



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CLOSED SESSION**

**January 27, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA**

Present: Councilmember Bush (*arrived at 5:18 p.m.*)
Councilmember Rodriguez
Councilmember Yamane
Vice-Mayor Molina
Mayor Morrison

Others Present: Alejandro Hernandez, Acting City Manager / Police Chief
Richard Romero, Acting City Attorney
Shelley Chapel, City Clerk (*via Zoom*)
Tonya Hussain, Deputy City Clerk
Alicia Hicks, Human Resources Director

Fred Freeman (*Consultant*)

1 CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 5:08 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 (*arrived 5:18 p.m.*), Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina, Morrison

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Councilmember Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Public Comment will be restricted to Agenda Items Only)

No Public Comment.

5. CLOSED SESSION

Members retired into Closed Session at 5:08 p.m. and returned at 7:40 p.m. with all members present in attendance: Bush, Rodriguez, Yamane, Morrison, Molina, and Romero.

Staff entered Closed Session at 5:08 p.m. for Item No. 5.1; Hicks, and Hernandez. In addition, Mr. Freeman joined the session at 5:10 p.m. and left at 6:16 p.m. Staff left Closed Session at 7:40 p.m.

Acting City Attorney Romero announced there was no reportable action taken by the City Council.

5.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

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

5.2 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54957.6
Employee Organization:
Police Officers Association (POA)
Agency Designated Representatives:
Steven Berliner (Labor Negotiator)
Alex Hernandez (Acting City Manager/Police Chief)
Alicia Hicks (Human Resources Director)

5.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Government Code Section: 54957(b)(1)
Position to be filled: Interim City Attorney

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2026.

Ron Morrison, Mayor