



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

May 23, 2023, 4:00 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:
Armando Vergara, Acting City Manager
Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney
Shelley Chapel, City Clerk
Carlos Aguirre, Housing Authority Director
Molly Brennan, Administrative Services Director
Jose Tellez, Chief of Police
Ben Martinez, Acting Community Development Director
Sergio Mora, Fire Battalion Chief (via Zoom)
James Stiles, Fire Captain
Joyce Ryan, Library & Community Services Director
Paul Valadez, Budget Manager
Roberto Yano, Director of Public Works and City Engineering

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by Mayor Morrison 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, and Morrison

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Ruth Monroy and Andrew Monroy

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Morrison requested Councilmember Bush to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Morrison summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing three (3) minutes per comment and introduced City Clerk Chapel.

Four (4) speakers provided in-person comments, one (1) written via eSCRIBE, and one (1) written comment was received.

In-person comments:

Ted Godshalk, Nancy Estolano, Edward Nieto, and Kelsey Genesi

Written comment received, not read into the record:

Ted Godshalk, and Larry Emerson

5. **STAFF REPORT**

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

Review, receive presentation, and provide direction.

Acting City Manager Vergara introduced Director of Administrative Services Molly Brennan who presented the item.

One-Time Expenditures

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to include District Budgeting of \$100,000 per Councilmember totaling \$500,000 including the current Mayor budget. The budget would include staff for each Councilmember.

Ayes: Bush, Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina

Nays: Morrison

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Bush to support after-school programming at a rate of 15% for National City Residents for Cost Recovery. Motion carried unanimously.

On-Going Enhancements

Vice-Mayor Molina left the dais at 6:12 p.m. and returned at 6:14 p.m.

Councilmember Rodriguez left the dais at 6:12 p.m. and returned at 6:14 p.m.

Meeting was paused for a 5-minute break.

Councilmember Rodriguez left the dais at 7:39 p.m. and returned at 7:41 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to direct staff to return with a final budget and consider revenue increases and offsets to the existing enhancements list and offsets including the Cannabis Tax, District Transaction and Use Tax, and Transient Lodging Tax. Ways to increase those and include other revenue. Also, would like to direct all departments to look at reductions/cuts to Professional Services/Contractual Services. Expanding licenses for Cannabis businesses.

Motion carried unanimously.

Further discussion to occur at a Special Budget Workshop scheduled for an undetermined date.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2023.

Ron Morrison, Mayor