

**March 24, 2021  
4:30 p.m. Meeting  
Mitchell Room  
Escondido City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on March 24, 2021 in the Mitchell Room at City Hall with Mayor McNamara presiding.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members were present: Councilmember Joe Garcia, Councilmember Tina Inscoe, Councilmember Consuelo Martinez, Deputy Mayor Michael Morasco, and Mayor Paul McNamara. Quorum present.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**CLOSED SESSION: (COUNCIL/RRB)**

**I. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code §54956.8)**

- a. **Property:** 1050 N. Broadway, Escondido  
**City Negotiator:** Jeffrey Epp, City Manager, or designee  
**Negotiating Parties:** YMCA representatives  
**Under Negotiation:** Price and Terms of Purchase and/or Lease
  
- b. **Property:** 272 E. Via Rancho Pkwy, APN: 2710301400, 2710301600  
**City Negotiator:** Jeffrey Epp, City Manager, or designee  
**Negotiating Parties:** Transform SR Holdings, LLC. or affiliates  
**Under Negotiation:** Price and Terms of Lease

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McNamara adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

**March 24, 2021  
5:00 P.M. Meeting**

**Escondido City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on March 24, 2021 via video conference and in the City Council Chambers with Mayor McNamara presiding.

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Zack Beck, City Clerk led the Moment of Reflection

**FLAG SALUTE**

Michael McGuinness, City Attorney, led the Flag Salute

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members were present: Councilmember Joe Garcia, Councilmember Tina Inscoe, Councilmember Consuelo Martinez, Deputy Mayor Michael Morasco, and Mayor Paul McNamara. Quorum present.

Also present were: Jeffrey Epp, City Manager; Michael McGuinness, City Attorney; Mike Strong, Director of Community Development; Julie Procopio, Director of Engineering Services; and Zack Beck, City Clerk.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Leticia Daue – Expressed concern regarding homelessness in Escondido.

Judith Drake – Expressed concern regarding homelessness in Escondido.

Verna Sundquist – Expressed concern regarding homelessness in Escondido.

Veronica Cortez – Expressed concern regarding homelessness in Escondido.

Kathleen Kimberly – Expressed concern regarding homelessness in Escondido.

James Coyne – Expressed concern regarding homelessness in Escondido.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Inscoe to approve all consent calendar items except item 8. Approved unanimously.

**1. AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION, MAILING AND POSTING (COUNCIL/RRB)**

**2. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER (Council)**

Request the City Council approve the City Council and Housing Successor Agency warrant numbers:

- 350658 350882 dated March 3, 2021
- 350883 351099 dated March 10, 2021

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Finance Department: Christina Holmes)**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meetings of March 3, 2021 and March 10, 2021**

**4. ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GENERAL PLAN AND ANNUAL HOUSING ELEMENT REPORT (PL21-0061) -**

Request the City Council receive and file the annual report and authorize staff to submit the 2020 General Plan Annual Report to the State Office of Planning and Research, Department of Housing and Community Development, and SANDAG. (File No. 0875-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Receive and file (Community Development Department: Mike Strong)**

**5. CITY OF ESCONDIDO LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT - PRELIMINARY ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR ZONES 1-38 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021/2022 -**

Request the City Council approve the Preliminary Engineer's Report and set a Public Hearing date for April 21, 2021, for the City of Escondido Landscape Maintenance Assessment District (LMD) Zones 1 through 38 for FY 2021/2022. (File No. 0685-10)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Engineering Services Department: Julie Procopio)**

a) RESOLUTION NO. 2021-18 b) RESOLUTION NO. 2021-19

**6. APPROVAL OF CALPERS INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICER BRETT M. BYLER -**

Request the City Council approve the Industrial Disability Retirement of Police Officer Brett M. Byler. (File No. 0170-57)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Human Resources Department: Jessica Perpetua)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-30

**7. APPROVAL OF CALPERS INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICER NICHOLAS A. KLUKA -**

Request the City Council approve the Industrial Disability Retirement of Police Officer Nicholas A. Kluka. (File No. 0170-57)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Human Resources Department: Jessica Perpetua)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-38

**CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES (COUNCIL/RRB)**

The following Resolutions and Ordinances were heard and acted upon by the City Council/RRB at a previous City Council/Mobilehome Rent Review meeting. (The title of Ordinances listed on the Consent Calendar are deemed to have been read and further reading waived.)

**8. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE PROVISIONS OF ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 2, CONTROLS ON CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS -**

Approved on March 3, 2021 with a vote of 3/2 (Martinez, McNamara - No)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04 (Second Reading and Adoption)

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Inscoe and seconded by Councilmember Garcia to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-14. Approved 3-2 (Martinez, McNamara – No)

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**9. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT STUDY - INFORMATIONAL REPORT AND STATUS UPDATE -**

Request the City Council receive report and presentation. No action is required at this time except to provide direction to staff as appropriate. (File No. 0875-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Provide Direction (Community Development Department: Mike Strong)**

Patricia Borchmann – Expressed opposition to the item.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Inscoe and seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve staff recommendations. Approved unanimously.

**10. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO PROCESS AMENDMENTS TO THE DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN RELATED TO OPEN SPACE, PARKING, PARKLETS, AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION OVERSIGHT -**

Request the City Council approve the request to initiate processing of the requested specific plan amendments related to (1) open space standards for new residential development; (2) residential and non-residential parking requirements; (3) parklets for downtown businesses. Rather than initiating a specific plan amendment to expand Historic Preservation Commission oversight over land use development projects, provide direction to staff on how to more broadly increase public participation. (File No. 0800-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development Department: Mike Strong)**

Carol Rea – Expressed opposition to the item.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Inscoe and seconded by Deputy Mayor Morasco to approve the request to initiate processing of the requested specific plan amendments related to (1) open space standards for new residential development; (2) residential and non-residential parking requirements; (3) parklets for downtown businesses. Approved unanimously.

**11. POTENTIAL LEGALIZATION OF CANNABIS SALES AND CANNABIS EQUITY ACT GRANT FUNDING -**

Request the City Council review the status of commercial cannabis sales in San Diego County and provide policy direction concerning local measures to legalize cultivation and sale of cannabis products in the City of Escondido, and adopt a resolution authorizing grant funding through the State of California Cannabis Equity Act Grant program of up to \$75,000. (File No. 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (City Manager's Department: Christopher McKinney)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-40

**MOTION:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Inscoe to continue this item to a later date. Approved 3-2 (McNamara, Martinez - No)

**12. CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC COMMENT PRACTICES -**

Request the City Council consider department reports and give direction to staff regarding the City's current practices adopted pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders regarding public participation in City Council meetings during the COVID stay at home orders.

Staff Recommendation: **None (Councilmember Joe Garcia)**

Daisy Ponce – Expressed support for additional public comment options.

Gloria Conejo – Expressed support for additional public comment options.

Greg Anglea – Expressed support for additional public comment options.

Laura Hunter – Expressed support for additional public comment options.

Patricia Borchmann– Expressed support for additional public comment options.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Garcia and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to implement a hybrid model of public comments via voice recording and email. Approved unanimously.

**13. APPOINTMENT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES -**

Request the City Council approve and ratify the Mayor's appointment of Virginia Segarra Bunnell to the Library Board of Trustees. (File No. 0120-10)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (City Clerk's Office: Zack Beck)**

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Garcia and seconded by Councilmember Inscoe to appoint Virginia Segarra Bunnell to the Library Board of Trustees. Approved unanimously.

**FUTURE AGENDA**

**14. FUTURE AGENDA -**

The purpose of this item is to identify issues presently known to staff or which members of the City 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: Zack Beck)**

**Councilmember Garcia - Formation of Housing Subcommittee**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS**

**Councilmember Martinez - Toured Interfaith Community Services. Was sworn-in as a member of the Air Pollution Control District.**

**Councilmember Inscoe - Attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Goodwill.**

**Councilmember Garcia - Attended a San Dieguito River Park JPA meeting. Attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at Goodwill.**

**Deputy Mayor Morasco - RSWA meeting on April 1, 2021.**

**Mayor McNamara - Attended a San Diego Airport Board meeting.**

## **CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

The most current information from the City Manager regarding Economic Development, Capital Improvement Projects, Public Safety and Community Development. This report is also available on the City's website, [www.escondido.org](http://www.escondido.org).

- **WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT -**

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McNamara adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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