

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION

February 25, 2020

The meeting of the Escondido Planning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Spann, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: James Spann, Chairman; Don Romo, Vice-Chair; Joe Garcia, Commissioner; James McNair, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner.

Commissioners absent: Michael Cohen, Commissioner; one vacancy.

Staff present: Mike Strong, Assistant Planning Director; Kurt Whitman, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Adam Finestone, Principal Planner; and Kirsten Peraino, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Weiler, seconded by Chairman Spann to approve the Action Minutes of the January 14, 2020 Planning Commission meeting. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0; Cohen was absent and one vacancy).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: – Received.

FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS: – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: – Introduction of new Senior City Attorney, Kurt Whitman.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – AZ 20-0001:

REQUEST: A series of Escondido Municipal Code and Zoning Code Amendments to address changes in state laws, correct errors, and improve existing regulations. The proposal involves minor amendments to Chapter 16 of the Municipal Code (Mobile Food Facilities), and Article 49 (Air Space Condominium and Community Apartment Projects), Article 67 (Density Bonus and Residential Incentives), and Article 70 (Accessory Dwelling Units) of the Escondido Zoning Code. The proposal also includes the adoption of the environmental determination prepared for the project.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Exemption under the Common Sense (i.e. "General Rule"), CEQA Section 15061(b)(3).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval to City Council

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Stan Stark, Mr. Stark requested modifications to allow larger square footages and more bedrooms in accessory dwelling units.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS:

The Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project.

COMMISSION ACTION: Motion by Weiler, seconded by Chairman Spann to Adopt Planning Commission Resolution 2020-04, with the recommended change to allow up to an 850 SF accessory dwelling unit, regardless of condition of the property or size of the existing buildings on the premises. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0 Cohen was absent, one vacancy).

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE

Update provided to Commissioners

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS:

The Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project.

COMMISSION ACTION: No Motion taken.

2. GENERAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

Update provided to Commissioners

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS:

The Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project.

COMMISSION ACTION: No Motion taken.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Juan Bribiesca spoke regarding ADUs.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Spann adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m. The March 10, 2020 meeting was cancelled. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway Escondido, California.



Mike Strong, Secretary to the
Escondido Planning Commission



Kirsten Peraino, Minutes Clerk