



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

**April 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m.  
City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard  
National City, CA**

**Present:**  
**Councilmember Molina**  
**Councilmember Rodriguez**  
**Councilmember Yamane (7:02 p.m. arrival)**  
**Vice-Mayor Bush**  
**Mayor Morrison**

**Others Present:**  
**Ben Martinez, City Manager**  
**Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney**  
**Shelley Chapel, City Clerk**  
**Carlos Aguirre, Director of Community Development**  
**Bruce Foltz, Director of Finance**  
**Danielle Ghio, Librarian**  
**Brian Hadley, Deputy City Manager**  
**Alex Hernandez, Police Chief**  
**Lydia Hernandez, Human Services Director**  
**Tonya Hussain, Deputy City Clerk**  
**Martha Juarez, Assistant Director of Engineering & Public Works**  
**Traci Lamb, Interim Director of Community Services**  
**Sergio Mora, Fire Chief**

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 7:01 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: Molina, Rodriguez, Yamane, Bush, Morrison.

Interpretation in Spanish provided by Carlos Diaz and Jesse.

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

Vice-Mayor Bush led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **INVOCATION**

Delivered by CDO Church Reverend Jose Escamilla.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Morrison summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing two (2) minutes per comment and introduced City Clerk Chapel.

In person comment

Karen McManus

Junior Moran

Ted Godshalk

Micaela Polanco

Luisa McCarthy

Jacqueline Reynoso

Alisha Morrison

Sandra Scheller

Geoffrey Schrock

Doyle Morrison

Ed Nieto

Virtual comment

Peggy Walker

Becky Rapp

Madison Rapp

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

6.1 Parks, Recreation and Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee - Annual Update

PowerPoint presentation provided by Community Services Manager Joanne McGhee and Interim Community Services Director Tracy Lamb.

6.2 Results of the Insurance Services Office (ISO) Survey

Fire Chief Mora provided a PowerPoint presentation.

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

Councilmember Rodriguez provided an update on the SANDAG Shoreline Preservation Working Group.

Councilmember Yamane reported on the business of the Sweetwater Authority.

Councilmember Molina provided an update on the SANDAG Board of Director's Meeting.

Vice-Mayor Bush reported on his attendance at the American Public Transportation Association held in Austin, TX on behalf of the Metropolitan Transit and Systems. He also reported on the new appointments on the San Diego County Air Pollution Control Board.

Mayor Morrison reported on the recent Regional Solid Waste Association meeting and his participation in a Regional Chamber of Commerce visit to Washington, D.C.

*Vice-Mayor Bush left the dais at 8:03 p.m. and returned at 8:05 p.m.*

8. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to approve the Consent Calendar Items with the exception of Item 8.4 pulled by Councilmember Yamane and Items 8.5, 8.7, 8.8, 8.12, and 8.13 pulled for public comment. Vice-Mayor Bush recused on item 8.9 due to the project's close proximity to his residence.

Motion carried by unanimous vote with Vice-Mayor Bush recusing on Item 8.9.

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 2024 Annual Military Equipment Use Report

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-31.

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Receiving the 2024 Annual Military Equipment Use Report, Renewing Ordinance 2022-2496, and Authorizing the Purchase of Additional Equipment to Include One (1) Lemur 2 Small Unmanned Aerial Solution or Similar, One (1) Fotokite Tethered Unmanned Aerial Vehicle or Similar, and a Grant-Funded Lenco BearCat Rescue Vehicle, as Required by AB 481."

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

- 8.3 Adoption of Resolution Confirming the Designation of Proxy to the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors.

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-32.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Confirming the Designation of Another Member of the Water Authority Board of Directors to Vote in the Absence of the City of National City, Representative to the San Diego County Water Authority."

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

*Item pulled for discussion.*

- 8.4 Authorize the Purchase and Build-Out of Three (3) Ford Police Utility Interceptors for the National City Police Department

Councilmember Yamane commented on the item.

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-33.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, 1) Waiving the Formal Bid Process Pursuant to National City Municipal Code Section 2.60.260 Regarding Cooperative Purchasing and Authorizing the City to Piggyback onto County of San Diego Request for Quotations # 769 with Chula Vista Ford for the Purchase of Three 2025 Ford Police Interceptor Utility (K8A) AWD Vehicles in a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$173,000 for the National City Police Department; 2) Waiving the Formal Bid Process Pursuant to National City Municipal Code Section 2.60.110 Regarding Exceptions to Formal Competitive Bidding and Authorizing Purchase and Installation Services from American Emergency Products in a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$105,000 to Complete the Buildouts for All Three Vehicles; and 3) Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Adjustments of up to \$27,800 to the Not-To-Exceed Amounts for the Purchases as a 10% Contingency for Unforeseen Fluctuations in Pricing."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Item pulled for discussion.*

- 8.5 California State Library Lunch at the Library Grant Funds Acceptance

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-34.

Public comment received from Ed Nieto.

Adopt the Resolution Entitled “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the City Manager or his Designee to Accept the California State Library Grant in the Amount of \$6,138 to Fund the National City Public Library’s Lunch at the Library Program for FY 2025 and Authorizing the Establishment of a Library Grants Fund Appropriation of \$6,138 and Corresponding Revenue Budget.”

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.6 California Library Adult and Family Literacy Services Grant Funds Acceptance Adjustment

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-35.

Adopt a Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Ratifying the Acceptance of the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Grant of \$73,775 from the California State Library to Fund the National City Public Library’s Literacy Services Programs for Fiscal Year 2025 and Authorizing the Establishment of a Library Grants Fund Appropriation of \$73,775 and Corresponding Revenue Budget.”

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

*Item pulled for discussion.*

8.7 Community Development On-Call Services Request For Proposal (RFP) for Permit Processing, Plan Review, and Inspection Services.

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-36.

Public comment was received from Alisha Morrison and Doyle Morrison.

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Three-Year Agreement with Interwest Consulting Group, True North Compliance Services Inc., and 4Leaf Inc. to Provide On-Call Permit Processing, Plan Review, and Inspection Services for the Community Development Department for a Not-To-Exceed Amount of \$1,350,000 Per Agreement”.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Item pulled for discussion.*

8.8 Fire Department On-Call Services RFP

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-37.

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike.

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement By and Between the City of National City and Interwest Consulting Group to Provide On-Call Permit Processing, Plan Review, and Inspection Services for the Fire Department for a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$100,000 Per Year for a Term of Three Years”.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.9 Partial Termination of a Notice of Restriction Related to the San Diego Rescue Mission Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Approved in 2021.

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-38.

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Partial Termination of a Recorded Notice of Restriction for Conditional Use Permit 2021-13 CUP for a Transitional Housing Facility Located at 2400 Euclid Avenue.”

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

8.10 Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2024.

Accept and File the Investment Report for the Quarter Ended December 31, 2024.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

8.11 Investment Transactions for the Month Ended January 31, 2025.

Accept and File the Investment Transaction Ledger for the Month Ended January 31, 2025.

**Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

*Item pulled for discussion.*

8.12 Warrant Register No. 34 for the Period of 2/14/25 through 2/20/25 in the Amount of \$3,754,597.55

Public comment received from Ed Nieto and Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$3,754,597.55

*Item pulled for discussion.*

8.13 Warrant Register No. 35 for the Period of 2/21/25 through 2/27/25 in the Amount of \$3,268,250.39

Public comment received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$3,268,250.39.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to ratify the warrants for agenda items 8.12 and 8.13.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

## 9. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING

*Item pulled for continuation.*

9.1 Public Hearing and Adoption of Updated Sewer Capacity Fees.

City Attorney Schultz advised that public comment would only be heard on the subject of the item's continuance.

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing at 8:27 p.m.

Public comment was received from Doyle Morrison and Ed Nieto.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:31 p.m.

Recommendation: Hold a Public Hearing, Receive Public Comments, and Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Adopting Updated Sewer Capacity Fees."

**ACTION:** Motion by Vice-Mayor Bush, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to continue the item to the meeting of May 6, 2025.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9.2 Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 9.60 of the National City Municipal Code to Expand Operating Hours for Store Front Cannabis Retail Facilities.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2025-2539.

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing at 8:34 p.m.

Virtual public comment:

Judi Strang  
Madison Rapp  
Barbara Gordon

Written public comment was received from Ted Godshalk.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Public Hearing closed at 8:39 p.m.

Recommendation: Adopt Ordinance Entitled: "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending Chapter 9.60 'Commercial Cannabis Activity' of the National City Municipal Code to Modify Operating Hours for Store Front Retail Facilities."

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

Motion carried by 4-1 vote.

Ayes: Bush, Rodriguez, Molina, Morrison

Nays: Yamane

9.3 Public Hearing and Adoption of an Ordinance Amending National City Municipal Code Title 11, Section 11.32.140, Pertaining to Stopping and Parking Prohibitions.

Adopted Ordinance No. 2025-2540.

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing at 8:43 p.m.

There was no public comment.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 8:43 p.m.

Recommendation: Adopt an Ordinance entitled, "Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending Chapter 11.32 'Stopping, Standing and Parking' of the National City Municipal Code Pertaining to Stopping and Parking Prohibitions."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

*Item pulled from the agenda.*

- 9.4 Continued Public Hearing - Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.29 of the National City Municipal Code Establishing a Fire Inspection Program

City Clerk Shelley Chapel announced that the item would return for a Second Reading at the City Council meeting of May 6, 2025.

Adopt the Ordinance by Second Reading, Entitled, "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending Chapter 15.29 of the National City Municipal Code to Establish an Annual and Biennial Fire Inspection Program as Well as a Self-Inspection Program for Low-Risk Commercial Businesses."

## **10. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 10.1 Public Hearing and Adoption of a Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City Amending the Previously Adopted Transportation Development Impact Fee (TDIF) Schedule and Annual Adjustment to the TDIF.

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-40.

Assistant Director of Engineering/Public Works Martha Juarez introduced the item.

Mayor Morrison opened the Public Hearing at 8:47 p.m.

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 8:48 p.m.

Recommendation: Public Hearing and Adoption of a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending the Previously Adopted Transportation Development Impact Fee (TDIF) Schedule and Annual Adjustment to the TDIF, Pursuant to National City Municipal Code Section 4.52.100 and Consistent with Government Code Section 66017, Approving an Adjustment to the TDIF as Required by the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) for Receipt of TransNet Local Street Improvement Revenues, Resulting in the TDIF Increasing from \$2,875.06 per New Residential Dwelling Unit to \$3,047.57 Per Unit Beginning July 1, 2025."

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**11. STAFF REPORTS**

11.1 City Council Expenditure Report July 2024 through January 2025 – FY2025

One public comment was received from Ed Nieto.

One written comment was received from Ted Godshalk.

Recommendation: Receive and File Expenditure Report for the City Council July 2024 through January 2025.

**ACTION:** Motion by Councilmember Molina, seconded by Vice-Mayor Bush to receive and file the report.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

11.2 Discussion on Recommendation to Amend City Council Policy No. 105

Councilmember Molina provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Public comment was received from Ed Nieto.

Recommendation: Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff.

**ACTION:** Motion by Vice-Mayor Bush, seconded by Councilmember Molina for a draft policy to return to the City Council at a future City Council meeting.

Motion carried by 4-0 vote with Councilmember Yamane abstaining.

Ayes: Bush, Molina, Rodriguez, Morrison

Nays: None.

Abstain: Yamane

**12. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

No report.

**13. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT**

Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.

**14. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mayor Morrison introduced City Attorney Schultz who reported on five Closed Session items.

City Attorney Schultz reported that Items 5.1 and 5.2 had no reportable action and that Items 5.3, 5.4, and 5.5 would be placed on a future Closed Session agenda.

**CLOSED SESSION**

5.1 **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Government Code Section 54957(b)

Position to be Reviewed: City Attorney

5.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Government Code Section 54957(b)

Position to be Reviewed: City Manager

5.3 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: Micaela Polanco v. The City of National City, et al

Case Number: 25CU004193C

5.4 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: Cali Mota LLC v. The City of National City et al

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

Case Number: 37-2023-00007308-CU-WM-CTL

5.5 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of Case: BCD LLC v. The City of National City et al

Superior Court of California, County of San Diego

Case Number: 37-2023-00012507-CU

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.