not wish to speak:

Micaela Polanco

Alisha Morrison

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 8:06 p.m.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to deny the appeal, approve the Conditional Use Permit, add the use of native species plants to Condition No. 30, and to approve the resolution.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 9.2 Public Hearing and Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City amending the previously adopted Transportation Development Impact Fee (TDIF) schedule and annual adjustment to the TDIF.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-39

Director of Engineering/Public Works Steve Manganiello provided a report.

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing at 8:14 p.m.

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 8:15 p.m.

Recommendation: Hold the Public Hearing and Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending the Previously Adopted Transportation Development Impact Fee (TDIF) Schedule and Annual Adjustment to the TDIF, Pursuant to National City Municipal Code Section 4.52.100 and Consistent with Government Code Section 66017, Approving an Adjustment to the TDIF as Required by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for Receipt of TransNet Local Street Improvement Revenues, Resulting in the TDIF Increasing from \$3,047.57 Per New Residential Dwelling Unit to \$3,109.88 Per Unit Beginning July 1, 2026."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 9.3 Public Hearing: Fiscal Year 2027 National City User Fee Schedule

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-40

Acting Director of Finance Rachele Barrera provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Recommendation: Hold a Public Hearing and Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Adopting Updated City User Fees and Updating the Master Fee Schedule."

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing at 8:25 p.m.

There were no public comments.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 8:25 p.m.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. **STAFF REPORTS**

- 10.1 Approval of an Amendment to the Lease and Operating Agreement Between the City of National City and American Golf Corporation for the Operation of the Las Palmas Municipal Golf Course.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-41

Director of Community Services Mike Pacheco provided a PowerPoint presentation.

In-person comment received from:

Juan Lozano
Lito Ricasa
Valerie Ruiz
Ruben Sanchez
David Zepeda
Nathan Montamayor
Ted Godshalk
Matias Garcia
Jorge Soto

Registered positions in Favor but did not wish to speak:

James Gilfin	Lionel Torres
Jim Davis	Ed Bagaporo
Danilo Ayuyao	Andre Vazquez
Enrique Corrales	Armando Gallegos
David Lloyd	Rob Lopez
Ferny Mendoza	David R. Valadez Rubio

Jonathan Mendoza	Gabriel Salas
Jorge Gonzalez	Isaac Taylor
Roland Romero	Leticio Hernandez
Karla Escalante	Andres Gonzalez
Alejandro Gomez	Milee Metzsig
Guy Andolina	Hannah Jugar
Alejandro Gonzalez	Michael Scott
Ruby Brown	Miguel Corrales
Nathanial Montemayor	

Registered positions of Opposition but did not wish to speak:

Micaela Polanco

Written public comment in support:

Mary Grace Alonzo	Daniella Sugranes
Leslie Johnson	Samalia Trinidad
Adriana Castro	Vanessa B
Alexis Cortez	Angel Vazquez
James Konoske	Christina Cortez
Anjie Long	Ted Godshalk
Marcos Samaniego	Jenna Morris
Danny Santos Jr.	Joseph Martinez
Andrew Smith	Gianfranco Pastrana

Written public comment in opposition:

Leslie Johnson

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt the resolution and for staff to add language to the agreement for encouragement of partnership with Sweetwater Union High School District and National School District and require American Golf Corporation to provide an annual report on revenue, projects, repairs, events, habitat restoration to the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vice-Mayor Molina left the dais at 8:52 p.m. and returned at 8:57 p.m.

Mayor Morrison called for a recess at 9:18 all members returned to the dais at 9:27 p.m.

10.2 Cost Recovery of Abatement Costs for the Property Located at 1508 E. 8th Street.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-42

Director of Community Development Martin Reeder provided a report.

Virtual public comment was received by Thomas Feerick, attorney for the property owner.

Written public comment was received by Thomas Feerick, attorney for the property owner.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Following a Public Hearing Pursuant to National City Municipal Code Chapter 1.36 (Abatement of Public Nuisance) to Consider Confirming Nuisance Abatement Costs, Approving the Report and Accounting in the Amount of \$31,331.57 for the Property Located at 1508 E. 8th Street."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

At 10:30 p.m., per City Council of Policy #104 that requires the City Council Meeting to be adjourned no later than 10:30 p.m. unless extended by Council vote. The City Council considered extending the meeting to discuss the remainder of the agenda.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to extend the meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10.3 Fiscal Year 2026 Third Quarter Budget Review

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-43

PowerPoint presentation was provided by Budget Manager Paul Valadez.

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Accept and File this Report, and Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing Various Fiscal Year 2026 Third Quarter Budget Adjustments."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Yamane for agenda Items 10.3 and 10.4 to return to the City Council as a workshop on Monday, May 4, 2026 at noon.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10.4 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget Workshop No. 1

Recommendation: Review, Receive Presentation, and Provide Staff Direction.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Yamane for agenda Items 10.3 and 10.4 to return to the City Council as a workshop on Monday, May 4, 2026 at noon.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

In accordance with City Council Policy 104, remaining speakers for Item #5 provided public comment.

Virtual Public Comment

Joni De Groot
Barbara Gordon
Madison Rapp

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Hernandez provided closing comments.

12. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.

13. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mayor Morrison introduced Interim City Attorney Heidi Skinner who announced that there was no reportable action on Closed Session Item 5.1.

CLOSED SESSION

5.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

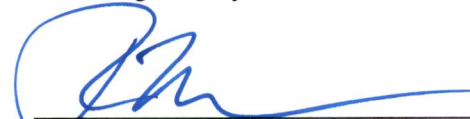
Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.



Tonya Hussain, CMC, Deputy City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of May 5, 2026.



Ron Morrison, Mayor