



CITY of ESCONDIDO

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CLOSED SESSION

4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call: C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Martinez, Morasco, White

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

- I. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54957.6)**
 - a. Agency Representative: Sean McGlynn, City Manager, or designee
Employee Organization: Escondido Police Officers' Association Sworn Personnel Bargaining Unit
 - b. Agency Representative: Sean McGlynn, City Manager, or designee
Employee Organization: Escondido Police Officers' Association Non-Sworn Personnel Bargaining Unit
 - c. Agency Representative: Sean McGlynn, City Manager, or designee
Employee Organization: Escondido Firefighters' Association Safety Personnel and Non-safety Personnel Bargaining Unit
 - d. Agency Representative: Sean McGlynn, City Manager, or designee
Employee Organization: Escondido City Employees' Association Supervisory Bargaining Unit
 - e. Agency Representative: Sean McGlynn, City Manager, or designee
Employee Organization: Maintenance and Operations Bargaining Unit and Administrative / Clerical / Engineering Bargaining Unit, Teamsters Local 911
 - f. Agency Representative: Sean McGlynn, City Manager, or designee
Employee Organization: Police Management Association Bargaining Unit



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Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK



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REGULAR SESSION

5:00 PM Regular Session

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

City Council agendas allow an opportunity for a moment of silence and reflection at the beginning of the evening meeting. The City does not participate in the selection of speakers for this portion of the agenda, and does not endorse or sanction any remarks made by individuals during this time. If you wish to be recognized during this portion of the agenda, please notify the City Clerk in advance.

FLAG SALUTE

The City Council conducts the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of every City Council meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Martinez, Morasco, White

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Dan Pritsker – Expressed concern regarding the rise of antisemitism in Escondido.

Sammy Shoreh – Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Ella Revzin – Expressed concern regarding the rise of antisemitism in Escondido.

Mostafa Elsadany – Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Khuloud Ake – Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Nancy Burian – Expressed concern regarding homelessness in Escondido.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: C. Garcia; Second: Morasco; Approved: 5-0



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1. AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION, MAILING, AND POSTING (COUNCIL/RRB) -

2. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER (COUNCIL)

Request approval for City Council and Housing Successor Agency warrant numbers:

- 379336 – 379507 dated December 6, 2023
- 379508 – 379653 dated December 13, 2023
- 379654 – 379982 dated December 20, 2023

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Finance Department: Christina Holmes)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meetings of December 6, 2023 and December 13, 2023

4. WAIVER OF READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS –

5. SUPPORT FOR A CMFA BOLD PROGRAM FOR THE NUTMEG PROJECT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-09 to approve and support a CMFA BOLD Program for the Nutmeg Project. (File Number 0440-15)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department: Christopher McKinney, Deputy City Manager/Interim Director of Development Services)

Presenter: Christopher McKinney, Deputy City Manager/Interim Director of Development Services

a) Resolution No. 2024-09

6. SAN DIEGO SENIORS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION EMPOWER SAN DIEGO SENIOR CENTERS GRANT - \$12,000

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-01 authorizing the Director of Economic Development to receive a \$12,000 grant from the San Diego Seniors Community Foundation. (File Number 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Community Services Department: Jennifer Schoeneck, Director of Economic Development)

Presenter: Jilaine Hernandez, Community Services Supervisor

a) Resolution No. 2024-01

7. FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZEN'S OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-04 authorizing the Escondido Police Department to accept a Fiscal Year 2023-24 Citizens' Option for Public Safety Program Grant



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in the amount of \$232,909; approving grant expenditures consistent with guidelines in AB1913; authorizing the Chief of Police or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. (File Number 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Edward Varso, Chief of Police)

Presenter: Edward Varso, Chief of Police

a) Resolution No. 2024-04

8. FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT – LOCAL SOLICITATION AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-03 to authorize the Police Department to accept a \$46,913 Fiscal Year 2022-23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. (File Number 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Edward Varso, Chief of Police)

Presenter: Edward Varso, Chief of Police

a) Resolution No. 2024-03

9. CONSENT TO RECORDATION OF AMENDED AND CORRECTED EASEMENT DEED

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-07 consenting to and accepting an Amended and Corrected Easement Deed in real property for recordation with the San Diego County Assessor/Recorder/County Clerk. (File Number 0690-80)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (City Attorney's Office: Michael McGuinness, City Attorney)

Presenter: Michael McGuinness, City Attorney

a) Resolution No. 2024-07

10. REMOVAL OF CONDITION FOR PAYMENT OF DEFICIENCY FEE IN APPROVED DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR ASH STREET PROJECT (PL22-0134/PL22-0154)

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-08 settling a Fee Protest claim by removing a condition of development approval amounting to \$12,500 per unit imposed via adoption of a Tentative Subdivision Map in PL22-0134/PL22-0154. (File Number 0480-55)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (City Attorney's Office: Michael McGuinness, City Attorney)



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Presenter: Michael McGuinness, City Attorney

a) Resolution No. 2024-08

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES (COUNCIL/RRB)

The following Resolutions and Ordinances were heard and acted upon by the City Council/RRB at a previous City Council/Mobilehome Rent Review meeting. (The title of Ordinances listed on the Consent Calendar are deemed to have been read and further reading waived.)

11. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ESCONDIDO ZONING CODE TO ALLOW FOR AN INCREASE IN FENCE HEIGHT ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS IN THE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ZONES THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENT PERMIT PROCESS**

Approved on December 6, 2023 with a vote of 5/0.

a) Ordinance No. 2023-16 (Second Reading and Adoption)

12. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE ZONING DISTRICT FOR THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM PLANNED DEVELOPMENT – INDUSTRIAL (PD-I) TO GENERAL INDUSTRIAL (M-2)**

Approved on December 6, 2023 with a vote of 5/0.

a) Ordinance No. 2023-17 (Second Reading and Adoption)

13. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, REPEALING AND REPLACING ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16A, MASSAGE REGULATION**

Approved on December 6, 2023 with a vote of 5/0.

a) Ordinance No. 2023-18 (Second Reading and Adoption)

14. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING AN ADDENDUM TO THE SOUTH CENTRE CITY FINAL NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE SOUTH CENTRE CITY SPECIFIC PLAN TO EXPAND THE MIXED-USE OVERLAY WITHIN THE ESCONDIDO BOULEVARD DISTRICT**

Approved on December 13, 2023 with a vote of 5/0.

a) Ordinance No. 2023-20 (Second Reading and Adoption)



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CURRENT BUSINESS

15. REVIEW AND UPDATE CITY COUNCIL INTERAGENCY AND SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Request the City Council review and update the City's current interagency and council subcommittee assignments. (File Number 0610-55)

Staff Recommendation: Provide Direction (City Council: Mayor Dane White)

Presenter: Mayor Dane White

Motion to remove Councilmember Martinez from the San Diego County Water Authority Board of Directors and open an application process to fill the vacancy: Morasco; Second: C. Garcia; Approved: 5-0

FUTURE AGENDA

16. FUTURE AGENDA

The purpose of this item is to identify issues presently known to staff or which members of the City Council wish to place on an upcoming City Council agenda. Council comment on these future agenda items is limited by California Government Code Section 54954.2 to clarifying questions, brief announcements, or requests for factual information in connection with an item when it is discussed.

Staff Recommendation: None (City Clerk's Office: Zack Beck)

COUNCILMEMBERS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS

Councilmember Morasco – Attended the Bethlehem Walk at the Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Attended Winter Wonderland at the California Center for the Arts. Attended Oceanside Community Church.

Councilmember Joe Garcia – Attended a North County Transit District Meeting and the Board of Directors appointed a new Executive Director.

Deputy Mayor Christian Garcia – Attended a City Council / School Subcommittee Meeting.

Councilmember Consuelo Martinez – Attended a San Diego County Air Quality Control District Meeting.

Mayor Dane White – Attended a meeting with Supervisor Jim Desmond to discuss funding for Escondido. Attended a meeting with San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria's staff to discuss policies pertaining to homelessness.

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT



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The most current information from the City Manager regarding Economic Development, Capital Improvement Projects, Public Safety, and Community Development. This report is also available on the City's website, www.escondido.org.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Yacin Alkolini - Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Joaquin Hernandez - Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Jasper Anda – Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Becky Rapp – Thanked the City for banning cannabis businesses in Escondido.

Kristina Brown – Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Taim Agha - Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK