



**City Council Meeting**  
**Public Comments**  
**August 16, 2023**

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date Aug. 16, 2023

Item # 11

Subject Licensed Residential Care Facility {Assisted Living}

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name David Woelke

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My 2460 Glenridge Rd. home is now stressed by excessive traffic and the associated noise. This circumstance is created by the two schools, cemetery and Mountain View Park. If the assisted living facility is allowed the resultant traffic will have a negative impact on an already congested and noisy situation.

I know of no other places of businesses in this neighborhood.

Your no vote will help sustain the status quo of our residential neighborhood.

Thank You.

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Council Meeting Date August 17, 2023

Item # 11

Subject Parking Issue / Street Traffic Increase

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Otoniel Galindez

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My Concern is the new apartments will cause the already existing street traffic issues to increase. The amount of cars parked on the street of Vermont Ave is already over crowded. Vehicles tend to park on red line zones and very close to our drive way often obstructing our view when trying to exit our home.

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Council Meeting Date 8/16/23

Item # 11

Subject 2525 Reed Road Assisted Living Facility

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Amber Vandewarker

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

My family and I live in the neighborhood (on Ariel Pl) and walk Wedgewood all the time. Our quiet corner of Escondido is a residential area with families and a 45 bed facility would greatly change the feel of the neighborhood with additional traffic from visitors and staff and deliveries, not to mention construction. We are fortunate to have a home in a quiet, walkable area of Escondido and this would disturb the environment. We currently allow our young kids (ages 4,7,9) to ride their bikes around Wedgewood and Jessica Ln and Maxie Pl and wouldn't feel safe doing that with the increased traffic and crowds. To attest to it's small street feel, Wedgewood doesn't have sidewalks all around because it was not meant for business, just for families. I see Escondido has just put in two new assisted living facilities (and maybe more) on East Valley (one by Valley High School and one downtown). These seem like much better locations, not disturbing quiet neighborhoods. Please hold to the original decision and deny this request and advise them to look for a better location.

Board or Commission for Public Comment Planning Commission

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Council Meeting Date 08/16/2023

Item # 11

Subject Notice of Public Hearing

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Vanessa Thomas Schumert

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

A 45-unit care facility in a residential area can have both pros and cons.

Pros:

A care facility in a residential area can provide much-needed services to seniors and people with disabilities who may not be able to live independently.

It can also create jobs and boost the local economy.

The facility can be a source of community engagement, providing opportunities for residents to volunteer or socialize with the elderly.

If the facility is well-designed and maintained, it can be a positive addition to the neighborhood.

Cons:

A care facility can increase traffic and noise levels in the area.

It can also lower property values.

If the facility is not well-managed, it can create problems such as noise, smells, and unsanitary conditions.

There is also the potential for crime, as care facilities can attract people who prey on the elderly.

Ultimately, the decision of whether or not to build a 45-unit care facility in a residential area is a complex one with both pros and cons. It is important to weigh all of the factors involved before making a decision.

Here are some additional things to consider when making the decision:

The size and location of the facility. A smaller facility is less likely to have a negative impact on the neighborhood than a larger one. The facility should also be located in an area that is well-served by public transportation so that residents can easily get to and from the facility.

The design of the facility. The facility should be designed to be as unobtrusive as possible. It should also have features that minimize noise and traffic.

The management of the facility. The facility should be managed by a reputable organization with a good track record. The staff should be well-trained and compassionate.

The needs of the community. The facility should be responsive to the needs of the community. It should offer services that the residents of the area need.

I would like to see senior housing with 2-3 bedroom homes. They could build up to ten houses that would not impact the community but add to the senior housing.

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Council Meeting Date August 16, 2023

Item # 11

Subject Proposed Project on Reed Road and Wedgewood Ave

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Mrs. Kamilah Brown

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Greetings! I am in opposition of the plan and asking to Planning Commission to deny the appeal. We are a community of families in residential homes. My and family and I (husband and two sons) live on Maxie Place in the cul de sac that would be adversely impacted by this proposed care facility. We would essentially be boxed in as there is only one way in and out. This would bring congestion, chaos and heavy traffic to our neighborhood. We are already been significantly impacted by the traffic and congestion (street parking) from Orange Glen High School, Hidden Valley Middle School, Mountain View Park, Oak Hill Memorial Park Cemetery and the current construction project at the park Mountain View. On any given weekday, our streets are lined with the cars of OGHS students, park visitors and parents parked attending events at both OGHS and Hidden Valley MS. On Jessica Lane, there is a single-family home that is a home care facility. We don't know the residents or the workers. We see many people come. In the last couple of years, there has been a significant increase in the amount of cars 8-10 cars parked near the home. This has congested Jessica Lane, which is the street we have to drive through daily, since we live in a cul de sac that is one way in and out. That is A LOT for one neighborhood.

I moved to Escondido in 2012, because I met and married an incredibly brilliant and hard working Navy veteran who was raising his young Autistic son alone. Together, we have built a beautiful life together including our current (forever) home. We are active in the community and have served this City in many capacities. Our children have used the resources available in the City. We love and enjoy our neighborhood and neighbors. Children play together in the cul de sac, especially since we have had regular access to the park. We are often (all day) greeted by neighbors of all ages walking their pets, babies and just for health. Everyone looks out for one another and our neighborhood is quiet and safe. I wish had the opportunity to share all of this with property owners and developers, but they never stopped by our homes or knocked on our doors. Please help us in maintaining the sense of community and peace we have in our neighborhood by denying the appeal and proposals for the project on Reed and Wedgewood Ave. I appreciate your time.

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Council Meeting Date August 16, 2023

Item # 11

Subject PHG20-0033/PL22-0216 – AN APPEAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION’S DECISION TO DENY A  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND GRADING EXEMPTION FO

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Michael Commins

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

This is an inappropriate location for such a large facility given the increased noise and traffic that will result if a facility of this size and type is approved. Oppose.

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Council Meeting Date august 16, 2023

Item # 14

Subject Changes to Public Comment

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Laura Hunter

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I wish to strongly oppose the proposed removal of the Public Comment agenda item from early in the meeting. Allowing non-agenda public comment only at the end of meeting demonstrates serious disregard for the public.

If implemented, this move sends a strong message that 1.) the Council is uninterested in what the public has to say and 2.) is uninterested in facilitating communication in a manner that is workable and convenient for the public-- whom you serve.

As you know, meetings can end after 30 minutes or after 4 hours and 30 minutes. There is no way to know so there is no way for a public member to plan for their comment.

It is disrespectful, unrealistic, and unnecessary to make a public member wait until the end to speak to you for 2-3 minutes. Many fewer public members will even try to communicate with you under these new rules.

Frankly, I'm surprised that you are not more interested in what the public thinks is important and what they want to share with you. To frustrate interaction with you in this way will leave the Council further out of contact with the general public. It is the very opposite of a commitment to public outreach and engagement.

Should you persist in this action, I request that you establish a time-certain for the Non-Agenda Public Comment so that public members that wish to communicate with you can plan their evenings and are facilitated in this communication.

Respectfully,  
Laura Hunter



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Council Meeting Date August 16, 2023

Item # 14

Subject Public Comment Policy

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Pamela Albergo

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Mayor and City Council members,

I am writing this comment in anticipation that I will not be able to attend the City Council meeting on August 16th because I will be taking care of my two year old granddaughter.

I'm frustrated that I am having to submit a comment again on the issue of public e-comment. I wrote to Council for the June 21st Council meeting urging you to keep the policy of allowing those of us who cannot attend meetings in person, to be able to submit written comments and to have those comments read aloud during the meeting. At that meeting Councilmember Morasco called the three comments submitted that day as "snarky" and at that he had not put the issue of deleting the reading of the comments on that day's meeting. Several days later after submitting a letter to Council and the City Manager about Mr. Morasco's use of the term "snarky" as being inappropriate, I did receive a phone call from Mr. Morasco apologizing for the use of the word "snarky". That being said, those of us who wrote comments on that day were right. Councilmember Morasco was in fact working on removing the reading of our written comments, just not at that particular meeting. It seems as if Councilmember Morasco was less than honest about his intentions.

The policy of allowing members of the public to submit written comments and then to have the comments read into the record does not add much time, if any to the meetings. The policy allows for a much wider view of what is important to members of our community and it ensures that all the council members hear all of the opinions submitted by the public.

Modifying the policy as you are suggesting will not ensure all council members have read each of the comments submitted. This would be a disservice to the entire community as it will prevent those members of the community to have their opinions heard.

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Council Meeting Date 08/16/2023

Item # 14

Subject Public Comment Policy

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Richard Miller

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Mayor and City Council Members,

I strongly oppose any change in policy regarding public comments, either orally or electronically.

All individuals should be able to express publicly their views on issues facing society in a respectful manner. Making your constituents wait, possibly for many hours, before being able to comment on an issue of concern to them is not respectful.

It is unrealistic and unnecessary to make any public member wait until the end of a council meeting to speak to you for 2-3 minutes.

This change in policy will only send a strong message that the Council is uninterested in what the public has to say.

This city council should be working to encourage the citizens of Escondido to engage in the political process, not hinder it.

Please keep oral comments at the beginning of your meeting and continue to read electronic comments, like this one, aloud before you act on an item.

I do support prohibiting recordings or videos from being played without proper review in advance.

Thank you

Richard Miller

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Council Meeting Date 8/15/2023

Item # 14

Subject

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Steve Thorne

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

All individuals should be able to express publicly their views on issues facing society in a respectful manner. Making your constituents wait, possibly for many hours, before being able to comment on an issue of concern to them is not respectful.

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Council Meeting Date 8-16-23

Item # 14

Subject Moving oral comments to the end of the City Council Meeting

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Andrew P. Thomas

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am utterly opposed to moving the comments recitations to the end of the council meeting. How can concerns of the Escondido Citizenry be discussed by the City Council if the comments are at the end of the meeting. There will not be any or adequate discussion! I am an Escondido Native born (1963) who is concerned that this is an attempt to avoid discussion of issues that might be very important yet difficult topics that are important to the citizenry.

Thank you,  
Andy Thomas

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Council Meeting Date 8/16/23

Item # 14

Subject moving public comments to the end of the meeting

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Barbara Servatka

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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Council Meeting Date 08/16/2023

Item # 14

Subject Public Comment Policy Change

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Joanne Tenney

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

I am opposed to changing the time of the Public Comment period from the beginning of the meeting to the end. Most people cannot come for the entire meeting and will not know when to be there if they want to make a comment. Or they may arrive at the beginning but be unable to stay to the end. It's important for residents to be able to speak to their council members about concerns and matters involving Escondido. This change would make it very difficult for them to do that. Please do not make this change, and allow residents to be able to communicate with the council as easily as possible..

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Council Meeting Date August 16, 2023

Item # 14

Subject Public comments

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Janet L Seeley

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments All public comments should be heard before agenda items are acted on.

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Council Meeting Date 8/16/2023

Item # 14

Subject Opposed to item 14

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Betsy Byrnes

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

This change in policy sends a strong message that the Council is uninterested in what the public has to say.



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Council Meeting Date 8-16-23

Item # 14

Subject Public Comment Policy

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Linda Schafer

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Please do not change the policy on public comments. Leave it the way it is now!!

Board or Commission for Public Comment City Council

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Council Meeting Date 08-16-23

Item # 14

Subject Moving Oral Comments to end of Council meetings, and reading public comment aloud

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name patricia borchmann

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

Currently, public comments made via email are read aloud by the city clerk at the beginning of the council meeting and put into the record. This way the council can hear my opinion and concerns before you consider an item. Don't change this policy.

All individuals should be able to express publicly their views on issues facing society in a respectful manner. Making your constituents wait, possibly for many hours, before being able to comment on an issue of public concern to them is not respectful.

This change in policy sends a strong message that the Council is uninterested in what the public has to say.

As responsible elected officials, it is your duty to become informed about important issues in our communities and to represent the best interests of its citizens. You cannot do that if you are unwilling to have comments submitted electronically to be read aloud.

It is disrespectful, unrealistic, and unnecessary to make any public member wait until the uncertain end of a council meeting to speak to you for 2-3 minutes.

This City Council should be working to encourage the citizens of Escondido to engage in the political process, not subdue it.

Thank you for getting involved and promoting positive change.

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Council Meeting Date 8/16/2023

Item # 14

Subject Public comments

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Patricia

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

As the Constitución states, "We the People" is an important part of our Democracy. To limit hearing from your constituents is to limit democracy in action. You are in those seats to take care of the issues of this community. You must hear from us.

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Council Meeting Date 08/16/2023

Item # 14

Subject Oral Comments

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name John Peter Randolph

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments Do not change the current procedure.

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Council Meeting Date August 16, 2023

Item # 14

Subject change of policy on public comments

Position In Opposition

First and Last Name Brian Baxley

Are you an Escondido Resident? Yes

Comments

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