

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO**

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION  
VIDEO/VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

**May 25, 2021**

The meeting of the Escondido Planning Commission was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chair Barba, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

**Commissioners present:** Katharine Barba, Chair; Ingrid Rainey, Vice-Chair; Dao Doan, Commissioner; Rick Paul, Commissioner; Herminia Ramirez, Commissioner; Nathan Serrato, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner;.

**Commissioners absent:** None.

**Staff present:** Mike Strong, Director of Community Development; Elyse Dayrit, Deputy City Attorney I, Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Craig Williams, Associate Engineer; and Joanne Tasher, Minutes Clerk.

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Commissioner Weiler, seconded by Vice-Chair Rainey to approve the Action Minutes of the April 27, 2021, Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously (7-0). Ayes: Barba, Doan, Paul, Rainey, Ramirez, Serrato, and Weiler.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: Received.**

Communication from Laura Hunter, Chair, Sierra Club North County Group, dated May 24, 2021, regarding the designation of the City of Escondido's surplus land was submitted into the record.

**FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS:** None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Received.**

Communication from Laura Hunter, Chair, Sierra Club North County Group, dated May 25, 2021, regarding the potential sale of the City of Escondido's surplus land, was read into the record.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:****1. PUBLIC NUISANCE APPEAL CASE NO. C 20-4286:**

Request: An appeal of a notice and order to abate a public nuisance requiring the abatement of weeds and hazardous vegetation.

Location: 400 James Street (APN: 231-140-2000)

Staff Recommendation: Deny the appeal and uphold the Building Official's decision

**COMMISSIONER DISCLOSURE:**

Commissioner Paul disclosed the fact that he contacted the property owner, Robin Stumbo, to retain his permission to visit the property. Mr. Stumbo gave Commissioner Paul permission. Commissioner Paul visited the subject property.

**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION:**

The Commissioners discussed various aspects of this issue and came the conclusion that the property owner had sufficient time, over six months, to correct the Code Enforcement violations and provide proper weed abatement and clean up his property.

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS** (Submitted written comments, read aloud for the record):

**Josephine Vinson**, spoke in favor of the City upholding the public nuisance.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Motion by Vice-Chair Rainey to support City Option C and seconded by Commissioner Serrato to deny the appeal and uphold the public nuisance and notice to abate. Motion Approved 5-2; Ayes: Barba, Rainey, Ramirez, Serrato and Weiler. Noes: Doan and Paul.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**1. TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS GUIDELINES AND VMT SIGNIFICANCE THRESHOLDS**

Craig Williams, Associate Engineer presented information regarding the City's updated Traffic Impact Analysis Guidelines and VMT significance thresholds.

**COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION:**

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Williams for his presentation and held a brief discussion.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

No action was taken; information was presented and discussed.

**2. PLANNING COMMISSION ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

Adopt the Commission's two-year Work Plan.

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION:**

The Commissioners thanked Director Strong for his efforts in creating the Work Plan.

Commissioner Paul asked if Chair Barba could bring a framework of a Green Infrastructure Plan to the next Planning Commission meeting for the Commission to review.

Commissioner Weiler reiterated his objection to a new Green Infrastructure Plan, he feels it is a burden to City Staff and unnecessary to create an entire new plan. He believes it can be rolled into the General Plan and/or Climate Action Plan.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Motion by Commissioner Paul and seconded by Vice-Chair Rainey to approve the Annual Work Plan. Approved 6-1; Ayes: Barba, Doan, Paul Rainey, Ramirez, and Serrato. Noes: Weiler.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:**

Chair Barba completed ethics training, it took two hours to complete.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Barba adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

  
for Mike Strong, Secretary to the  
Escondido Planning Commission

  
Joanne Tasher, Minutes Clerk