



**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**February 20, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard**  
**National City, CA**

**Present:**           **Councilmember Bush** *(arrived 5:08)*  
                          **Councilmember Rodriguez**  
                          **Councilmember Molina**  
                          **Vice-Mayor Yamane**  
                          **Mayor Morrison**

**Others Present:**   **Benjamin A. Martinez, City Manager**  
                          **Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney**  
                          **Shelley Chapel, City Clerk** *(via Zoom)*  
                          **Tonya Hussain, Executive Secretary**  
                          **Rod Coppedge, Special Counsel with Dietz, Gilmore & Chazen** *(via Zoom)*

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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 5:06 p.m. 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, Molina, Yamane, Morrison

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

Vice-Mayor Yamane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4.    PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public speakers.

**5. CLOSED SESSION**

*Members retired into Closed Session at 5:06 p.m. Bush, Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina, Morrison, Martinez, Schultz, and Special Counsel, Rod Coppedge, Dietz, Gilmor and Chazen(Item 5.2 only).*

*Item 5.1 was not discussed.*

**5.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Government Code Section 54957.6  
Position to be Reviewed: City Attorney

**5.2 LIABILITY CLAIM**

Government Code Section 54954.5  
WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIM NO. 19-144825  
ADJ 12602361  
Claimant: David Bavencoff vs. City of National City

*Special Counsel Rod Coppedge left Closed Session at 5:45 p.m. with the remainder of members present and continuing to the next item.*

**5.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant Exposure to Litigation  
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2)  
Number of Potential Cases: 1

*All members returned to the Open Session at 6:22 p.m. with all members present in attendance: Bush, Rodriguez, Yamane, Molina, Morrison, Schultz, and Martinez.*

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of March 19, 2024.

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Ron Morrison, Mayor