



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

June 6, 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:
Armando Vergara, Interim City Manager
Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney
Shelley Chapel, City Clerk
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
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 6:21 p.m. via teleconference and in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Vinka Valdivia and Carlos Diaz.

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

Vice-Mayor Molina led the Pledge of Allegiance. Invocation provided by Imam Taha from the Islamic Center of San Diego.

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.

Three (3) speakers provided in-person comments, one (1) written comment, and six (6) people provided virtual comment.

Comments received via Zoom:

Terri Skelly
Kelly McCormick
Judith Strang
Becky Rapp
Nancy Logan
Barbara Gordon

In-person comment:

Ted Godshalk
Geoffrey Schrock
Edward Nieto

5. PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITION

5.1 LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Mayor Morrison presented the proclamation. Coyote Moon and Rainbow Spaces Executive Director Nadia Kean-Ayub accepted the proclamation.

5.2 Thomas D. McBride Day

Mayor Morrison presented the proclamation to Thomas D. McBride.

5.3 Introduction of New City Employees

Police Chief Tellez and Acting Director of Community Development Ben Martinez introduced the new employees.

5.4 Spanish CERT Academy Graduates

Mayor Morrison introduced Fire Chief Mora, and Management Analyst III, who presented the proclamation to the graduates.

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

6.1 2023 San Diego County Fair - Get Out There! (Luis Valdivia, Marketing Specialist, Del Mar Fairgrounds)

Mayor Morrison introduced Luis Valdivia who presented a PowerPoint presentation.

Councilmember Rodriguez exited the dais at 7:17 p.m. and returned at 7:19 p.m.

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

Councilmember Rodriguez reported on the business of the SANDAG Shoreline Preservation Working Group.

Councilmember Bush provided an update on the Air Pollution Control District and Metropolitan Transit System. Spoke to his attendance at the Third Annual National Cruising Community Policing Conference in New Mexico.

Councilmember Yamane reported on San Diego Community Power.

Vice-Mayor Molina provided an update on the SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting.

Bush exited the dais at 7:35 p.m. and returned at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor Morrison reported on Regional Solid Waste Association.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve Consent Calendar items 8.1 through 8.10, Items 8.12 and 8.13, and Items 8.16 through 8.21 with Items 8.11, 8.14, and 8.15 pulled for discussion.

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 Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes.
Approve and file.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

8.3 Agreement between the City of San Diego Office of Emergency Services and the City of National City for the distribution of FY22 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant funds.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-56

Adopt the Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Agreement and Authorizing the Establishment of an Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget in the Amount of \$30,073."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.4 Agreement between the City of National City and Adminsure, Inc. to provide third party workers' compensation claims administration services.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-57

Adopt a Resolution entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, authorizing the Mayor to execute the agreement by and between the City of National City and Adminsure, Inc."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.5 Approval of the Agreement Between the City of National City and Invicta Security CA Corporation dba Allstate Security

Approved Resolution No. 2023-58

Approve the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement between the City of National City and Invicta Security CA Corporation dba Allstate Security in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,000 for the purposes of providing security guard service at the National City Public Library from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.6 Approval of the First Amendment to an Agreement between the City and SCI Consulting Group providing cannabis related management and monitoring services.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-59

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Approving the First Amendment to an Agreement Between the City of National City and SCI Consulting Group for Cannabis Related Management and Monitoring Services for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$60,000."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.7 Approval of Creation of One (1) New Job Classification titled Equipment Mechanic I and Amending the MEA Salary Schedule."

Approved Resolution No. 2023-60

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 Municipal Employees' Association Salary Schedule."

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.8 Authorization Accepting Funds from the Listos California CERT Support Grant for National City Fire Department Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-61

Adopt the Resolution titled “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, accepting funds in the amount of \$24,200.00 from the Listos California Cert Support Grant, for the National City Fire Department’s Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program and authorizing the establishment of a reimbursable grants city-wide fund appropriation and corresponding revenue budget.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.9 Donation of the Scotty Fire Prevention Trailer to the City of Tecate, Mexico.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-62

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Donation of the Scotty Fire Prevention Trailer and Accessories to Another Public Agency, the City of Tecate, in Accordance with State Law and Municipal Code Section 2.42.040(B).”

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.10 Donation of a surplus Battalion Chief Command Vehicle to the City of Tecate, Mexico.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-63

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Donation of a Surplus Battalion Chief Command Vehicle to another Public Agency, the City of Tecate, Mexico, in accordance with Municipal Code Section 2.42.040(B).”

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Item Pulled For Discussion by Councilmember Rodriguez

- 8.11 Highland Avenue Inter-City Project Grant Appropriation for Plans, Specifications, and Estimate and Construction (CIP 22-13).

Approved Resolution No. 2023-64

Director of Engineering Roberto Yano answered questions posed by the City Council.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, (1) Authorizing the Acceptance of State Active Transportation Grant Funds for the Highland Avenue Inter-City Bike Connection Project (CIP 22-

13); and (2) Authorizing the Establishment of an Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget in the Amount of \$1,837,000.”

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Bush to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.12 Installation of a Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space with Signage in Front of the Residence at 325 Harbison Avenue.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-65

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 325 Harbison Avenue.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.13 Installation of a Blue Curb Disabled Persons Parking Space with Signage in Front of the Residence at 444 Rachael Avenue.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-66

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 444 Rachael Avenue.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Item Pulled For Discussion by Councilmember Rodriguez

- 8.14 Installation of Loading and Unloading Signage Valid Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Front of “Iglesia Metodista Libre Emanuel” Church Located at 2529 “D” Avenue.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-67.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Installation of 32 feet of Loading and Unloading Signage Valid Fridays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Front of the Church “Iglesia Metodista Libre Emanuel” Located at 2529 “D” Avenue.”

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Morrison to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Item Pulled For Discussion by Councilmember Yamane

- 8.15 Project Close-Out and Notice of Completion for Three CIP Construction Projects.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-68.

One in-person comment was received from Ted Godshalk.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) Accepting the Work Performed by the General Contractors on the Following Three Projects: a) El-Toyon-Las Palmas Bicycle Corridor Project, CIP No. 19-02; b) Roosevelt Smart Growth Corridor Project, CIP No. 19-19; c) Citywide Safe Routes to School Project, CIP No. 19-04; 2) Approving the Final Contract Amounts; 3) Ratifying the Release of Retentions; and 4) Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Notice of Completion for the Projects."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.16 Temporary Use Permit – Sub-Creation Hosted by Faith Chapel at Kimball Park on June 17, 2023, from 1 p.m. to 5 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 and in Accordance with City Council Policy 802.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.17 Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2022.

Accept and File the Investment Report for the Quarter ended December 31, 2022.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.18 Investment Transactions for the Month Ended January 31, 2023.

Accept and File the Investment Transaction Ledger for the Month Ended January 31, 2023.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.19 Investment Transactions for the Month Ended February 28, 2023.

Accept and file the Investment Transaction Ledger for the month ended February 28, 2023.

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.20 Warrant Register #43 for the period of 4/21/23 through 4/27/23 in the amount of \$1,750,512.19
Ratify Warrants Totaling \$ 1,750,512.19

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- 8.21 Warrant Register #44 for the period of 4/28/23 through 5/4/23 in the amount of \$2,895,913.06
Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,895,913.06

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 - 2023 Weed Abatement

Approved Resolution No. 2023-69.

Fire Chief Mora introduced Deputy Fire Marshal Robert Drew who provided the report.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 8:07 p.m.

One (1) In-person public comment was received from Monica Carrillo.

One (1) written comment was received from Kurt Worden.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 8:21 p.m.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Following a Public Hearing Pursuant to the National City Municipal Code Chapters 1.36 (Abatement of Public Nuisances) and 9.12 (Abatement of Weeds and other Fire Hazards) to Consider Confirming Weed Abatement Costs, Approving the Report and Accounting."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9.2 Adoption of Resolution Approving the Annual Report for Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 (Mile of Cars) for the Fiscal Year 2023-24.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-70.

Planning Manager Martin Reeder was present for questions.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 8:24 p.m.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 8:25 p.m.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Approving the Annual Report for the Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 (Mile of Cars) for Fiscal Year 2023-24.”

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Councilmember Bush to adopt the resolution.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 9.3 Adoption of a Resolution Declaring Its Intention to Conduct a Public Hearing on June 20, 2023 and to Levy and Collect Assessments for the Landscape Maintenance District No. 1.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-71.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 8:30 p.m.

There was no public comment.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Rodriguez, seconded by Mayor Morrison to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 8:30 p.m.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution entitled “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Declaring Its Intention to Conduct a Public Hearing on June 20, 2023 and to Levy and Collect Assessments for the Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 (Mile of Cars) for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.”

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 9.4 Adoption of Resolution initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments for the Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 (Mile of Cars) for fiscal year 2023-24

Approved Resolution No. 2023-72.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 8:32 p.m.

There was no public comment.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Bush to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 8:28 p.m.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution entitled “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Initiating Proceedings for the Levy and Collection of Assessments for the Landscape Maintenance District No. 1 (Mile of Cars) for Fiscal Year 2023-24.”

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 9.5 Second Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance to Extend the Wastewater Rates Adopted for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 through Fiscal Years 2024-2025 with No Increase.

Approved Ordinance No. 2023-2521.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 8:33 p.m.

There was no public comment.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 8:33 p.m.

Recommendation: Hold a Second Public Hearing and Adopt the Ordinance Entitled, “Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending Ordinance No. 2017-2442 Extending the Wastewater Rates Adopted for Fiscal Years 2022-2023 to Fiscal Years 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 with No Increase.”

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Bush, seconded by Vice-Mayor Molina to adopt the ordinance.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Councilmember Bush left the dais at 8:36 p.m. and returned at 8:38 p.m.

- 9.6 A Public Hearing to Consider Rate Adjustments for Refuse Services, including Recycling and Organic Waste Disposal, and Amending the Agreement between the City and EDCO Disposal Corp.

Approved Resolution No. 2023-73.

Director of Engineering & Public Works Yano introduced EDCO General Manager Carl Scherbaum who provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Morrison declared the Public Hearing open at 8:37 p.m.

Two (2) in-person public comments were received from Paul A. Torres and Mike J.

City Clerk Chapel read the procedures for protest. Three (3) written protests were received and 263 mailed notices were returned undeliverable.

ACTION: Motion by Vice-Mayor Molina, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to close the Public Hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 8:53 p.m.

Recommendation: Hold Public Hearing to Consider Rate Adjustment for Refuse Services and Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Adopting a Resolution Following a Public Hearing Pursuant to Proposition 218 to Consider Rate Adjustments for Refuse Services, Including Recycling and Organics / Yard Waste Disposal, Provided to National City Residences and Businesses by EDCO Disposal Corporation, and Amending the Agreement Between the City and EDCO Disposal Corporation to Increase the Monthly Rates for Refuse Collection Services."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Interim City Manager Armando Vergara introduced Director of Library and Community Services Joyce Ryan who provided information on community events.

11. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.

12. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

No report.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

LaTonya Hussain, Executive Secretary

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of August 1, 2023.

Ron Morrison, Mayor