

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO
JUNE 29, 2009
4:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes**

**SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
ESCONDIDO CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Escondido City Council and Community Development Commission was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 29, 2009 in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Pfeiler presiding.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Pfeiler led the flag salute.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Abed, Daniels, Diaz, Waldron, and Pfeiler. Quorum present.

Also present were: Clay Phillips, City Manager; Jeffrey Epp, City Attorney; Jonathan Brindle, Community Development Director; Ed Domingue, Engineering Services Director; Marsha Whalen, City Clerk; and Liane Uhl, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. **FISCAL YEAR 2009/2010 OPERATING BUDGET**– A public hearing to discuss and adopt the Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Operating Budget for the City of Escondido, or take other action to provide for ongoing city operations, including necessary policy changes for expenditure of funds **(continued from 6/24/09)** (File No. 0430-30)

Staff Recommendation: Adopt the FY 2009-2010 Operating Budget for the City of Escondido and the CDC **(Finance Department: Joy Canfield)**

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2009-87**
- b. **RESOLUTION NO. CDC 2009-08**

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

Chester Mordasini, Teamsters 911 President, indicated that some of the Council should not be talking with the POA behind closed doors and requested that they ensure all employees share equally in the economic sacrifice.

Marlene Beard, Escondido, asked why the speakers were asked to go before the staff's presentation.

Don Anderson, Escondido, voiced concern with further cuts from the recreation fund and loss of staff from the Recreation Department and asked the Council to be aware of how staff cuts would affect the City.

Tom Hogarty, Chamber of Commerce, expressed concern with the quality and level of City services if additional personnel cuts are made.

Wendy Barker, History Center, indicated it would be devastating if the City did not support them and asked Council not to cut their funding.

Elizabeth Haller, Escondido, stated she supported the water polo teams and asked Council not to close the pools.

Traci Bass, Escondido Real Estate Broker, asked Council not to cut recreation programs, park maintenance and the library.

Ed Gallo, Escondido, indicated it was short-sighted of the Council to pay off the CCAE loan, and urged Council not to lay-off the police non-sworn employees, eliminate the Christmas parade, or close the pools.

Jeanie Bunch, Escondido, asked Council not to cut the recreation and aquatic programs.

Jerry Davis, Escondido, urged Council not to reduce staff salaries.

Julio JaPortia, Escondido, stated that closing the pools would be devastating to kids and asked Council to keep them open.

Scott Smithers, Escondido, indicated that both of his son's swam at City facilities and urged Council not to close the pools.

Sherry Aviati, Escondido, stated that her four children were swim club members and requested that Council not close the pools.

Marlene Beard, Escondido, asked Council not to eliminate the recreation programs.

Gary Fiaco, Escondido, stated his daughter played water polo and urged Council not to close the pools.

Patty Huerta, Escondido Education Compact, asked Council not to reduce funding to their program.

Unidentified Speaker, Escondido, requested that Council not make any cuts to the library.

Mike Huxel, Escondido, stated he was a lifeguard and asked Council to keep the pools open.

Amanda Bosery, Escondido, indicated she was a member of the swim club and requested that Council keep the pools open.

Jeff Ugranites, Escondido, asked Council not to cut the recreation programs.

Tanya Sangreck, Escondido, urged Council to not cut any of the recreation or aquatic programs.

Lisa Prazeau, Escondido, asked Council to keep all of the recreation programs.

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

Council discussion ensued regarding a list of proposed reductions to the FY 2009-10 budget (see list attached).

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Abed and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to direct staff to adopt the \$1,264,950 in cuts not involving layoffs, and restoring the 308,000 for outside agencies. Ayes: Abed and Diaz. Noes: Daniels, Waldron and Pfeiler. Motion failed.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Abed to adopt the proposed cuts not involving layoffs, removing the \$308,000 for outside agencies, the \$6,505 for tone pagers, the \$170,000 overtime-emergency response and special events for Streets for a total of \$780,445 in reductions. In addition, pay off the CCAE loan for \$1.7 Million, restore two police positions, and find another funding source for the Federal lobbyist. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Abed and seconded by Councilmember Daniels to adopt Resolution No. 2009-87, Resolution No. CDC 2009-08 and transfer of \$8,074,382 currently designated for capital improvements to the Economic Uncertainty Fund. Motion carried.

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pfeiler adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

MINUTES CLERK