



City Council Meeting
Public Comments
April 06, 2022

4/6/22 City Council Public Comment- Agenda Items: Oral Communication (Read-Outloud)

“Good evening City Council,

Apologies I couldn't physically attend today's council meeting. It's 2 years into the pandemic. Wish we could be using a hybrid model by now, like Zoom. Anyway, I'm busy doing your work for you, but you all know that.

- Jesús will Rise soon. Will our City Council be on the right side of history?

- I would be remiss if I didn't mention Brown Women are doing Councilmember Consuela's (as EUSD Board-member Georgia Tomato calls her), Mayor Paul's, and the rest of the Escondido Council's COVID-Outreach work. Thank you Councilmember Garcia for showing-up when he can to show Solidarity with Healthcare workers in the fight against COVID. At the very least, Councilmember Garcia is aware that our Latinx community has been disproportionately impacted by COVID. Thank Goddess we have Community members who CARE enough to speak-up, get-involved, and ANSWER these calls.

- I'm glad the streets in Central Southwest are getting updated - AFTER Community members had to gripe during the City Redistricting process. *** I might add, HIGH City Redistricting Civic Engagement, DESPITE A GLOBAL PANDEMIC AND INACCESSIBLE Spanish-translations on the Commission VOTE DAYS, Councilmember Consuela.*** The streets are still filled with trash. Community leaders and volunteers haven't been cleaning them for fun, awards, elections, or photo-ops. They've been cleaning them because it's NECESSARY. The City SHOULD set a Budget in the Southwest to clean leftover trash on busy streets like S. Escondido Blvd. and S. Center City Blvd. Moreover, streets ravaged by potholes include the neighborhoods behind the “5 Star Market.” Believe it or not, there are human-beings who live here, Councilmember Morasco. Human-beings who look like Jesus.

- Why is the City cutting down trees in the Central and Southwest, where Gentrification projects are happening, without a solid replacement plans for those Trees? Is it because our Houseless neighbors sleep under them? Where are the so-called Environmental Justice and Housing hawks in Central & Southwest Escondido? Do you think Jesus would be proud of the City doing this? Where is the Good Stewardship?

- Escondido Residents deserve livable Housing, and Rents, FREE of Slumlords. Like at Eagles Point. Yt, Retired, Well-off so-called “Environmentalists” and so-called “Housing advocates” (many of which are Sierra Club NIMBY's) DO NOT speak for these communities. All these hypocrites care about is *THEIR* PRECIOUS URBAN-SPRAWLED HOMES not getting touched. They don't care about Majority, Low-income, Spanish-speaking communities getting Gentrified. They use us as PROPS for their Racist, Yt Savior agendas. These Yt Environmentalists' main interests is their Class interests.

- EPD will be held accountable for criminalizing Houseless neighbors and BROWN people in the Central Southwest for existing.

- The City, and Councilmember Mike Morasco, can choose to recover for the 8 million dollar budget gap by decriminalizing and legalizing cannabis. Councilmember Morasco's constituents want it. The only people and entities who seem to NOT want PROFITABLE, LIFE-saving, Medicinal cannabis in Escondido,

are Councilmember Morasco and COMPACT. I also won't forget to mention the Liberals who were too scared to decriminalize and legalize cannabis when they had a chance because they, "Didn't want to piss too many people off." Jokes on y'all.

- Furthermore, I find it deeply disturbing that Liberal Public Servants would rather put their Egos first to Gaslight and Disparage Public Discourse, rather than work FOR the Communities that placed them there in the first place. That seems to me no different than Sam Abed and Marie Waldron's reign of terror. I also find it deeply disturbing that those Egos seemed to be so easily bruised by THE VISIBLE WORK of majority Low-income, BIPOC, 20-30 year old Community members.

- Finally, I genuinely wish the Mayor of Escondido Paul Macnamera's wife a full recovery after getting physically attacked and sent to the hospital. The Police and News reports of the attack personally seem conflicting. I hope all Parties involved receive Justice. Regardless, Jesus will ensure there's Justice.

Community Members will continue praying for y'all. In Goddess name, Amen. 🙏

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Gloria R. Conejo (She/Her)

Item 7 – Patricia Borchmann

I am a member of the Escondido Community Advisory Group (ECAG) Subcommittee that was formed to address the Escondido Climate Action Plan (ECAP). Our group was recently reactivated, so we are re-energized and excited to provide manpower, support and hands-on help to accelerate the next phase of the ECAP implementation to combat climate change. The ECAG Subcommittee is proud of the high quality Climate Action Plan that the City Council adopted in 2021, and are encouraged that the City hired a skilled policy planner, Veronica Morones to manage the next phase to ensure the ECAP's successful completion.

Our group met on Monday April 6, 2022 to develop a list of top priorities to combat climate change which members identified, to support the city in ECAP implementation.

The Staff Report indicates an action item for City Council is required tonight on the 2021-22 Climate Action Plan Annual Monitoring Report, to **recommend implementation milestones** for the forthcoming year, (2022-23). Therefore, we ask that you consider preliminary recommendations by ECAG Subcommittee, to adopt as milestones to reflect top priorities, as outlined below.

1. Creation of the Climate Commission
2. Pursue plans and grant funding for Urban Forest and tree planting goals
3. Development of the Zero Waste Plan including developing a single-use-plastics ban
4. Food Justice and Sustainable agriculture
5. Development of Cooling Centers
6. Development of the Energy Equity Plan.

We also observe that potential grant funding opportunities in 2022 reached unprecedented record levels by state and federal funding agencies, with funding levels in the millions, (some without matching funds), to target disadvantaged communities, to provide urban forest, and reduce urban heat islands. Some grants have guidelines, based on criteria that are already consistent with Escondido Climate Action Plan, with priority investment neighborhoods (PINs), in disadvantaged communities that are defined by Cal Enviro screen precincts. The stakes are huge since the potential return on investment (ROI) has never been higher, and Escondido cannot afford inaction. Since the 2022 grant cycle deadlines recently expired, ECAG Subcommittee recommends City Council **elevate** future grant funding to the top level, and assign adequate resources to assist senior staff to prepare future application(s) for appropriate grant funds.

We strongly urge you to maximize efforts to **compete** for major revenue from grant funds due in early 2023. Implementing the ECAP commitment to resilience, urban forestry, sustainable development, cooling centers and community equity are essential, so these worthy priorities can be supported through these grant funds. I am providing a summary of grants from state and federal agencies, prepared by the Climate Action Campaign attached. I've also distributed a sample of a grant fund announcement from one of the agencies that do not require matching funds, as an example, to motivate elected officials to take strong action.

Please set these priorities in your 2022-23 goals.

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Subject Implementation of climate Action Plan

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Christine Nva

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Good Evening Mayor and City Council Members,

As an active member of the community group that put together the Climate Action Plan. I regret that I cannot be there in person to speak about the importance of moving forward with the implementation of the Climate Action Plan. I know that the Plan is ambitious, but the urgency of the threat to our health and that of our environment calls for bold action and leadership. One of the elements of the Plan I wish to speak about is the recommendation to embark on a serious urban forestry plan. The Climate and health benefits of trees are universally recognized as a relief to the rising summer temperatures we are experiencing. Trees provide a cooling effect and provide relief for residents who do not have access to AC. The cooling effect of a singly healthy tree equates to 10 room-sized AC units. Trees allow for soil and stormwater retention and absorb additional GHGs and air pollution. The good news here is that a number of urban forestry grants are available to communities wishing to participate in these programs. I urge you to exercise bold leadership in considering the implementation of the Climate Action Plan.

Sincerely,

Christine Nava

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Item # 7

Subject Climate Commission

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Marian Sedio

Are you an Escondido Resident? No

Comments

Even though I do not live in Escondido I spend a lot of time there and am very happy to see all the hard work that the City has put into efforts to mitigate the climate crisis. I strongly urge you to create a Climate Commission. I also encourage increasing the infrastructure for electric vehicles. Another area of great importance is the electrification of buildings and helping people improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Thank you

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"Hi again.

Praying to Goddess this Public Comment isn't rudely cut-off again.

As I said earlier in my Oral Communication, cutting down TREES and NOT having a tangible plan to replace them is ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM. It's ALSO Housing Injustice. Which White Environmentalists, and their tokens, who don't live in Central Escondido don't care about. The people affected by this issue are those who live Centrally are our Houseless neighbors and Brown People. Our Climate Crisis is impending. It's getting hotter and hotter. My generation will be affected by this issue.

Furthermore, I find it deeply disturbing that Liberal Public Servants would rather put their Egos first to Gaslight and Disparage Public Discourse, rather than work FOR the Communities that placed them there in the first place. That seems to me no different than Sam Abed and Marie Waldron's reign of terror. I also find it deeply disturbing that those Egos seemed to be so easily bruised by THE VISIBLE WORK of majority Low-income, BIPOC, 20-30 year old Community members.

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