

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO**  
**January 8, 2014**  
**4:30 P.M. Meeting Minutes**

**Escondido City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in the Council Chambers with Mayor Abed presiding.

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Abed led the flag salute.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members were present: Deputy Mayor Olga Diaz, Councilmember Ed Gallo, Councilmember John Masson, Councilmember Michael Morasco, and Mayor Sam Abed. Quorum present.

Also present were: Clay Phillips, City Manager; Jeffrey Epp, City Attorney; Barbara Redlitz, Community Development Director; Ed Domingue, Public Works Director; Diane Halverson, City Clerk; and Liane Uhl, Minutes Clerk.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Kelly Cooper, Escondido**, voiced concern with the expansion of St. Mary's Church, which is located near her home.

**Roberta Mambusan, Escondido**, expressed concern with traffic issues relating to the expansion of St. Mary's Church.

**Katherine Fromm, Escondido**, indicated she did not agree with proposed park uses.

**Grant Taylor, Escondido**, stated he did not support a BMX track in Kit Carson Park and suggested planting trees instead.

**Tom Cowan, Escondido**, indicated the BMX track should be not be located in Kit Carson Park, but placed in a different part of Escondido.

**Don Greene, Escondido**, suggested a commission be developed to draft a City Charter.

Margaret Liles, Escondido, stated the public should have input in drafting a City Charter.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Gallo removed items 4 and 5 and Councilmember Diaz removed item 8 from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Masson and seconded by Councilmember Diaz that the following Consent Calendar items be approved with the exception of items 4, 5 and 8. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION, MAILING AND POSTING (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)**
2. **APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER (Council/Successor Agency )**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Regular Meeting of December 4, 2013
4. **ANTI-AUTO THEFT GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT** - Request Council authorize the Escondido Police Department to accept a National Insurance Crime Bureau Grant in the amount of \$500; authorize the Chief of Police and Police Department staff to execute contract documents on behalf of the City; and approve a budget adjustment needed to spend grant funds. (File No. 4080-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Police Department: Craig Carter)**

Councilmember Gallo asked how citizens would qualify for the anti-auto theft device.

Police Chief Craig Carter stated that the device would go to the cars that were most frequently stolen.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Masson to authorize the Escondido Police Department to accept a National Insurance Crime Bureau Grant in the amount of \$500; authorize the Chief of Police and Police Department staff to execute contract documents on behalf of the City; and approve a budget adjustment needed to spend grant funds. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **FISCAL YEAR 2013-14 STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZENS' OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY (COPS) PROGRAM GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT** - Request Council accept a Fiscal Year 2013-14 Citizens' Options for Public Safety (COPS) Program Grant in the amount of \$232,796; approve grant expenditures consistent with guidelines in AB 1913; authorize the Chief of Police to sign and submit grant documents on behalf of the City; and authorize staff to establish budgets to spend grant funds to support front-line law enforcement needs. (File No. 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Police Department: Craig Carter)**

Councilmember Gallo asked what the funds were to be used for.

Police Chief Craig Carter indicated the funds would be used for part-time employees.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to accept a Fiscal Year 2013-14 Citizens' Options for Public Safety (COPS) Program Grant in the amount of \$232,796; approve grant expenditures consistent with guidelines in AB 1913; authorize the Chief of Police to sign and submit grant documents on behalf of the City; and authorize staff to establish budgets to spend grant funds to support front-line law enforcement needs. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **ASSET FORFEITURE FUND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT** - Request Council authorize staff to establish a budget in the amount of \$171,015 with Asset Forfeiture Funds to purchase equipment and services for law enforcement purposes. (File No. 0430-80)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Police Department: Craig Carter)**

7. **FISCAL YEAR 2014 REGIONAL REALIGNMENT RESPONSE GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT** - Request Council approve a Fiscal Year 2014 Regional Realignment Response grant in the amount of \$139,283; authorize the Chief of Police and Police Department Staff to submit grant documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to set up and spend grant funds. (File No. 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Police Department: Craig Carter)**

### **CONSENT – RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)**

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

8. **CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR COMPENSATION** - Approved on December 11, 2013 with a vote of 4/1, Diaz voting no. (File No. 0680-10)

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-16 (Adoption and Second Reading)**

Councilmember Diaz asked for clarification of how she should vote on this item.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Diaz and seconded by Councilmember Morasco to approve the previous vote of 4/1/0, Diaz voting no and adopt Ordinance No. 2013-16. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9. **MODIFICATION TO THE MASTER SIGN PROGRAM FOR WESTFIELD NORTH COUNTY (PHG 13-0023)** - Request Council approve a BEZ request for a modification to the Master and Precise Development Plan (Master Sign Program) for Westfield North County to allow the installation of an 87.5-foot high freeway oriented, on-premise digital reader board sign; and approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) issued for the project along with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). (File No. 0800-40 PGH 13-0023)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development/Planning: Barbara Redlitz)**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-06 (Introduction and First Reading)**

Bill Martin, Planning Department, gave the staff report and presented a series of slides.

Mayor Abed opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak on this issue in any way.

**Kim Brewer, Westfield North County Representative**, urged Council to approve the proposed sign.

Mayor Abed asked if anyone else wanted to speak on this issue in any way. No one asked to be heard. Therefore, he closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Masson to approve a BEZ request for a modification to the Master and Precise Development Plan (Master Sign Program) for Westfield North County to allow the installation of an 87.5-foot high freeway oriented, on-premise digital reader board sign; and approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) issued for the project along with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) and introduce Ordinance No. 2014-06. Motion carried unanimously.

- 10. AMENDMENT TO ZONING CODE ARTICLE 37 - PUBLIC ART (AZ 13-0010)** - Request Council approve an amendment to Zoning Code Article 37, related to Public Art, to reduce the number of Public Art Commissioners from nine to seven members. (File No. 0810-20)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development/Planning: Barbara Redlitz)**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2014-01 (Introduction and First Reading)**

Jay Peterk, Planning Department, gave the staff report and presented a series of slides.

Mayor Abed opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak on this issue in any way. No one asked to be heard. Therefore, he closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Masson to approve an amendment to Zoning Code Article 37, related to Public Art, to reduce the number of Public Art Commissioners from nine to seven members and introduce Ordinance No. 2014-01. Motion carried unanimously.

### **FUTURE AGENDA**

- 11. FUTURE AGENDA** - The purpose of this item is to identify issues presently known to staff or which members of the 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: Diane Halverson)**

Mayor Abed indicated there would be a Charter City discussion at the January 15, 2014 meeting.

Councilmember Gallo requested a discussion to permit lawn bowling or pickle ball courts in Kit Carson Park.

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Diaz indicated she and Councilmember Gallo attended a Parking Subcommittee meeting.

Councilmember Gallo stated the North County Transit District had received an A-1 rating from Moody's and was increasing service in routes 357 and 355.

Councilmember Masson stated a League of California Cities meeting was scheduled for next week.

Councilmember Morasco indicated the Regional Solid Waste Association would be meeting in the morning; a School Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for March and the City was taking nominations for citizen recognition for outstanding work in the community.

Mayor Abed stated the State of the City would be held on February 26, 2014. Application deadline for boards and commissions is February 13, 2014. He attended the SANDAG Policy Advisory Board meeting where the legislative program for 2014 was discussed. He recognized employee Bud Olivera, Deputy Director of Public Works/Operation for his work on the graffiti program.

### **CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE/BRIEFING**

The most current information from the City Manager regarding Economic Development, Capital Improvement Projects, Public Safety and Community Development.


- **CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE**

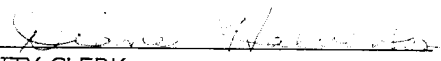
### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

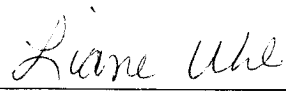
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### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK

  
MINUTES CLERK