



Public Comments
City Council Meeting
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Agenda # 5

Subject Public comment

Position In Favor

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Comments I would like to again urge the council to follow the suit of other municipalities in San Diego County, and allow residents of Escondido to call-in real time into city council meetings. Oftentimes when comments are being read, it sounds like they are just being read to be read, to get through them as fast as possible. Their delivery is void of the emotion or sentiment that the public comment submitter would like to convey. I have reviewed the staff report and would like to call attention to three excerpts. The first, " In all cases, the Clerk reads the public comments verbatim received on agenda and non-agenda items at the meeting for up to the (pre-existing) three minute speaking time." I have been submitting comments throughout the entire pandemic period, thus I have utilized the public comment website on multiple occasions. On the webpage, there used to be a drop down menu where you had to select whether or not you wanted to have your comment "read-out-loud." Thus, if you did not select read out loud, it would be assumed that you did not want your comment read out loud. This was removed in the past few weeks but it was there for most of the pandemic, therefore I feel the statement in the staff report is misleading at least up until the point when that box was removed. Second, the report states that there has been " few complaints or negative feedback from the public" on this matter. I would counter by saying I don't believe the public was aware that other municipalities were allowing call-in. Had I known this was an option other municipalities were providing their constituents, I would have raised this concern months ago. I attended a vista city council meeting a few weeks ago and they had a zoom public comment. It went very smoothly, did not have any technical difficulties, individuals were allowed to read their statements. It really is not that complicated to time consuming to do this, and should require minimal effort. Third, the report says, "data demonstrates that the public knows how to use the system and is taking advantage of its benefits." I agree that this system does allow an easy way to submit a comment on an agenda item, but I do think this is an "and" not an "or" situation. Council should be excited to hear from their constituents through various mediums and should as many opportunities as possible for the residents of Escondido to engage with the council meeting. Therefore I urge the council to continue taking electronic public comment requests and allow for real time call-in.

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Agenda # Read This One Out Loud: Current Business Item #5

Subject Report on Public Comment Practices @ City Council Meetings

Position In Favor

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Comments Please Dear Council Members and Staff: My name is Maria and Escondido has been my home for many years. Last week, I logged into the council's meeting a little early, and while waiting, there were a few statements made that caught my attention. It made me feel uncomfortable. Someone in the back (didn't realize the microphone was on) said "Oh, I Can't believe The Style of These People," and it referred to the writing styles from the members of the public. Such as incomplete sentences, incoherent message, words not used correctly, etc. Please understand that people in our city are multicultural speaking different languages or dialects, and of course have different writings styles. This negativity is easy to fix "We should be able to read our own statements because our voices can make a difference when mitigating important decisions." In past meetings, there have been constituents already advocating for this issue. It is our RIGHT and your DUTY to let our voices be heard. The clerk reading our statements can't convey the message or emotions that might be involved the same way as the person writing them can. Furthermore, other cities in the North County corridor allow members of the public to read their own statements. Also, there are many platforms out there that can be used...the most popular ones are Zoom, Teams and Cisco. Also, make the online comment submission more accessible. It should be on the main splash page as a one click...not sift through multiple menus. There, should also be a "Read Out Loud" option, not me remembering to write it in. New people to the site would not know that and then be wondering what happened to my comment. Did anyone ever see it? Please let us read our statements!

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Agenda # oral communication

Subject oral communication

Position In Favor

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Comments Good Evening, I am a member of the Escondido Community Advisory committee on Environmental Issues and Climate Action. All the council members should have received an email earlier this week from the community advisory committee requesting time allotted in the upcoming workshop on the ECAP for a presentation from the committee. Throughout the past year, the committee has conducted an immense amount of research and time into finding the best greenhouse gas reduction policies. We have put in a lot of hard work and would like time to be dedicated to present our recommendations at the workshop on the 10th. Many of our members have expertise on these issues, and have been working on these issues for years. Thank you.

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Agenda # 10

Subject Palomar Heights Project (Read Out Loud)

Position In Favor

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Comments I commend council members' decision to approve the Palomar Heights project. To do otherwise would have resulted in a continuing catastrophe for our downtown businesses and for our community as a whole. Imagine, if you will, the vibrancy of our city if, in past years, council members had approved the following proposals: 1. The Marriott-flagged hotel adjacent to city hall. 2. Escondido's Library Of The Future At Grape Day Park. 3. An expansion of our signature central green space, Grape Day Park. 4. The high-tech high school that ultimately abandoned Escondido for San Marcos. 5. The plan to construct a ballpark in our mid-town area and play host to our own, Triple-A affiliate of the San Diego Padres. 6. A downtown apartment complex across from Grape Day Park and adjacent to Grand Avenue. As a result of past, shortsighted inaction, our historic city has been stuck in neutral and getting more shabby by the day. The COVID epidemic appeared to be the knockout blow, shifting our town from neutral into full reverse. Perhaps the Palomar Heights project will result in a renaissance. Let's all hope that is the case and we can finally begin to move forward dynamically into the 21st century.

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Agenda # Public Comment

Subject Please Read Out Loud: ECAG request to present recommendations for ECAP at next council/workshop

Position In Favor

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Comments PLEASE READ OUT LOUD - As per an email I sent on Friday January 29th 2021 to City Council members, the Mayor, and Community Development Director Mike Strong, on behalf of the Escondido Community Advisory group (ECAG) I am requesting an item be placed on the agenda to have the opportunity for the ECAG to provide a formal presentation at the next city council regarding the initiatives and recommendations we are pushing for adoption into the the Escondido Climate Action Plan (ECAP). Thank you!

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Agenda # Oral Communications

Subject Police Oversight and Reallocating Funds to Community Services

Position In Favor

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Comments My name is Daniel Colmenarez, I am an organizer with the San Diego Party for Socialism and Liberation in San Diego. I'm writing to ask that officer Chad Moore be held accountable for his unwarranted act of violence against homeless community member Steven Olson. We want officer Chad Moore terminated and charged with murder. We demand that Escondido implement an independent police oversight committee. Finally, we demand that funds be reallocated from policing toward services for the community such as housing, healthcare, mental healthcare and education. If we ever hope to curtail the unending violence by the hands of the police, we must start holding them accountable for their actions and dispense with the special treatment they receive. A form has been submitted, click the link below to view the submission: