



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

**February 21, 2023, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA**

Present:

- Mayor Morrison**
- Vice-Mayor Molina**
- Councilmember Bush**
- Councilmember Rodriguez**
- Councilmember Yamane**

Others Present:

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 6:19 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: Morrison, Molina, Bush (*via Zoom*), Rodriguez, Yamane

Other elected officials: Treasurer Mitch Beauchamp

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

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. Invocation was delivered by Father Cholo Sungcad from St. Mary's Catholic Church.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Morrison summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing two (2) minutes per comment and introduced Interim City Clerk Chapel.

Two (2) speaker slips were received for in-person comment and four (4) people provided virtual comment.

Comment received via Zoom:

Terri-Ann Skelly
Kelly McCormick
Judith Strang
Barbara Gordon

In-person comment:

Geoffrey Schrock
Erien Ferrer and Jafet Gomez

5. **PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION**

5.1 Black History Month

Mayor Morrison introduced People's Association of Justice Advocates President Shane Harris; Young Black & 'N Business founder Roosevelt Williams III; and, Black Chamber of Commerce Board Chairman Bruce Mayberry and presented the proclamation.

One public comment from Joan Rincon was withdrawn.

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

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

Councilmember Yamane spoke to her recent visit to Loveland Reservoir.

Councilmember Rodriguez provided an update on the business of the Metropolitan Transit Service and his appointment on the Public Safety Committee for San Diego Association of Governments.

Port of San Diego Commissioner Sandy Naranjo provided an update on the National City's portion of public tidelands.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to approve the Consent Calendar Items 8.1 through 8.5, Items 8.7 through 8.13 with Item 8.6 pulled for public comment.

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 Adoption of Resolution Appointing Councilmember Yamane to the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-11.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Appointing Members of the City Council to the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.3 Approval and Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and Appropriation of Funds to Purchase Over-the-Ear Hearing Protection Equipment.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-12.

Adopt a Resolution entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Acceptance of the National City Police Department’s Grant Application in the Amount of \$26,098.00 to the 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to Purchase Lightweight Tactical Over-the-Ear Hearing Protection for the SWAT Radio Communication System, and Authorizing the Establishment of an Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.4 Approval of Creation of One (1) New Job Classification and Amending the Executive Salary Schedule.”

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-13.

Approve the Resolution entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Creating one (1) New Job Classification and Amending the Executive Salary Schedule.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.5 Citywide Desktop Computer Lifecycle Replacements

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-14.

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, waiving the bid process by utilizing pricing and contracts, amendments, and extensions from the National Association of State Procurement Officials (NASPO) ValuePoint Agreement with Dell Technologies, Inc. to purchase computer hardware, software, and related services for an amount not to exceed \$369,628.00 pursuant to National City Municipal Code Section 2.60.260.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.6 Authorizing establishment of appropriations and purchases for CIP Fleet Vehicle Equipment and Accessories

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-15.

Mayor Morrison introduced the item.

One public comment was received from Coyote Moon.

Comment received via Zoom:

Terri-Ann Skelly

Adopt a Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) authorizing the establishment of appropriations in the amount of \$382,000 waiving the formal bid process pursuant to NCMC 2.60.260 regarding cooperative purchasing, and authorizing the purchase and buildout of one (1) Aerial Boom Truck for Public Works Parks Division from PB Loader in a not-to-exceed amount of \$381,611.63; 2) authorizing additional appropriations in the amount of \$8,000 for the purchase and buildout of one (1) Medium Crew Cab Truck for the National City Fire Department from National Auto Fleet in a not-to-exceed amount of \$237,928.30; 3) waiving the formal bid process pursuant to NCMC 2.60.220 (B) regarding open market procedure - exception to bidding requirements and authorizing the purchase and buildout of two (2) motorcycles for the National City Police Department from sole source vendor Long Beach BMW Motorcycle in a not-to-exceed amount of \$71,542.42, and; 4) authorizing the City Manager to approve adjustments to the not-to-exceed amounts and additional appropriations for these purchases of up to \$172,770 as a 25% contingency for unforeseen fluctuations in pricing.”

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.7 Installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 140 W. Plaza Blvd.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-16.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, authorizing the installation of a blue curb disabled persons parking space with signage in front of the residence at 140 W. Plaza Blvd”.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.8 Installation of red curb “No Parking” at the intersection of the Alley between E. 6th Street and E. 7th Street with M Avenue.

Adopted Resolution No. 2023-17.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, authorizing the installation of red curb “No Parking” at the intersection of the Alley between E. 6th Street and E. 7th Street with M Avenue in order to enhance safety and visibility for drivers when exiting the Alley onto M Avenue.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.9 Temporary Use Permit – Padres Pedal the Cause Bicycle Ride sponsored by Padres Pedal the Cause on March 18, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. 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 or in accordance to City Council Policy 802.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.10 Temporary Use Permit – National Day of Prayer sponsored by Heart Revolution Church at Kimball Park Bowl on May 4, 2023 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 or in accordance to City Council Policy 802.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.11 Investment transactions for the month ended November 30, 2022.

Accept and file the Investment Transaction Ledger for the month ended November 30, 2022.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.12 Warrant Register #27 for the period of 12/30/22 through 1/05/23 in the amount of \$ 1,926,754.42

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$ 1,926,754.42

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.13 Warrant Register #28 for the period of 01/06/23 through 1/12/23 in the amount of \$ 2,312,382.68

Ratify Warrants Totaling \$ 2,312,382.68

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. 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.

9.1 Public Hearing and Adoption of Multiple Ordinances Amending the National City Municipal Code Chapters 15.08, 15.14, 15.20, 15.24, 15.28, 15.75, 15.78, and 15.79 related to California Codes.

Adopted Ordinance Nos. 2023-2508 through 2023-2515.

Director of Community Development Vergara presented the item.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 7:09 p.m.

There was no public comment.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 7:10 p.m.

Recommendation: Adoption of the Ordinances for the 2022 California Fire Code and the National Fire Protection Association Standards; the 2022 California Building Code; the 2022 California Electrical Code and 2020 National Electrical Code; the 2022 California Energy Code; Appendix J of the 2022 California Building Code, and Amending Chapter 15.70 (Grading) of the National City Municipal Code; the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code; the 2022 California Mechanical Code; the 2022 California Plumbing Code; and the 2022 California Residential Code and all Appendices related to these Codes; receive public input; and schedule for the meeting of February 21, 2023, for consideration and adoption.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9.2 Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California Establishing the Compensation of the Mayor and City Council.

Mayor Morrison introduced the item.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 7:11 p.m.

One public comment was received from Paul Wapnowski.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

Recommendation: Adopt an ordinance adjusting the Mayor and City Council compensation in accordance with City Council direction.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to bifurcate compensation for the Mayor and City Council and decrease the Mayor's compensation increase from 30% to 15%.

Substitute Motion by Mayor Morrison to amend the compensation to a 15% increase for the Mayor and City Council. Motion died for lack of a second.

Original Motion:

Motion carried by 4-1 vote.

Ayes: Bush, Molina, Rodriguez, Yamane

Nays: Morrison

10. STAFF REPORTS

10.1 Approval of Agreement with EXOS Community Services LLC for Las Palmas Pool Operations

Library & Community Services Manager Ryan presented the item utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

EXOS Aquatics Manager Dillon Delaney provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Comment received via Zoom:

Coyote Moon

In-person comment:

Mary Alice Hoss
Joan Rincon
Karla Apalategui
Mitchel Beauchamp
Leticia Pena
Paul Wapnowski
Patricia Sainz
James Kim
Alonso Garcia

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Service Agreement between the City of National City and EXOS Community Services, LLC, to provide aquatic programs and services at Las Palmas Pool located at 1800 East 22nd Street."

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

Substitute Motion by Councilmember Bush to extend the EXOS contract for one year and amend the contract to prioritize local hire. Motion died for lack of a second.

Substitute Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Bush to extend the EXOS contract for two years and amend the contract to prioritize local hire.

Motion carried by 4-1 vote.

Ayes: Molina, Bush, Rodriguez, Yamane
Nays: Morrison

Councilmember Bush left the dais at 7:47 p.m. and returned at 7:49 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Molina exited the dais at 8:43 p.m. and returned at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor Morrison called for a recess at 8:53 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 9:02 p.m. with all members present.

10.2 City Council discussion and direction regarding revisions to City Council Policy #901 Management of Real Property (Sale, Lease, Rental, Surplus) with the intent to expand homeownership opportunities on City-owned parcels.

Director of Housing Aguirre presented the item.

Recommendation: Provide direction to staff on potential revisions to City Council Policy #901.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Yamane for staff to provide at a future City Council meeting, language within City Council Policy 901 to prioritize homeownership development opportunities on City-owned properties and that 75% or more of affordable housing units be apportioned for qualifying National City residents.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10.3 Street Sweeping Program

Director of Public Works and City Engineering Yano presented the item.

Recommendation: Accept report and provide direction.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Bush for staff to provide various financial options for sign installation, to prioritize the busiest streets, and include the item in the Strategic Plan/Goal Setting timeline.

Motion carried by 4-1 vote.

Ayes: Morrison, Bush, Rodriguez, Yamane

Nays: Molina

10.4 2023 Goal Setting and Budgeting Kick-Off

City Manager Raulston and Administrative Services Director Brennan presented the item.

In-person public comment received from Joan Rincon.

Recommendation: Confirm process and proposed dates and provide direction to staff on initial City Council Priorities.

City Councilmembers provided direction to staff.

11. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Raulston introduced staff Directors who provided various updates.

Director of Public Works and City Engineering Yano spoke to preparations made for the upcoming storm.

Police Chief Tellez provided a report on an operation to address human trafficking.

Director of Community Services Ryan announced the release of the City's quarterly newsletter.

In-person public comment received from SEIU 221 representative Morgan White.

12. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

Closing remarks were provided by the City Council.

13. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Morrison introduced City Attorney Schultz who announced that there was no reportable action for Closed Session Item 5.1 and that the City Manager and City Council concluded the discussion of the mutual expectation for the relationship between the City Council and the City Manager for Closed Session Item 5.2.

5.1 LIABILITY CLAIM

Government Code Section 54957

Claimant: Graham Young

Agency Claimed Against: Graham Young v. City of National City

5.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)

Position to be Reviewed: City Manager

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, March 7, 2023 – 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

LaTonya Hussain, Executive Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of March 7, 2023

Ron Morrison, Mayor