



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CLOSED SESSION

April 18, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

**City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA**

Present: Councilmember Molina
Councilmember Yamane (*Arrived at 1:41 p.m.*)
Vice-Mayor Bush
Mayor Morrison

Absent: Councilmember Rodriguez

Others Present: Benjamin A. Martinez, City Manager
Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney
Shelley Chapel, City Clerk (*via Zoom*)
Lydia Hernandez, Human Resources Director
Tonya Hussain, Deputy City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 12:00 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 Bush, Morrison

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Morrison led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (Public Comment will be restricted to Agenda Items Only)

Mayor Morrison restricted Public Comment to one-minute.

Item 5.1

In-Person Comment:
Randi Castle-Salgado
Maria Severson
Michael Aguirre
Luisa McCarthy
Jose Rodriguez
Ashley Morrison

Micaela Polanco
Ed Nieto
Alisha Morrison
Doyle Morrison
Sandy Scheller

Zoom Comment:
Liliana Armenta

Item 5.2

In-Person Comment:
Luisa McCarthy
Micaela Polanco
Sandy Scheller
Michael Aguirre
Maria Severson
Jose Rodriguez
Randi Castle-Salgado
Alisha Morrison
Doyle Morrison
Ed Nieto

Item 5.3

In-Person Comment:
Luisa McCarthy
Micaela Polanco
Sandy Scheller
Michael Aguirre
Maria Severson
Frank Rivera
Helen Chisolm
Randi Castle-Salgado
Alisha Morrison
Doyle Morrison
Ed Nieto

Zoom Comment:
Alexander Gutterud

Written comment was received from Kylie Rocco.

5. CLOSED SESSION

Members retired into Closed Session at 12:55 p.m.

Councilmember Yamane joined Closed Session at 1:41 p.m.

City Manager Martinez joined Closed Session at 2:00 p.m. and left at 2:16 p.m.

Human Resources Director Hernandez joined Closed Session at 2:20 p.m. and returned to the Council Chamber at 2:29 p.m.

Members returned at 3:32 p.m. with all members present in attendance: Molina, Yamane, Bush, Morrison, Yamane, and Schultz.

5.1 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Government Code Section 54957(b)

Position to be Reviewed: City Manager

5.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Government Code Section 54957(b)

Position to be Reviewed: Acting / Interim 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

Announcement of actions taken in Closed Session announced by City Attorney Schultz.

5.1 The City Council and City Manager have come to a mutual agreement and City Manager Ben Martinez has resigned his position effective immediately.

5.2 Acting City Manager was named as Steve Manganiello, currently the Director of Engineering and Public Works.

5.3 No reportable action.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morrison adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2025.

Ron Morrison, Mayor