



## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**November 15, 2022, 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard  
National City, CA**

**Present:**  
**Mayor Sotelo-Solis**  
**Vice-Mayor Bush**  
**Councilmember Rodriguez**  
**Councilmember Morrison**  
**Councilmember Rios**

**Others Present:**  
**Brad Raulston, City Manager**  
**Barry Schultz, Interim City Attorney**  
**Frank Parra, Assistant City Manager**  
**Luz Molina, City Clerk**  
**Shelley Chapel, Deputy City Clerk (*via Zoom*)**  
**Carlos Aguirre, Director of Housing**  
**Tonya Hussain, Executive Secretary**  
**Sergio Mora, Fire Battalion Chief**  
**Martin Reeder, Planning Manager**  
**Joyce Ryan, Library & Community Services Director**  
**Jose Tellez, Chief of Police**  
**Armando Vergara, Director of Community Development**  
**Roberto Yano, Director of Public Works and City Engineering**

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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 6:16 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: Sotelo-Solis, Bush, Morrison, Rios, Rodriguez

Other Elected Officials present: Molina

Administrative Officials present: Raulston, Schultz, Parra, Chapel (*via Zoom*), Aguirre, Hussain, Mora, Reeder, Ryan, Tellez, Vergara, Yano

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Carlos Diaz and Ruth Monroy.

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

City Manager Raulston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Sotelo-Solis summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing three (3) minutes per comment and introduced City Clerk Molina.

In person comment:

Edward Nieto  
Clay Hage

Comment received via Zoom:

Becky Rapp  
Peggy Walker  
Kelly McCormick  
Judith Strang

5. **PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION**

None.

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

None.

7. **INTERVIEWS AND APPOINTMENTS**

7.1 Appointments: City Boards, Commissions and Committees – Mayoral Appointments for Board of Library Trustees; and provide direction regarding Public Art Committee.

Recommendation:

Mayoral Appointment with City Councilmembers confirmation, and provide staff direction regarding recruitment for the Public Art Committee Vacancy.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis requested that staff delay appointments.

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

Vice-Mayor Bush reported on the recent updates on the Air Pollution Control District Hearing Board.

Councilmember Morrison reported on the business of the Regional Solid Waste Association.

Councilmember Rios reported on the business of the Sweetwater Authority.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis reported on Sweetwater Authority conversations regarding the drought.

Port of San Diego Commissioner Sandy Naranjo provided a report on the status of the Environmental Impact Report.

9. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Rios to approve the Consent Calendar items 9.1, 9.2, and 9.4-9.18, with Item 9.3 pulled for discussion by Councilmember Rios.

Motion approved unanimously.

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 City Council Meeting Minutes:

October 18, 2022 - Regular City Council Meeting Minutes  
November 1, 2022 - Special City Council Meeting Minutes – Closed Session

November 1, 2022 – Regular City Council Meeting Minutes

Approve and file.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

ITEM PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

9.3 Acceptance of State Library Memory Lab Program Grant

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-174

Approve 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 State Library Grant in the amount of \$19,340 to fund the National City Public Library's Memory Lab Program for Fiscal Year 2023 and authorizing the establishment of a Library Grant Funds appropriation of \$19,340 and a corresponding revenue budget."

**Moved by Rios**

**Seconded by Morrison**

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.4 Approve Sole Source purchase of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) High Frequency Radio for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-175

Adopt the Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Waiving of the Formal Bid Process Pursuant to NCMC Section 2.60.220(B) for the Sole Source Purchase of a High Frequency Communications System for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) From NVIS Communications, LLC, a Sole Source Vendor Of Codan Radio Equipment from the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Grant for a Not To Exceed Amount of \$60,000."

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.5 Execution of the Notice of Award for the planning phase for the "Community Economic Adjustment Assistance for Responding to Threats to the Resilience of a Military Installation" project approved by the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-176

Adopt a Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) authorizing the appropriation of \$500,000 for the planning phase for the "Community Economic Adjustment Assistance for Responding to Threats to the Resilience of a Military Installation" project approved by the U.S. Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation; 2) establishing corresponding revenue and expenditure accounts; and 3) committing to providing a in kind local match of \$56,000; and 4) authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute the Notice of Award for the projects".

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.6 Acceptance of Federal Active Transportation Grant funds for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate and Right-of-Way phases for the Central Community Mobility Enhancements project.

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-177

Adopt Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) authorizing the acceptance of Federal Active Transportation Grant funds for the Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E) and Right-of-Way (R/W) phases, for the Central Community Mobility Enhancements Project; 2) authorizing the establishment of a revenue and expenditure account in the amount of \$148,000; and 3) authorizing the appropriation of funds in amount of \$22,000".

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.7 Approve the Second Amendment to an Agreement between the City of National City and Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP to provide advice and counsel to the City's Civil Service Commission.

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-178

Adopt Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Approving the Second Amendment to an Agreement between the City of National City and Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP to provide advice and counsel to the City's Civil Service Commission by increasing the not-to-exceed amount by \$50,000 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$100,000 to cover the cost of providing increase scope of services."

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.8 Approval of Resolution approving the application for California Coastal Commission Local Coastal Programs (LCP) Local Assistance Grant Program Funds.

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-179

Adopt the Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Approving the Application for California Coastal Commission LCP Local Assistance Grant Program Funds."

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.9 Installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 3503 Cagle Street.

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-180

Adopt a Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, staff recommends the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 3503 Cagle Street".

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.10 Installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 24 E. 1st Street.

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-181

Adopt a Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, staff recommends the Installation of a Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space with Signage in Front of the Residence at 24 E. 1st Street.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.11 Installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 421 Rachael Avenue.

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-182

Adopt a Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, staff recommends the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 421 Rachael Avenue.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.12 Installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 920 Pleasant Lane.

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-183

Adopt a Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, staff recommends the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 920 Pleasant Lane.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.13 Installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 1623 Harding Avenue.

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-184

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, staff recommends the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 1623 Harding Avenue.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.14 Installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 1420 Coolidge Avenue.

Adopted Resolution No. 2022-185

Staff recommends the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 1420 Coolidge Avenue”.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.15 Notice of Decision – Planning Commission approval - Conditional use permit for on-sale beer and wine (ABC license Type 41) at an existing restaurant (Nigeria Breeze) located at 925 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite 106.

Staff concurs with the decision of the Planning Commission and recommends that the Notice of Decision be filed. (Case File No.: 2022-29 CUP) (Community Development – Planning)

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.16 Notice of Decision – Planning Commission approval - Conditional use permit for off-sale beer and wine (ABC license Type 20) at an existing convenience store (Real Star Market) located at 925 East Plaza Boulevard, Suite 103.

Staff concurs with the decision of the Planning Commission and recommends that the Notice of Decision be filed. (Case File No.: 2022-30 CUP) (Community Development – Planning)

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.17 Warrant Register #14 for the period of 9/30/22 through 10/6/22 in the amount of \$2,717,627.01

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,717,627.01

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

- 9.18 Warrant Register #15 for the period of 10/7/22 through 10/13/22 in the amount of \$825,312.50

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$825,312.50

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

## **10. PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice of the Public Hearing was given in accordance with legal requirements, and the hearing was held on the date and no earlier than specified in the notice.

- 10.1 Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending National City Municipal Code Section 18 regarding Tattoo Parlors and Body-Piercing Establishments

Adopted Ordinance No. 2022-2503

Director of Community Development Vergara introduced the item.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis declared the Public Hearing open at 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing closed at 7:00 p.m.

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

Motion approved unanimously.

Recommendation:

Adopt the Ordinance Amending Section 18.30.310 (Tattoo Parlors and Body-Piercing Establishments) of Title 18 (Zoning) of the National City Municipal Code related to the location of tattoo and body-piercing establishments.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Vice-Mayor Bush to adopt the Ordinance.

Motion approved unanimously.

- 10.2 Public hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California, amending Title 9 of the National City Municipal Code by adding Chapter 9.64 pertaining to Mobilehome Park Rent Stabilization.

Housing Authority Director Aguirre provided the report and PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Sotelo-Solis declared the Public Hearing open at 7:10 p.m.

In-Person Public Comment:

Lorenzo Magana

Sylvia Gardner

Clay Hage

Marysol Yescas

Julie Paule

Paul Stewart

Public Hearing closed at 7:36 p.m.

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

Motion approved unanimously.

Recommendation:

Conduct a public hearing and consider the ordinance for adoption.

**ACTION:** Motion by Mayor Sotelo-Solis, seconded by Councilmember Rios to reintroduce and adopt the Ordinance with amendment to revise the retroactive date to January 1, 2023 and sunset December 31, 2024.

Motion approved unanimously.



**11. STAFF REPORTS**

11.1 Update on Legislation regarding Public Meetings: AB 361 and AB 2449

City Manager Raulston and Deputy City Clerk Chapel presented the item.

Recommendation:

Receive, file and provide staff direction if needed.

11.2 National City Chamber of Commerce Agreement Update

Recommendation:

Authorize allocating \$25,000 of the existing \$50,000 Economic Development agreement with the Chamber of Commerce to support the formation of a business/assessment district(s).

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Morrison, seconded by Mayor Sotelo-Solis to continue the item to a date uncertain.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Raulston spoke to the Change of Command Ceremony at the Fire Station and spoke to employment vacancies.

12.1 POLICY 105 REQUEST - Formation of Environment Health and Justice Advisory Committee requested by Councilmember Rios

Recommendation: Discussion whether item should be added to future agenda with a date certain. Provide staff direction.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Rios, seconded by Mayor Sotelo-Solis to add the item to the December 6, 2022 City Council Meeting.

Motion approved unanimously.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote**

**13. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT**

Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.

**14. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Sotelo-Solis introduced Interim City Attorney Schultz who announced that there was no reportable action.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION Government Code Section 54956.9(d) Number of potential cases: 1

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Sotelo-Solis adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 6:00 in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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LaTonya Hussain, Executive Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Special Meeting of December 13, 2022.

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Alejandra Sotelo-Solis, Mayor