



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

November 18, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber - 1243 National City Boulevard
National City, CA

Present: Councilmember Molina
Councilmember Rodriguez
Councilmember Yamane (*arrival at 6:11 p.m.*)
Vice-Mayor Bush
Mayor Morrison

Others Present: Alex Hernandez, Acting City Manager
Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney
Shelley Chapel, City Clerk (*via Zoom*)
Derek Aydelotte, Police Captain
Bruce Foltz, Director of Finance
Danielle Ghio, City Librarian
Alicia Hicks, Director of Human Resources
Tonya Hussain, Deputy City Clerk
Martha Juarez, Assistant Director of Engineering/Public Works
Sergio Mora, Fire Chief
Michael Pacheco, Director of Community Services
Martin Reeder, Acting Community Development Director

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City was called to order at 6:10 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 Carlos Diaz and Luisa Diaz de Leon.

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

Councilmember Yamane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **INVOCATION**

Delivered by Sweetwater Yen Center Abbot Bobby Chowa.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Morrison summarized the process for acceptance of live public comment allowing two (2) minutes per comment.

In-person comment:

Micaela Polanco
Daniel K
Luisa McCarthy
Alex Gutterud
Henry Nelson
Alisha Morrison
Doyle Morrison
Joseph Crawford
Maria Chavez
Jessie Diaz
Victor Valle
Malena Alvarez
Ana Maria Revelez
Ramel Wallace
Jesse Navarro
Michael Dunigan
Ana Ramos
Geoffrey Schrock
Simone Andres
Delise Vann

Virtual comment:

Madison Rapp
Judi Strang
Becky Rapp

Written comment:

David Garcia
Leslie Johnson
Michael Aguirre

Mayor Morrison introduced the new Director of Community Services Mike Pacheco.

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

6.1 National City Planning Commission and Housing Advisory Committee Annual Report 2025

PowerPoint Presentation provided by Planning Commission Chair Richard Martin Miller.

Public comment was received from:

Daniel K
Micaela Polanco
Alex Gutterud

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

Councilmember Yamane provided an update on the San Diego County Water Authority meeting. Commented that Metro Wastewater JPA was working on the Second Amended Restated Agreement (SARA) with the Engineering Dept. and the City Attorney's Office to introduce it as an ordinance.

Councilmember Molina provided an update on the SANDAG Audit Committee meeting and completion of SANDAG's annual Board Policy updates.

Vice-Mayor Bush spoke to an upcoming MTS Board meeting to discuss MTS operations. Remarked on a tour provided by the Air Pollution Control District and discussions regarding air quality improvement.

There were no other reports.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Vice-Mayor Bush to approve Consent Calendar Items with the exception of Items 8.4 pulled by Councilmember Yamane; and, Items 8.5 and 8.9 through 8.12 pulled for public comment.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vice-Mayor Bush left the dais at 7:34 p.m. and returned at 7:36 p.m.

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 the City Council Meeting Minutes.

Approve and file.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

8.3 Acceptance of a Grant from the San Diego Seniors Community Foundation to Support Holiday-Themed Programming for Older Adults.

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-159.

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 San Diego Seniors Community Foundation Grant in the Amount of \$5,000 to Support Holiday-Themed Programming for Older Adults at the Kimball Senior Center and Authorizing the Establishment of Appropriations and a Corresponding Revenue Budget in the Amount of \$5,000."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for discussion.

- 8.4 Amending City Council Policy Nos. 101, 107, 121, 201, 203, 204, 206, 502, 703, and 707.

Not adopted.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Amending City Council Policy Nos. 101,107, 121, 201, 203, 204, 206, 502, 703, and 707."

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Rodriguez to continue the item to the City Council meeting of December 2, 2025.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

- 8.5 Authorization to Enter into a Grant Agreement with the County of San Diego for the Community Enhancement Program in the Amount of \$20,000 for the "A Kimball Holiday" Event.

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-161.

Public comment received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled: "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the City Manager or Designee to Execute a Grant Agreement with the County of San Diego through its Community Enhancement Program in the Amount of \$20,000 to Fund Enhancements for the "A Kimball Holiday" Event, and Authorizing the Establishment of Appropriations and a Corresponding Revenue Budget in the Amount of \$20,000."

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.

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-162.

Adopt a 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 Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Grant of \$69,147 to Fund the National City Public Library's Literacy Services Programs for Fiscal Year 2026 and Authorizing the Establishment of a Library Grants Fund Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget in the Amount of \$69,147."

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.7 Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control – Office of Traffic Safety Award of \$30,000 to the National City Police Department

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-163.

Adopt the Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Acceptance of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control’s Minor Decoy/Shoulder Tap Grant Project Funds in the Amount of \$30,000, Funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and Authorizing the Establishment of a Fiscal Year 2026 Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget in the Amount of \$30,000.”

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 8.8 Dispense with Certain City Council Meeting Scheduled for December 16, 2025, Per City Council Policy No. 104.

Approve by City Council Motion to Dispense with December 16, 2025 Meeting as Recommended by Staff.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

- 8.9 2026 Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant Number PT26055 in the Amount of \$155,000.

Adopted Resolution No. 2025-164.

Public comment received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled, “Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Authorizing the Acceptance of the 2026 Office of Traffic Safety Selective Traffic Enforcement Program Grant in the Amount of \$155,000 and Authorizing the Establishment of an Appropriation and Corresponding Revenue Budget in the Amount of \$155,000.”

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

- 8.10 Warrant Register No. 13 for the Period of 9/19/25 through 9/25/25 in the Amount of \$3,511,912.75

Public comment received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$3,511,912.75.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Vice-Mayor Bush to ratify the warrant registers for agenda items 8.10, 8.11, and 8.12.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

8.11 Warrant Register No. 14 for the Period of 9/26/25 through 10/2/25 in the Amount of \$2,328,365.09

Public comment received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,328,365.09.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Vice-Mayor Bush to ratify the warrant registers for agenda items 8.10, 8.11, and 8.12.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Item pulled for public comment.

8.12 Warrant Register No. 15 for the Period of 10/3/25 through 10/9/25 in the Amount of \$2,265,263.50

Public comment received from Thomas Rike.

Recommendation: Ratify Warrants Totaling \$2,265,263.50.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Vice-Mayor Bush to ratify the warrant registers for agenda items 8.10, 8.11, and 8.12.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

9.1 Second Reading and Adoption of Multiple Ordinances Amending the National City Municipal Code Chapters 15.08, 15.14, 15.20, 15.24, 15.75, 15.78 and 15.79 Related to California Codes for Electrical, Energy, Building, Plumbing, and Mechanical.

Adopted Ordinance Nos. 2025-2551, 2025-2552, 2025-2553, 2025-2554, 2025-2555, 2025-2556, 2025-2557, and 2025-2558.

Mayor Morrison opened the public hearing at 7:42 p.m.

There was no public comment.

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Yamane, seconded by Councilmember Molina to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Hearing closed at 7:43 p.m.

Recommendation: Adopt the Ordinances for the 2025 California Building Code; the 2025 California Residential Code; the 2025 California Existing Building Code; the 2025 California Electrical Code and 2023 National Electrical Code; the 2025 California Mechanical Code; the 2025 California Plumbing Code; the 2025 California Energy Code; the 2025 California Green Building Standards Code; and all Appendices Related to These Codes.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

10. STAFF REPORTS

- 10.1 Approval of the Revision of the Information Technology Technician Classification
Adopted Resolution No. 2025-165.

Item introduced by IT Manager Ron Williams.

Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Revising the Job Description for the Information Technology Technician Classification to Reflect Current Duties, Responsibilities, and Technology Standards.

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

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 10.2 AP Triton EMS Transportation & Optimization Study
Adopted Resolution No. 2025-166.

Public comment was received from Thomas Rike.

Vice-Mayor Bush left the dais at 8:57 p.m. and returned at 8:58 p.m.

Item introduced by Fire Chief Sergio Mora. PowerPoint presentation provided by AP Triton Senior Project Manager Richard Buchanan

Recommendation: Adopt the Resolution Entitled, "Resolution of the City Council of the City of National City, California, Accepting the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Transportation & Optimization Study Conducted by AP Triton Consulting and Directing the City Manager to Pursue the Development of a Municipal Ambulance Transport System."

ACTION: Motion by Mayor Morrison, seconded by Councilmember Yamane to adopt the resolution and for the creation of a permanent fourth Battalion Chief position, with the source of the funding, to return for discussion at the December 2, 2025 City Council meeting. Also with the caveat not to approve the project concept and for it to return at a February 2026 City Council meeting for discussion of implementation.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

11. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

No report.

12. ELECTED OFFICIALS REPORT

Closing remarks were provided by members of the City Council.

13. CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mayor Morrison introduced City Attorney Schultz who reported on Closed Session Agenda Items 5.1 through 5.4.

City Attorney Schultz reported that for Item 5.1 the City Council directed the negotiators to respond to the Police Officers Association.

There was no reportable action for Items 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4.

5.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Government Code Section 54957.6

Employee Organization:

Police Officers Association (POA)

Agency Designated Representatives:

Steven Berliner (Labor Negotiator)

Scott Huth (Interim City Manager) (via Zoom)

Alex Hernandez (Acting City Manager/Police Chief)

Bruce Foltz (Finance Director)

Alicia Hicks (Human Resources Director)

5.2 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Government Code Sections 54957(b)(1)

Title: City Attorney

5.3 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS

Government Code Section 54956.9

Property: 921-929 National City Blvd. (does not include 925)

APN Nos.: 556-471-03 and 556-471-04

Agency Negotiation: City of National City

Negotiation Parties: Scott Huth, Interim City Manager (via Zoom),

Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney,

Alejandro Hernandez, Acting City Manager

Martin Reeder, Director of Community Development

Angelita Palma, Community Development Manager

Walter Spath, Outside Counsel

Wil Solholt, Kosmont Companies (via Zoom)

Under Negotiation: Instruction to Negotiators regarding Tower 999 LLC Disposition and Development Agreement

5.4 PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

Government Code Section 54957(b)(1)

Position: City Manager

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Morrison adjourned to the Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of National City, Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, located in City Hall, 1243 National City Boulevard, National City, California.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Tonya Hussain, CMC, Deputy City
Clerk

The foregoing minutes were approved at the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2025.

Ron Morrison, Mayor