CITY OF ESCONDIDO

MARCH 3, 2010
4:00 p.m. Meeting Minutes

Escondido City Council
Community Development Commission

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council and Community Development Commission was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 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: Councilmember Sam Abed, Mayor Pro Tem Dick Daniels, Councilmember Olga Diaz, Councilmember Marie Waldron, and Mayor Lori Holt-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

Charles Morris, Escondido Jaycees, indicated the Jaycees would help the community with graffiti removal.

Thomas Armstrong, Escondido, stated the Salvation Army only offered emergency shelter to the homeless.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Abed and seconded by Councilmember Daniels that the following Consent Calendar items be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

1. AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION, MAILING AND POSTING (COUNCIL/CDC/RRB)
2. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER (Council/CDC)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of February 3, 2010
Regular Meeting of February 10, 2010

CONSENT - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES (COUNCIL/CDC/RRB)

None

CURRENT BUSINESS

4. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO AMEND THE FISCAL YEAR 2009/10 BUDGET – Recommended actions include (but not limited to) the following: (File No. 0430-30)

1. Lower General fund revenue estimates from $72.9 million to $66 million
2. Reduce the General Fund Budget by $967,000 and authorize $280,000 in transfers into the General Fund from the Fleet and Building Maintenance Fund
3. Appropriate an additional $600,000 to be used for street maintenance
4. Transfer $17.6 million dollars of the Economic Incentive Reserve to the Economic Uncertainty Reserve

Recommendation: Approval **(Council Budget Subcommittee: Mayor Pro Tem Dick Daniels and Council Member Olga Diaz)**

Mayor Pro Tem Daniels and Councilmember Diaz presented their recommendations. Finance Director Gil Rojas presented a series of slides.

Eduardo Mucino, Escondido, asked Council not to cut service levels in the Public Works Department.

Ralph Ginese, Escondido, urged Council to give up their auto allowances, keep the self-funded recreation programs and not cut City services.

Alfredo Velasco, Chamber of Commerce Chair, indicated the Chamber supported pro-active economic development in the City.

Kevin Svetich, Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs, urged Council to explore new revenue generating options.

Russ Lane, Employee Association President, stated there will be more layoffs in the future.

Chester Mordacini, Teamsters Union President, indicated the Teamsters Union supported the Budget Subcommittee recommendations.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to lower General Fund revenue estimates from $72.9 million to $66 million; reduce the General Fund Budget by $967,000 and authorize $280,000 in transfers into the General Fund from the Fleet and Building Maintenance Fund; appropriate an additional $600,000 to be used for street maintenance; and transfer $17.6 million dollars of the Economic Incentive Reserve to the Economic Uncertainty Reserve. Ayes: Daniels, Diaz and Pfeiler. Noes: Abed and Waldron. Absent: None. Motion carried.

BRIEFING (Staff)

None

FUTURE AGENDA

5. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS -** 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: Marsha Whalen)**

Due to the recent safety issues in public areas, Councilmember Daniels requested an item be included in the next agenda to obtain volunteers to cleark overgrown vegetation in Kit Carson Park.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCIL/COMMISSION/ MEMBERS COMMENTS

Councilmember Abed distributed a commemorative coaster from the NCTD to the Council in celebration of the fifteen-year anniversary of the Coaster trains.

CLOSED SESSION: (COUNCIL/CDC/RRB)

Attorney Jeffrey Epp recommended recess to Closed Session to discuss items 6 and 7.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Daniels and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to recess to Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION:**

a. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code §54956.9(b): Two Cases

7. **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code §54957.6)**

a. Agency Negotiator: Sheryl Bennett, Clay Phillips
Employee organization: **Escondido Firefighters' Association**

ADJOURNMENT

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

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MAYOR CITY CLERK

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MINUTES CLERK

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NO MEETING