



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

**April 25, 2023, 5:00 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  
Tonya Hussain, Executive Secretary  
Molly Brennan, Administrative Services Director  
Pedro Garcia, Economic Development Manager

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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 5:09 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 third virtual City Council Meeting Councilmember Bush has attended in 2023 under the AB 2449 provision. Councilmember Bush stated that No one was over the age of 18 in the same location as he is.

**ACTION:** The remote participation of Councilmember Bush due to “Just Cause” was approved unanimously.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

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

Vice-Mayor Molina led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

*Members retired into Closed Session at 5:19 p.m. (Bush (via Zoom), Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina, Morrison, Schultz, Brennan). All remained in Closed Session with the exception of Brennan who left the Closed Session Meeting Room at 6:04 p.m. following the first item. At 6:06 p.m. Garcia entered the Closed Session Meeting Room and left at 6:26 p.m. At 6:26 p.m. Vergara entered the Closed Session Meeting Room and left at 6:45 p.m. All members returned to open session at 6:59 p.m. with members present in attendance: Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina, Morrison, Vergara, and Schultz. Councilmember Bush was absent.*

Action taken by the City Councilmembers and vote on items 5.1 and 5.2 were as follows:

- 5.1 Public Employment Appointment, Performance Evaluation, Dismissal/Release  
Position: City Manager  
Authority: Government Code Section 54957

City Attorney Schultz reported the unanimous vote of the City Council to accept the terms of the Severance Agreement with City Manager Brad Raulston and the separation date of May 31, 2023. City Attorney Schultz read into the record a press release.

- 5.2 Public Employment Appointment, Performance Evaluation, Dismissal/Release  
Position: Acting City Manager  
Authority: Government Code Section 54957

City Attorney Schultz reported the unanimous vote of the City Council to appoint Director of Community Development Armando Vergara as Acting City Manager.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned 7:03 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