

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 -

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE FOCUSED GENERAL PLAN UPDATE AND ITS RELATED LAND USE MAP INCLUDING MINOR TEXT AND MAP AMENDMENTS, AND REPLACING THE 2011 LAND USE, TRANSPORTATION, AND SAFETY ELEMENTS, AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, Section 65300 et seq. of the California Government Code requires each city to prepare and adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City's current General Plan was last comprehensively updated in 2011; and

WHEREAS, commencing in March 2020, the City initiated a multi-year focused update to the General Plan by approving a work plan and budget, hiring consultants, and conducting public workshops; and

WHEREAS, the City has held visioning and outreach workshops, office hours, and public meetings on multiple occasions including but not limited to August 24, 2020, August 25, 2020, August 26, 2020, August 27, 2020, August 28, 2020, and August 29, 2020; March 23, 2021, March 24, 2021, March 25, 2021, and March 30, 2021; and December 9, 2021, December 13, 2021, and December 15, 2021; for the Focused General Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2021, the City Council adopted the 2021-2029 Housing Element of the General Plan, and this Element is hereby incorporated in its entirety without amendment as part of the Focused General Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and City Council received periodic briefings to consider public and agency input, to receive information relevant to the specific topics addressed in the General Plan Update, and to provide direction and guidance to staff and the consultant team regarding policies and land use designations for development of the General Plan and its land use diagram (map); and

WHEREAS, the City Council considered public input on the draft General Plan Elements at duly advertised meetings on January 26, 2021 and June 20, 2023; and

WHEREAS, notices of the Focused General Plan Update were mailed to affected public entities and agencies in compliance with State law (Government Code Sections 65302(g)(7), 65302.5, 65302.7, 65352, 65352(a)(9)), and in accordance with Government Code Sections 65352.3 the City contacted California Native American tribes that are on the contact list maintained by the Native America Heritage Commission to invite those tribes to consult on the proposed Focused General Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, the City released the Public Review Focused General Plan, including the Land Use, Transportation, and Safety Elements in their entirety on February 17, 2023, and invited

comments by the public and affected agencies as required by law from February 17, 2023, through April 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City determined that a Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report (SPEIR) should be prepared to analyze the potential environmental impacts and identify any necessary mitigation measures for the Focused General Plan Update project; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an SPEIR for the project was circulated on March 19, 2022, to trustee and responsible agencies, the State Clearinghouse, and the public; and

WHEREAS, a SPEIR “scoping” meeting was held virtually on April 6, 2022, and public and agency comments on the NOP related to the SPEIR analysis were presented or submitted during the scoping meeting and related 30-day comment period; and

WHEREAS, during the 30-day public review period for the NOP, which ended on April 18, 2022, written comment letters were received on the NOP, and the NOP comments are provided in Appendix A of the Draft SPEIR; and

WHEREAS, the SPEIR evaluated potential impacts and alternatives at a program-level for the Focused General Plan Update project pursuant to the requirements of CEQA; and

WHEREAS, a Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Draft SPEIR was published on the City’s website and in the Star News as required by law, and circulated to the State Clearinghouse, all relevant agencies, and interested parties for a 45-day public comment period, commencing on February 17, 2023, and ending on April 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, a total of twenty-two (22) written comments were received during the public review period on the draft Focused General Plan Update, and eight (8) written comments were received on the Draft Programmatic EIR, and pursuant to state law and the CEQA Guidelines, written responses to those comments when required have been prepared and included as part of the public record; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission adopted Planning Commission Resolution No. 2023-16, on August 21, 2023, on file with the Office of the City Clerk and incorporated by this reference, recommending approval of the Focused General Plan Update; and

WHEREAS, a notice of the City Council public hearing to consider adoption of the Focused General Plan Update was published in the Star News, a newspaper of general circulation on August 25, 2023, and was posted in the Star News and on the City of National City website, in accordance with City policies and Government Code Section 65090; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly advertised public hearing on September 5, 2023, to consider the adoption of the Focused General Plan Update and the Final Programmatic EIR prepared for the project, at which time all interested persons were given an opportunity to be heard; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed and considered all evidence in the record submitted in connection with the Focused General Plan Update and the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report, including the staff report, public testimony, and other documents and evidence that are the City administrative record for these actions.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: The testimony and evidence presented to the City Council at the Public Hearing held on September 5, 2023, support the following findings:

1. The City Council has considered the administrative record and all public comment received on the Focused General Plan Update, and utilized its independent judgment in acting on the information contained in this resolution.
2. In accordance with Government Code Section 65302 and other applicable provisions of State law, the Focused General Plan Update has been prepared in compliance with state law and local ordinance.
3. The 2021-2029 Housing Element and attachments are incorporated into the Focused General Plan Update without amendment.
4. The City has conducted extensive public outreach efforts in the development of the Focused General Plan Update, and public input has been considered prior to the adoption of the Focused General Plan Update.

Section 2: The City Council does hereby adopt the Focused General Plan Update and related Land Use Map, incorporating the minor modifications to the Land Use Diagram consistent with the certified Supplemental Program Environmental Impact Report and the Draft Focused General Plan Update as attached to the staff report as Exhibit F.

Section 3: The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution and enter it into the book of original Resolution.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 2023.

Ron Morrison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Shelley Chapel, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney