



**City Council Meeting**  
**Public Comments**  
**April 20, 2022**

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Council Meeting Date April 20

Item # Public Comment

Subject Public Comment

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Laura Hunter

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments One of many great things in SANDAG's new Regional Transportation Plan is the commitment to Youth Opportunity Passes or free transit ridership for 18 and under. These will be in place starting May 1 and all youth, 18 years and under, can ride transit free of charge.

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Thank you

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Item # Unknown

Subject Mountain View Park conversion into pickleball courts

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Debi K Sigmon

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments Please consider converting Mountain View Park one tennis court into 4 pickleball courts. A group of us having been playing there and it's good exercise. Once in a while we see tennis players but the majority of the people using the courts are pickleball players. It goes to reason that it would be beneficial for the city to convert one of the tennis courts to pickleball. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Debi Sigmon

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Item # ??

Subject Conversion of one tennis court to 4 pickleball courts at Mountain Viiew

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Al Zolynas

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments With the great increase in pickleball's popularity, Escondido needs some dedicated courts for people to enjoy this fun and healthy form of recreation. Please find a way to fund this worthy project.

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Council Meeting Date 4/20/2022

Item # unknown

Subject pickleball court

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Susan Park

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments I think that we should have more dedicated pickleball courts in Escondido. It is the fastest growing sport in America.

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Council Meeting Date 4/20

Item # Pickleball Court designations

Subject Pickleball Court designations

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Lisa Boyle

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments Thank you for considering this. This sport is a fun, healthy level setter across ages, races, professional and social stratas. Court availability makes Escondido a preference, not an apology, when people seek courts for open play. Please endorse this specific way to give people a reason to stay, speak kindly of, and build our community relationships, economic choices, please.

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Item # Oral Communications

Subject Pop-ups

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Ed Gallo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

On Feb 14, 2022, Valentine's Day, I had occasion to be out on errands only in a portion of East Escondido. As i drove around i took note of 8 pop-up flower businesses. I doubt any had a business license as do all other existing flower shops. These are one or two day operations which take sales and taxes from approved businesses, including supermarkets, provide no business license fees to the City, deny property owners from leasing property to a business. May 8, 2022 is the second busiest day of the year for flower sales. If at all possible I would like to see the City Manager allocate funds for code enforcement to be out checking on proper licensing of these pop-ups which will no doubt be out in full force that weekend. let's work to keep these sales to our existing businesses. It can be done.,Many years ago, Bill Voss, Business License Manager showed up at the jayces Christmas parade at 8:00AM and actually had some vendors removed for lack of a one day license. Personal observation. Thank you.

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Council Meeting Date 04/20/2022

Item # 11

Subject ARPA Status

Position No Position

First and Last Name Cesar Serrano

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments I would like to request that my comment be read out loud if possible. I recall that the topic of a futsal court came up a year or two ago and there seemed to be a lot of community support for it. I respectfully ask the City Council to revisit the subject and that they set some funds aside for construction of the court. Adding a futsal court to Washington Park would increase usage of the park. It would also reinforce the cohesiveness of the community since it would provide an outlet where people can practice a sport that is important for the predominant culture of the area. Please consider using at least a portion of ARPA funds to create a space that would benefit the surrounding community and the city as a whole. Thank you.



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Item # 6

Subject innovate 78

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Ed Gallo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments First, i am all for the efforts of the Innovate 78 program. As a member of the Economic Development Committee Escondido was the first city to support and help fund the project during its startup. What i would like to see is the I 78 efforts give more attention to Escondido, specifically the area between CCP and I-15 which some years ago was tabbed as being perfectly situated to house the manufacturing end of the Life Sciences industry which is still growing in Sorrento Valley. Currently the LS researches travel out of state to the manufacturing process. Having this function in Escondido would save the research reviews time and money doing their observations in less than a half day as opposed to a full day including the cost of air fare.

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Item # Public Comment

Subject REVISED comment on Youth Opportunity Passes

Position In Favor

First and Last Name Laura Hunter

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Item # 8

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Marisa Allen

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

As a resident of Escondido, I'm concerned about the use of military equipment by EPD.

The use of tear gas and beanbags by police to dispel crowds has escalated peaceful protests around the country to violence. Such equipment has no place in Escondido, and its availability only encourages officers to see the people they are meant to protect and serve as enemies.

**From:** [Zachary Beck](#)  
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Hi Sarena,

Here is a new public comment from Gloria Conejo.

Best Regards,  
Zack Beck



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Communication(Read-Outloud).

Hey City Council,

Really wish this Bruja could be there today. Today, consider rising gas prices, inflation, preventing neighbors from dying cruelly of poverty, State-sanctioned violence, etc.

I'm really sad I missed y'all at Supervisor Desmond's State of North County address. Did you sneak out the back door, Councilmember Morasco? I wanted to ask you where my neighborhood's Trees are, like I asked Councilmember Garcia a few weeks ago at a Vaccine clinic.

Anyway, I have questions for this council I asked City Planning staff. Are y'all aware Central Southwest Escondido is an Environmental Justice community? With many Low-income Renters? Is that a coincidence with data? What is this city proactively doing to create equitable policy that incentivizes homeowners to plant Native and low-water usage plants? What other agencies are y'all working with to lower greenhouse gases by implementing more access to Public Transit in neighborhoods like mine? NCTD? SANDAG? The Schools, County, State, and Feds? Where's the communication and action?

Does it rain more in Pauma Valley and Valley Center? Is Pauma's access to water more different than in Escondido? What is keeping Native and lush plants alive in Pauma? What are y'all doing to ensure your residents have healthy and sustainable access to food? What are y'all doing to keep wages the same as the cost of living? As the Rents?

Are y'all aware there's a wave of Eviction notices of Central Southwest tenants? Does the City want more houselessness? Where's the real outreach and education towards tenants? If there's no City money, how can we make money? Specifically, how much money can the city be recuperating from the equitable decriminalization and legalization of cannabis?

All these issues are interconnected. To briefly summarize what Supervisor Desmond said in his address: What we can control is preventative measures that cause houselessness and illness. Hoping your Budget conversations reflect these questions and provide outside the box solutions moving forward. Preventing problems is less expensive than fixing them. I don't want State and outside intervention as much as the next Bruja, but that's what you're leaving room for when you don't suggest anything and keep throwing bandaids (like funding criminalization) at the problems.

Praise Goddess.

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As you all know, Jesus rose this past weekend! Hallelujah. Always in the Spirit of Anti-Authoritarian Brown Jesus, I have questions.

Why did the city defund our Public Library, a source of Education, and then lend off the Mobile Library to become a Mobile Office for the EPD? The same Mobile Offices the check-points use to racially profile particularly black and brown residents. I was heartbroken to learn this from an officer, so nonchalantly, at the mandated AB481 community forum which some residents only found Public notice on the EPD's Facebook 5 days prior. I feel this resulted in low-turnout of about 5-7 residents. I believe residents should know

where their taxes are going. I believe residents should know how much government is playing a role in their lives. Especially when Peace Officers want updated military toys. Do you all want Big, Draconian, Authoritarian government? Do you want that Mayor Macnamara? Councilmember Morasco?

I'm also confused by all the conflicting numbers EPD threw at residents when the documents show otherwise on costs of militarized weapons?

Moreover, I'm confused as to why residents had to phish from EPD on whether there would be a VOTE TODAY on this topic?

There seems to be a lack of straightforward, honest communication between Council and residents. No bs transparency about these issues. Why is that? Can you answer these questions? Why does EPD need more updated toys, like Bearcats, rifles, and drones, etc. while our residents don't have access to public education like libraries? Why are we relying on VOLUNTEER LABOR for problems the CITY can be PAYING FOR AND PREVENTING??? What are we prioritizing?

I could go on and on about different uses for this funding. There seems to always be money for EPD, but not for preventative services. Escondido can make money off plastics and fossil fuels, but I guess not cannabis. Leave it to Vista to keep making money Escondido should be earning. City staff cuts shouldn't be happening.

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