

# CITY OF ESCONDIDO

## Planning Commission and Staff Seating



**A. CALL TO ORDER: 7 p.m.**

**B. FLAG SALUTE**

**C. ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Barba, Barber, Doan, Mecaro, Paul, Speer, and Weiler**

**D. MINUTES: March 22, 2022 APPROVED (5-0); Abstained: Barber and Speer**

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**E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

Under state law, all items under Written Communications can have no action, and will be referred to the staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda.

**Two items were provided to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. An email from Laura Hunter on behalf of the Sierra Club North County Group and a letter from Mitchell Tsai on Behalf of Attorneys for Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters.**

**F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

Under state law, all items under Oral Communications can have no action, and may be referred to the staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda.

This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on any item of business within the jurisdiction of the Commission.

**Jorge Viramontes of the Southwest Regional Association of Carpenters provided comments regarding the environmental impact of using a local workforce.**

**G. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**Please try to limit your testimony to three minutes.**

None.

**H. CURRENT BUSINESS:**

Note: Current Business items are those that under state law and local ordinances do not require either public notice or public hearings. Public comments will be limited to a maximum time of three minutes per person.

**1. 2021 – 2029 General Plan Housing Element Update (PHG20-0030):**

REQUEST: Receive and file the informational report and status update on revisions to the Housing Element

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: The 2021 – 2029 General Plan Housing Element informational report and status update involves data gathering for the purpose of a future update to the Element and is categorically exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines section 15306 (Information Collection). Future adoption of a revised Housing Element will be subject to further environmental review in compliance with CEQA requirements.

APPLICANT: City of Escondido

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

**Commissioners discussed the update including timeline, inclusionary housing, engagement of the public, sector feasibility study, RHNA requirements, SB743 and suitable sites inventory.**

PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE: N/A

**2. 2022 – 2023 Planning Commission Work Plan:**

REQUEST: Review and provide input on the draft 2022 – 2023 Planning Commission Work Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: The 2022 – 2023 Planning Commission Work Plan is not considered a project under CEQA, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5).

APPLICANT: City of Escondido

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

**Commissioners discussed the work plan including staff and funding for implementation, education and training activities, and update schedule for the work plan.**

PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE: N/A

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**J. SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

**SELECTION OF CHAIR:**

**Commissioner Paul nominated himself and provided a brief statement of his qualifications.**

**Commissioner Speer nominated Commissioner Weiler. Commissioner Weiler accepted the nomination and provided a brief statement of his qualifications.**

**Commissioner Doan nominated Chair Barba. Chair Barba accepted the nomination and provided a brief statement of her qualifications.**

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

**Moved by Commissioner Weiler and seconded by Commissioner Speer to appoint Commissioner Weiler to the position of Planning Commission Chair. Motion Failed 2-5. Ayes: Speer and Weiler. Noes: Barba, Barber, Doan, Mecaro, and Paul.**

**Moved by Commissioner Barber and seconded by Commissioner Doan to reappoint Chair Barba to the position of Planning Commission Chair. Motion Approved 4-3. Ayes: Barba, Barber, Doan, and Mecaro. Noes: Paul, Speer, and Weiler.**

**Selection of Vice-Chair:**

**Commissioner Weiler nominated Commissioner Speer and Commissioner Doan nominated Commissioner Paul.**

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

**Moved by Commissioner Barber and seconded by Chair Barba to appoint Commissioner Paul to the position of Planning Commission Vice-Chair. Motion Approved 5-2. Ayes: Barba, Doan, Mecaro, and Paul. Noes: Speer and Weiler.**

**K. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:**

Vice-Chair Paul reported that in support of the Climate Action Plan, Escondido has joined the Clean Energy Alliance and he has been appointed to the citizen's advisory committee.

Commissioner Weiler requested to have a discussion added to a future agenda to discuss changing the meeting time of the Planning Commission.

Chair Barba encouraged Commissioners to read the single use plastics ordinances from other agencies in the county that was provided previously to the Commission.

**L. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Interim Director of Community Development Adam Finestone provided a reminder of free Planning Commissioner training taking place on June 17, 2022 and that the City will cover gas and parking expenses. He requested that Commissioners advise him individually if they would a hard copy or emailed copy of the agenda packet. A discussion of bylaws will be added to a future agenda. The regularly scheduled meeting of May 24, 2022 will be cancelled. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on June 14, 2022.

**M. ADJOURNMENT at 8:28 p.m.**