



## **SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

**April 18, 2023, 4:00 p.m.  
City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard  
National City, CA**

**Present:**  
**Mayor Morrison**  
**Vice-Mayor Molina**  
**Councilmember Bush** (*via Zoom*)  
**Councilmember Rodriguez**  
**Councilmember Yamane**

**Others Present:**  
**Armando Vergara, Acting City Manager**  
**Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney**  
**Carlos Aguirre, Housing Authority Director**  
**Molly Brennan, Administrative Services Director**  
**Tonya Hussain, Executive Secretary**  
**Ben Martinez, Acting Community Development Director**  
**Sergio Mora, Fire Battalion Chief**  
**Joyce Ryan, Library & Community Services Director**  
**Jose Tellez, Chief of Police**  
**Paul Valadez, Budget Manager**  
**Roberto Yano, Director of Public Works and City Engineering**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 4:13 p.m. via teleconference and in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

#### **AB 2449 Request:**

City Councilmember Bush requested to attend the meeting virtually due to “just cause. “

Mayor Morrison explained the protocol for AB 2449 Teleconference Attendance of a City Councilmember.

Mayor Morrison confirmed that at least a quorum of the legislative body was present at the location of the meeting in City Council Chamber as identified on the agenda.

Mayor Morrison confirmed a two-way visual and telephonic service and a live webcasting of the meeting to allow the public to hear, and observe the meeting was available, and the opportunity for public to attend via call—in option, Zoom, and in-person location of the meeting.

This was the second virtual City Council Meeting Councilmember Bush attended in 2023 under the AB 2449 provision. Councilmember Bush stated that his wife was present at the remote location with him.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to approve the remote participation of Councilmember Bush due to “Just Cause.”

Motion approved unanimously.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers present: Bush (*via Zoom*), Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina, Morrison

Other elected officials: Treasurer Mitch Beauchamp

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

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Morrison summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing three (3) minutes per comment and introduced Executive Secretary Hussain.

Five (5) speakers provided in-person comments and two (2) written comments were received.

In-person comments:

Jen Nation  
Claire Groebner  
Kelsey Genesi  
Jeremy Day  
Ted Godshalk

Written comment received, not read into the record:

Silvia Calzada  
Alicia Sanchez

**4. STAFF REPORT**

**4.1 Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Preliminary Budget Workshop**

Review, receive presentation, and provide direction.

Acting City Manager Vergara introduced Administrative Services Director Molly Brennan who presented the report and PowerPoint.

*Councilmember Rodriguez exited the dais at 5:29 p.m. and returned at 5:31 p.m.*

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to continue the item to a Special Meeting to discuss further.

Friendly Amendment by Councilmember Rodriguez that the Special Meeting not occur on the same day as a Regular City Council meeting. Accepted by the maker of the motion.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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LaTonya Hussain, Executive Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2023.

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Ron Morrison, Mayor