

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO**

**ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION**

**July 12, 2022**

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; Rick Paul, Vice-Chair; David Barber, Commissioner; Carrie Mecaro, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner.

**Commissioners absent:** Dao Doan, Commissioner; Barry Speer, Commissioner.

**Staff present:** Adam Finestone, City Planner; Gary McCarthy, Assistant City Attorney; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Dare DeLano, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Sean Nicholas, Principal Planner; and Jessica Engel, Minutes Clerk.

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Commissioner Weiler, seconded by Commissioner Barber, to approve the Action Minutes of the May 10, 2022, Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried (5-0). Ayes: Barba, Paul, Barber, Mecaro, and Weiler. Absent: Doan, Speer.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** A letter from the Escondido Chamber of Citizens in regard to agenda item G1 was provided to commissioners prior to the meeting.

**ORAL COMMUNICATION:** None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**1. Senate Bill 9 Implementing Ordinance (PL22-0363):**

REQUEST: An amendment to the Escondido Zoning Code to create objective development standards for the implementation of Senate Bill 9 ("SB 9"). The request includes amendments to Articles 1 (General provisions and Definitions), 6 (Residential Zones), and 61 (Administration and Enforcement) of the Zoning Code to establish appropriate provisions.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Pursuant to Government Code sections 65852.21(j) and 66411.7(n), the adoption of provisions by local agencies to implement SB 9 is exempt from CEQA.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Recommend approval to the City Council.

PROJECTED COUNCIL DATE: August 24, 2022

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION:**

Commissioners discussed the proposed amendment including setbacks, parking, utility meter requirements, level of interest from the public, litigation by other cities, and minor changes to code language.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATION:**

A comment from Patricia Borchmann regarding item G1 was read into the record.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Vice-Chair Paul, seconded by Commissioner Barber, to approve Senate Bill 9 Implementing Ordinance (PL22-0363) with modifications. Motion carried (5-0). Ayes: Barba, Barber, Mecaro, Paul, and Weiler. Absent: Doan, Speer.

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**1. 2022 / 2023 Planning Commission Work Plan (PL22-0358):**

REQUEST: Consideration of the 2022 / 2023 Planning Commission Work Plan.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: N/A

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: Approve the 2022 / 2023 Planning Commission Work Plan.

PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE: N/A

**COMMISSION DISCUSSION:**

Commissioners discussed the work plan, including the addition of a Gantt chart and the structuring of a Climate Commission.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Barber, seconded by Commissioner Weiler, to approve 2022 / 2023 Planning Commission Work Plan. Motion carried (5-0). Ayes: Barba, Barber, Mecaro, Paul, and Weiler. Absent: Doan, Speer.

**PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:**

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

Commissioner Barber asked if it is possible to prohibit residents from putting up obscene banners.

Chair Barba suggested that each Commissioner be allowed a 30 minute call regarding agenda items.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

City Planner Adam Finestone updated the Commission regarding the new Director of Development Services, Andrew Firestone, and will supply an updated org chart. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on July 26, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Barba adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.



Adam Finestone, Secretary to the  
Escondido Planning Commission



Jessica Engel, Minutes Clerk