February 22, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER: 7 p.m.

B. FLAG SALUTE

C. ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Barba, Paul, Ramirez, and Weiler

ABSENT: Doan, Rainey, and Serrato

D. MINUTES: January 25, 2022 APPROVED (3-0). Absent: Doan, Rainey, and Serrato; Abstained: Barba

The Brown Act provides an opportunity for members of the public to directly address the Planning Commission on any item of interest to the public before or during the Planning Commission’s consideration of the item. If you wish to speak regarding an agenda item, please fill out a speaker’s slip and give it to the minutes clerk who will forward it to the chairman.

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E. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

Under state law, all items under Written Communications can have no action, and will be referred to the staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda.

A letter was provided to the Commissioners from the Sierra Club North County Group and an email from Patricia Borchmann.

1. Future Neighborhood Meetings

None.

F. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: None.

Under state law, all items under Oral Communications can have no action, and may be referred to the staff for administrative action or scheduled on a subsequent agenda.

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G. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Please try to limit your testimony to three minutes.

None.

H. CURRENT BUSINESS:

Note: Current Business items are those that under state law and local ordinances do not require either public notice or public hearings. Public comments will be limited to a maximum time of three minutes per person.

1. 2022 General Plan Amendment: Community Protection Chapter (Safety Element) Update and Creation of an Environmental Justice Element – PL22-0010:

REQUEST: Receive report and provide feedback on a draft community outreach and engagement plan for the concurrent work effort to update the City’s Community Protection chapter (safety element) and create a new Environmental Justice Element.

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Consideration of this request is categorically exempt from additional environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15306 (Information Collection), as information and data will be collected to assist with the necessary General Plan element tasks as outlined above. The actual update to the Safety Element and creation of the Environmental Justice Element will be subject to further environmental review in the context of an appropriate environmental review document in compliance with CEQA requirements.

APPLICANT: City of Escondido

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed the outreach plan including safety issues related to the Lake Wohlford dam, community involvement, utilization of a cross section of (interdepartmental) City staff, and the written communications received.

PROJECTED COUNCIL HEARING DATE:

I. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:
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J. PLANNING COMMISSIONERS: None.

K. DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Interim Director of Community Development Adam Finestone noted that Senior Deputy City Attorney Kurt Whitman will be leaving the City. He also stated that the regularly scheduled meeting of March 8, 2022 would be cancelled. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled to take place on March 22, 2022.

L. ADJOURNMENT at 7:28 p.m.