

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
8:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2018  
CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO  
STATE OF THE CITY  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2018 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido with Mayor Abed presiding.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Craig Carter, Chief of Police, welcomed everyone to the annual State of the City Address and introduced Mayor Abed, Deputy Mayor John Masson, and Councilmembers Olga Diaz, Ed Gallo, and Michael Morasco.

**INVOCATION**

Chaplain Joe Garcia led the Invocation.

**FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Escondido Police and Fire Color Guard led the Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

The San Pasqual Show Choir performed the National Anthem.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REMARKS**

Kevin S. Svetich, Board of Directors, reported on the Chamber of Commerce sponsored activities that were held in the City.

**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.

**CITY COUNCIL AWARDS**

Escondido City Council Awards were presented by Mayor Abed and members of the City Council to the following:

<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Category</u>
<i>Ashley Grncarevski</i>	<i>Youth</i>
<i>Marty Tiedeman</i>	<i>Arts</i>
<i>Stephanie Shumate</i>	<i>"Beyond the Call"</i>
<i>Sara Slade</i>	<i>Community</i>
<i>Barak Smith</i>	<i>Education</i>
<i>Cynthia Weir</i>	<i>Arts Leadership</i>
<i>Forgotten Barrel Winery</i>	<i>Historic Preservation</i>
<i>Tom Hawthorne</i>	<i>Mayor's Leadership Award</i>

**STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

Mayor Abed noted the many achievements made in the past year in the areas of Economic Development, Financial Stability, Public Safety, and Neighborhood Improvement. Mayor Abed noted the challenges facing our city today: Poverty, Homelessness, and Pension Reform. Mayor Abed also shared the top priorities for 2018: Future Business Park, Neighborhood Improvement, Improved Water Infrastructure, and Smart City Innovation.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 9:15 A.M.

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK