

CITY OF ESCONDDIO
MARCH 13, 2019
12:00 p.m. Council & Staff Lunch
1:00 p.m. Workshop

Minutes

Special Meeting of the Escondido City Council

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 in the Mitchell Room with Mayor McNamara presiding.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Councilmember Olga Diaz, Deputy Mayor Martinez, Councilmember Michael Morasco, and Mayor Paul McNamara. Absent: Councilmember John Masson. Quorum present.

Also present were: Jeffrey Epp, City Manager; Michael McGuinness, City Attorney; Dan Singer, Special Advisor with Management Partners and facilitator of the work session; City staff and members of the public and press.

WORKSHOP

Mayor McNamara welcomed the participants to the Council Action Plan Workshop and noted that the goal for the day was to establish the work plan for the upcoming two years. Specific goals should be identified and staff will make recommendations for implementation. Due to Councilmember Masson's absence, nothing will be decided today until Councilmember Masson has had an opportunity to provide input.

City Manager Jeffrey Epp shared the value of this meeting in establishing a bridge between City Council policies and staff implementation; these policies will drive the City's budget for the next two years. Mr. Epp noted differences in this workshop compared to previous years.

Facilitator Dan Singer reviewed the history of this workshop, the theme areas identified two years ago, process issues and discussion guidelines. Co-facilitator Julie Hernandez shared comments regarding her history and experience.

The City Council discussed current priorities of economic development, fiscal management, neighborhood improvement, and public safety and discussed addition of a quality of life category. Councilmembers and staff spent the remainder of the time discussing their vision for the City of Escondido, specific priorities, and rating priorities using charts prepared by the facilitator and a dot-rating system.

The City Council discussed the importance of follow up sessions, and an annual review of Action Plan priorities and asked that staff complete assessments on current Council Action Plan items.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Charles Cleveland, Escondido, shared comments regarding the City budget and requested the City Council pursue solar energy and convert City vehicles to an electric vehicle fleet.

Margaret Lyles, Escondido, expressed appreciation for professionalism of the City Council and staff; and requested the City explore options for improving the Escondido Creek.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McNamara adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

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