



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**January 20, 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 / Police Chief**  
**Richard Romero, Acting City Attorney**  
**Shelley Chapel, City Clerk (via Zoom)**  
**Jeremy Day, Fire Captain**  
**Bruce Foltz, Director of Finance**  
**Tonya Hussain, Deputy City Clerk**  
**Martha Juarez, Acting Deputy City Manager**  
**Brian Krepps, Fire Dept. Division Chief of Operations**  
**Sam Marrinan, Building Official**  
**Michael Pacheco, Director of Community Services**  
**Sean Pfeifer, Management Analyst II**  
**Ronny Soriano, Neighborhood Services Manager**  
**Chris Sullivan, Police Captain**  
**Mikki Vidamo, Management Analyst II**  
**David Welch, Principal Planner**  
**Luca Zappiello, Associate Civil Engineer**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 6:08 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, Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina, 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 delivered by Albert Mendivil.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

In-Person Comment:

Raymond Juarez	Delise Vann
Purita Javier	Wendy Egan
Cesar Javier	Ed Nieto
Karen McManus	Sherry Gogue
Angelita	
Liliana Armenta	

Virtual Comment:

Becky Rapp  
Barbara Gordon

Written Comment:

Ted Godshalk

6. **PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION**

6.1 Proclamation - Mateo R. Camarillo Day

Mayor Morrison presented the Proclamation. The proclamation was accepted by the daughter of Mateo R. Camarillo.

6.2 Employee of the Quarter - Michael Rodgers - Fire Engineer  
Presented by Fire Dept. Division Chief of Operations Brian Krepps.

6.3 Introduction of New Hires and Promotions of City Employees

Associate Civil Engineer Luca Zappiello introduced new staff members for the Engineering Department.

Acting City Manager Alex Hernandez, Fire Dept. Division Chief of Operations Brian Krepps, and Neighborhood Services Manager Ronny Soriano.

7. **PRESENTATION (Limited to Five (5) Minutes each)**

7.1 Kimball Holiday 2025 Recap

Director of Community Services Mike Pacheco provided a PowerPoint presentation.

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

Councilmember Yamane provided an update on San Diego Community Power and her election to the Vice Chair position as well an update for the Sweetwater Authority.

Councilmember Bush provided an update on the Metropolitan Transit System and the discussion of autonomous vehicles and the Overnight Express bus service.

Vice-Mayor Molina spoke to the business of SANDAG and funding for a National City Public Works project.

*Councilmember Bush left the dais at 7:09 p.m. and returned at 7:11 p.m.*

Mayor Morrison spoke to his participation in the SANDAG Independent Taxpayer Oversight Committee (ITOC) Selection Committee and interviews that were conducted for the selection of individuals to oversee spending. Provided an update on the Regional Solid Waste Association.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to approve Consent Calendar Items with the exception of Items 9.3, 9.6 through 9.8, 9.11, 9.12, 9.14, and 9.15 pulled for public comment.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9.1 Approval of Reading by Title Only and Waiver of Reading in Full of Ordinance on this Agenda

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

9.2 Approval of the City Council Meeting Minutes.

Approve and file.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

*Item pulled for public comment.*

- 9.3 Execute a First Amendment with DTA Public Finance, Inc. formerly identified as David Taussig and Associates, Inc. for Consulting Services

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-01.

Public comment received from Ed Nieto.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled: "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with DTA Public Finance, Inc. dba DTA to Extend the Agreement by Two Years to December 31, 2026 and to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Amount by \$13,730, for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$58,990."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 9.4 Amendments to Extend Terms of the On-Call Consultant Agreements for City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-02.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute 1) Fourth Amendments to the Agreements with a) HDR Engineering, Inc., b) Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., c) KTU&A, d) NV5, Inc., e) STC Traffic, Inc., and e) WSP USA Inc. to Extend the Agreements by One-Year, and 2) a Fifth Amendment to the Agreement with Chen Ryan Associates, Inc. to Extend the Agreement by One-Year."

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- 9.5 Awarding a Contract to In The Dirt Engineering for the E. 20th Street Storm Drain Project, CIP No. 25-06.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-03.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) Awarding a Contract to In The Dirt Engineering in the Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$339,388 for the E. 20<sup>th</sup> Street Storm Drain Project, CIP No. 25-06; 2) Authorizing a 15% Contingency in the Amount of \$50,908 for any Unforeseen Changes; and 3) Authorizing the Mayor to Execute the Contract."

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

*Item pulled for public comment.*

- 9.6 Authorize the Purchase of a Street Sweeper for Public Works Streets and Wastewater Division

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-04.

Public comment received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: 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 #093021-ELG with Haaker Equipment Company for the Purchase of an Elgin Broom Bear Street Sweeper in a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$494,000 for the Public Works Streets and Wastewater Division; and 2) Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Adjustments to the Not-to-Exceed Amount for the Purchase of up to \$49,400 as a 10% Contingency for Unforeseen Fluctuations in Pricing."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Item pulled for public comment.*

- 9.7 First Amendment to the Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for Specialized Urban Forestry Maintenance Services.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-05.

In-person public comment was received from Ed Nieto.

Written comment was received from Ted Godshalk.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a First Amendment to the Agreement with West Coast Arborists Inc., to Increase the Not-to-Exceed Amount by \$180,000, for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount by \$180,000, for a Total Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$450,000."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Item pulled for public comment.*

- 9.8 Purchase of Thirty-two (32) Panasonic Toughbook Mobile Data Computers (MDC's) for Police Department Officers for Use in Patrol Vehicles, Utilizing Funds Awarded by the C.O.P.S. Grants.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-06.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 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 National IPA Technology Solutions Contract #2018011 with CDW-G LLC for the Purchase of Thirty-two Panasonic Toughbook Mobile Data Computers in a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$134,541.81 for the National City Police Department."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 9.9 Accept SDG&E's 2025 SAFE San Diego Grant Program Award of \$5,000 for the City's CERT Program.

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-07.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to Accept the San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) 2025 SAFE San Diego Grant Program Funds in the Amount of \$5,000 for the National City Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program and Authorizing the Establishment of an Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget in the Amount of \$5,000 in the Reimbursable Grants City-Wide Fund."

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- 9.10 FY 2024-25 AB 1600 DIF Report

Accept and file the report

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

*Item pulled for public comment.*

- 9.11 Warrant Register No. 18 for the Period of 10/24/25 through 10/30/25 in the Amount of \$2,829,816.63

Public comment received from Ed Nieto.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,829,816.63.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to ratify the warrants for agenda items 9.11, 9.12, 9.14, and 9.15.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Item pulled for public comment.*

9.12 Warrant Register No. 19 for the Period of 10/31/25 through 11/06/25 in the Amount of \$2,138,123.23

Public comment received from Ed Nieto.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,138,123.23.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to ratify the warrants for agenda items 9.11, 9.12, 9.14, and 9.15.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9.13 Warrant Register No. 20 for the Period of 11/07/25 through 11/13/25 in the Amount of \$619,215.55

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$619,215.55.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

*Item pulled for public comment.*

9.14 Warrant Register No. 21 for the Period of 11/14/25 through 11/20/25 in the Amount of \$2,379,426.57

Public comment received from Ed Nieto.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,379,426.57.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to ratify the warrants for agenda items 9.11, 9.12, 9.14, and 9.15.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Item pulled for public comment.*

9.15 Warrant Register No. 22 for the Period of 11/21/25 through 11/27/25 in the Amount of \$3,062,130.58.

Public comment received from Ed Nieto.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$3,062,130.58.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to ratify the warrants for agenda items 9.11, 9.12, 9.14, and 9.15.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9.16 Warrant Register No. 23 for the Period of 11/28/25 through 12/04/25 in the Amount of \$2,658,609.11

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,658,609.11.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**10. PUBLIC HEARING**

10.1 Second Reading and Adoption of Land Use Code Amendment to Restore Omitted Sections 18.10.060, 18.11.120, 18.22.020, 18.30.310, 18.30.340 & 345.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2026-2559.

Item introduced by Principal Planner David Welch.

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing at 7:28 p.m.

In-person public comment:

Alisha Morrison  
Doyle Morrison

Virtual Public Comment:

Becky Rapp  
Madison Rapp

Written comment:

Ted Godshalk

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 7:32 p.m.

Recommendation: Hold the Public Hearing and Adopt the Ordinance Entitled: "An Ordinance Amending Sections 18.10.060 (Rules of Measurement), 18.11.120 (Interim Uses), 18.22.020 (Allowed Land Uses Et Seq.), 18.30.310 (Tattoo Parlors Et Al), and 18.30.340 & 345 (Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Cultivation) of Title 18 (Zoning) of the National City Municipal Code to Restore Previously Omitted Sections."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10.2 Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance Adopting the 2025 California Fire Code and the Appendices thereto, Adopting the National Fire Protection Association Standards, and Amending Chapter 15.28 of the National City Municipal Code.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2026-2560.

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing at 7:43 p.m.

There was no public comment.

**ACTION:** Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 7:43 p.m.

Recommendation: Hold Public Hearing and Adopt an Ordinance by Second Reading Entitled, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Adopting the 2025 California Fire Code and the Appendices thereto, Adopting the National Fire Protection Association Standards, and Amending Chapter 15.28 of the National City Municipal Code."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10.3 Amendments to the Neighborhood Services and Building Department Fees in the 2025 City of National City Master Fee Schedule

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-08.

Item introduced by Building Official Sam Marrinan.

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

In-person comment was received from Ed Nieto.

Written comment was received from Ted Godshalk.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 7:46 p.m.

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 for the Neighborhood Services, Engineering & Public Works, and Building Departments and Updating the Master Fee Schedule."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Councilmember Yamane left the dais at 8:07 p.m. and returned at 8:08 p.m.*

10.4 Public Hearing - 2025 Development Impact Fees Schedule

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-09.

PowerPoint presentation was provided by DTA Vice President Leni Zarate.

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing at 8:10 p.m.

In-person comment:

Stephan Gaspar  
Ed Nieto

Written comment:

Ted Godshalk

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 8:15 p.m.

Recommendation: Hold a Public Hearing and Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Adopting the 2025 Development Impact Fee Schedule" or give staff further direction."

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Bush to adopt Recommendation No. 1 - Adopt the 2025 Development Impact Fee Schedule at the full amount, as determined by DTA Consultants, for new projects that have permit applications submitted on or after April 20, 2026.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. **STAFF REPORTS**

11.1 Appointment of City Councilmember to Regional Board for San Diego County Water Authority

Adopted Resolution No. 2026-10.

Public comment received from Doyle Morrison.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Confirming the Mayoral Appointment of Member of the City Council to the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors."

**ACTION:** Motion by Mayor Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to appoint Mayor Morrison to the San Diego County Water Authority.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*At 8:37 p.m., Mayor Morrison announced that the language interpreter had been released.*

## 11.2 Updating City Council Policies

Presented by City Clerk Shelley Chapel.

### Public comment:

Doyle Morrison

Ed Nieto

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending City Council Policy Nos. 101,107, 109, 121, 203, 204, 206, 402, 502, 703, 707, and 904."

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to adopt City Council Policy Nos. 101, 109, 204, 206, 402, 502, 703, 707, and 904.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to add language to Policy 107, Item D6 to read, "...and maintain residency during their tenure," and to remove the Veterans & Military Family Advisory Committee from the list noted on page 1 of the policy.

Revisions for Policy 121 to return for discussion at the February 17, 2026 City Council meeting, City Clerk to provide suggested revisions received from Councilmember Rodriguez to the Mayor and City Council, and for all suggested revisions to be sent to the City Clerk by Monday, January 26<sup>th</sup> for forwarding to the subcommittee.

Revisions for Policy 203 to return for discussion at the February 17, 2026 City Council meeting. Councilmember Yamane and Councilmember Bush to review and forward their suggestion to the City Attorney's Office and Finance Director.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## 12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Acting City Manager Alex Hernandez announced the departure of Finance Director Bruce Foltz.

## 13. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.

13.1 POLICY 105 REQUEST - Our Future is Homeownership - Create a Home Ownership Sub-Committee Requested by Councilmembers Rodriguez & Yamane

Councilmember Yamane introduced the item.

Public comment received from Ed Nieto.

**ACTION:** Motion by Mayor Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Bush to create a subcommittee consisting of Councilmember Yamane and Councilmember Rodriguez and for the item to return for discussion at a future City Council meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**14. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mayor Morrison introduced Acting City Attorney Romero who reported on Closed Session Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.4.

Acting City Attorney Romero reported that for Item 5.1 the City Council authorized staff to negotiate a contract for an Interim City Attorney. Approved by four ayes and one abstention.

There was no reportable action for Items 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4.

**5.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

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

**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)

Richard E. Romero (Acting City Attorney)

Alicia Hicks (Human Resource Director)

Conchita Waite (Human Resources Supervising HR Analyst)

Bruce Foltz (Finance Director)

**5.3 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT**

Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Position: City Manager

**5.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (1)

Name of Case: Tomas M. Gogue, III v. City of National City, et al.

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

Case No. 37-2024-00031347-CU-PO-CTL

15. **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 9:31 p.m.

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Tonya Hussain, CMC, Deputy City  
Clerk

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

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Ron Morrison, Mayor