

CITY OF ESCONDIDO
October 18, 2017
3:30 P.M. Meeting Minutes
Escondido City Council

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 3:33 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Abed presiding.

ATTENDANCE:

The following members were present: Councilmember Olga Diaz, Councilmember Ed Gallo, Deputy Mayor John Masson, Councilmember Michael Morasco, and Mayor Sam Abed. Quorum present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Roy Garrett, Escondido, shared budgetary information regarding the proposed contract with Library Systems & Services and spoke in opposition to the proposed contract.

Steven Spielberg, representative from EAH Housing, shared information regarding EAH Housings' interest in the Windsor Gardens property.

CLOSED SESSION: (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Masson and seconded by Councilmember Morasco to recess to Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

I. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code §54957.6)

- a. **Agency Negotiator:** Sheryl Bennett and Jeffrey Epp
Employee Organization: Escondido Firefighters' Association
- b. **Agency Negotiator:** Sheryl Bennett and Jeffrey Epp
Employee Organization: Escondido Police Officers' Association
- c. **Agency Negotiator:** Sheryl Bennett and Jeffrey Epp
Employee Organization: Non-Sworn Police Bargaining Unit
- d. **Agency Negotiator:** Sheryl Bennett and Jeffrey Epp
Employee Organization: Escondido City Employee Association: Supervisory (SUP) Bargaining Unit
- e. **Agency Negotiator:** Sheryl Bennett and Jeffrey Epp
Employee Organization: Escondido City Employee Association: Administrative/Clerical/Engineering (ACE) Bargaining Unit

II. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-- EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code 54956.9(d)(1))

- a. **Case Name:** Quintero v. City of Escondido
Case No: 15-CV-2638-BTM(BLM)

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

- a. **Property:** 1600 West Ninth Avenue, APN 232-542-13
(Windsor Gardens Apartments)
- City Negotiator:** Jay Petrek, Assistant City Manager
- Negotiating Parties:** Prospective Purchasers
- Under Negotiation:** Price and Terms of Agreement

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 4:28 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

CITY OF ESCONDIDO
October 18, 2017
4:30 P.M. Meeting Minutes

Escondido City Council

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 4:33 p.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2017 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Abed presiding.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Ed Anderson led the Moment of Reflection.

FLAG SALUTE

Councilmember Gallo led the flag salute.

ATTENDANCE:

The following members were present: Councilmember Olga Diaz, Councilmember Ed Gallo, Deputy Mayor John Masson, Councilmember Michael Morasco, and Mayor Sam Abed. Quorum present.

Also present were: Jeffrey Epp, City Manager; Michael McGuinness, City Attorney; Bill Martin, Director of Community Development; Julie Procopio, Director of Engineering Services; Diane Halverson, City Clerk; and Jennifer Ekblad, Deputy City Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Masson to approve all Consent Calendar items. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1. AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION, MAILING AND POSTING (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)**
- 2. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER (Council/Successor Agency)**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None Scheduled**

CONSENT – RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN (CCP) FOR HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS FUNDS (HOME), COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS (CDBG), EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT FUNDS (ESG), AND THE ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING (AFH) -

Request the City Council solicit and consider citizen input on the Citizen Participation Plan; review and approve the Citizen Participation Plan for HOME, CDBG, ESG, and AFH. (File No. 0870-11, 0871-10, 0873-01)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development Department: Bill Martin)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-128

Karen Youel, Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager, and Nancy Melander, Management Analyst, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Abed opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak on this issue in any way. No one asked to be heard; therefore, he closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Masson to approve the Citizen Participation Plan for HOME, CDBG, ESG, and AFH and adopt Resolution No. 2017-128. Motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT BUSINESS

5. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/17 -

Request the City Council receive and file the annual financial status report for Fiscal Year 2016/17; approve the budget adjustment that recommends using the year-end General Fund surplus of \$1,900,000 to fund specific department funding requests totaling \$445,000, and to transfer the remaining balance of \$1,455,000 to the Pension Rate Smoothing Reserve; and adopt Resolution No. 2017-138 to formally commit these funds to the Pension Rate Smoothing Reserve as required by the City's Fund Balance Policy. (File No. 0430-30)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Finance Department: Sheryl Bennett)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-138

Sheryl Bennett, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services; Joan Ryan, Assistant Director of Finance; Scott Peterson, Accountant, and Michelle Collette, Accountant, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

Patricia Borchmann, Escondido, spoke in opposition to the budget adjustment and shared concerns regarding year-end expenses.

Vanessa Valenzuela, Escondido, questioned Reidy Creek Golf Course budget and operational losses.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Diaz to approve the staff recommendation with the exception of the budget adjustment regarding Reidy Creek funding; no second, motion failed.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Gallo to receive and file the annual financial status report for Fiscal Year 2016/17; approve the budget adjustment that recommends using the year-end General Fund surplus of \$1,900,000 to fund specific department funding requests totaling \$445,000, and to transfer the remaining balance of \$1,455,000 to the Pension Rate Smoothing Reserve; and adopt Resolution No. 2017-138 to formally commit these funds to the Pension Rate Smoothing Reserve as required by the City's Fund Balance Policy and adopt Resolution No. 2017-138. Ayes: Abed, Gallo, Masson, and Morasco; Noes: Diaz. Motion carried.

6. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ESCONDIDO PUBLIC LIBRARY -

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Professional Services Agreement for the operation of the Escondido Public Library with Library Systems & Services, LLC. (File No. 0600-10 [A-3232])

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (City Manager's Office: Jeffrey Epp and City Attorney's Office: Michael McGuinness)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-139R

Michael McGuinness, City Attorney, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

Glen Vecchione, Escondido, authored books available in the Escondido Public Library and spoke in opposition to the proposed professional services agreement with Library Systems & Services (LS&S).

Lynne Lau, Escondido, shared concerns regarding the contract with LS&S and spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S.

Ronald Kohl, Escondido, spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S.

Elizabeth White, Escondido, shared concerns regarding outsourcing library services and spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S.

Laura Hunter, Escondido, spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S and shared a letter from a Jackson County board member.

Theresa Caruso, Escondido, spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S.

Victoria Tenbrink, Escondido, spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S.

Delores McQuiston, Escondido, stated the contract needs a statement of cancellation without cause.

Christine Jackson, spoke in opposition to the proposed LS&S contract.

Roy Garrett, Escondido, shared his concerns regarding budgetary savings with the proposed agreement with LS&S and spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement.

Heidi Paul, Escondido, spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S.

Chris Nava, Escondido, shared concerns regarding LS&S information on the City's website and spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S.

Sandra Lang, Escondido, presented petition signatures opposed to outsourcing library services and spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S.

Greg Dean, Escondido, shared information regarding other cities which oppose privatization of library services.

Barbara Letsom, Escondido, spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S.

Lara Hardin, Escondido, shared a song she wrote about the East Valley Branch Library.

Barry Click, Escondido, spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S to save money for CalPERS unfunded liabilities.

Pamela Hammond, Escondido, shared concerns regarding library materials and spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S.

Vanessa Valenzuela, Escondido, shared concerns regarding a 10-year contract with LS&S and spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement.

Gregg Oliver, Escondido, shared concerns regarding the contract and spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S.

Osmara Ibarra, Escondido, spoke in opposition to privatizing library services.

Brenda Townsend, Escondido, spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S and shared concerns regarding the collection of books at the library.

Debbie Resler, Escondido, shared concerns regarding budgetary savings with LS&S and spoke in opposition to the proposed agreement with LS&S.

Ronald Forster, Escondido, commented regarding the value of the library and shared concerns regarding the proposed 10-year agreement with LS&S.

Amber Palmer, Escondido, expressed trust in the City Councilmembers.

Eric Carr, Escondido, read employee reviews of LS&S.

Mary Ann Senior, Escondido, questioned the exit strategy from the contract with LS&S.

Sheryl Bennett, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services, and Joan Ryan, Assistant Director of Finance, shared financial information regarding library outsourcing utilizing a PowerPoint slide.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Diaz to deny approval; no second, motion failed.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Masson and seconded by Councilmember Gallo to approve authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Professional Services Agreement for the operation of the Escondido Public Library with Library Systems & Services, LLC. and adopt Resolution No. 2017-139R including edits to date as approved by the City Attorney and as directed by the City Council; and directed staff to discuss the removal the utility costs cap with LS&S. Ayes: Abed, Gallo, Masson, Morasco. Noes: Diaz. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA

7. 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: Diane Halverson)**

COUNCIL MEMBERS' SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

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.

- **WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT -**

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

DEPUTY CITY CLERK