

CITY OF ESCONDIDO
November 20, 2019
6:00 P.M. Meeting Minutes

Escondido City Council

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor McNamara presiding.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Zack Beck, City Clerk, led the Moment of Reflection.

FLAG SALUTE

Michael Morasco, Councilmember, led the flag salute.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Councilmember Olga Diaz, Deputy Mayor Consuelo Martinez, Councilmember John Masson, Councilmember Michael Morasco, and Mayor Paul McNamara. 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; Zack Beck, City Clerk; and Sarah Villalobos, Deputy City Clerk.

PRESENTATIONS

Dax Franklin received a Certificate of Recognition.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Don Greene - Provided an update on Escondido Vetfest.

Barbara Letson - Expressed concern about the high rent prices in Escondido.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Masson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Martinez to approve all Consent Calendar items except item 4 and item 6. Approved unanimously

1. AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION, MAILING AND POSTING (COUNCIL/RRB)

2. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER (Council)

Request the City Council approve the City Council and Housing Successor Agency warrant numbers:

- 336005 – 336185 dated October 30, 2019
- 336186 – 336366 dated November 6, 2019

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Finance Department: Joan Ryan)**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of November 6, 2019

4. THIRD AMENDMENT TO CONSULTING AGREEMENT FOR PREPARATION OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND FINDINGS OF FACT FOR THE CITYWIDE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE AND THE HARVEST HILLS (SAFARI HIGHLANDS RANCH) PROJECT (CASE NO. ENV 15-0009 AND SUB 15-0019) -

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Third Amendment to the Consulting Agreement and scope of services with Michael Baker International to complete the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Report and Findings of Fact for the proposed Citywide Sphere of Influence Update and the Harvest Hills project for a not-to-exceed price of \$63,470 plus a contingency of \$40,000.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-172

Don Greene - Spoke in opposition to the Harvest Hills project.

Patricia Borchmann - Spoke in opposition to the Harvest Hills project.

Scott Graves - Spoke in opposition to the Harvest Hills project.

Ron Forster - Spoke in opposition to the Harvest Hills project.

Don Underwood - Spoke in support of the Harvest Hills project.

Dara Czerwonka - Expressed concerns about the Harvest Hills project.

MOTION: Motion by Councilmember Masson, seconded by Councilmember Morasco to approve authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Third Amendment to the Consulting Agreement and scope of services with Michael Baker International to complete the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Report and Findings of Fact for the proposed Citywide Sphere of Influence Update and the Harvest Hills project for a not-to-exceed price of \$63,470 plus a contingency of \$40,000. Approved with four yes votes. Councilmember Diaz voted no.

5. THE DESIGNATION OF A PROXY VOTER ON THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN THE EVENT THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO'S REGULAR BOARD MEMBER IS ABSENT -

Request the City Council approve the designation of the member of the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) Board of Directors representing the Vista Irrigation District (VID) to serve as proxy voter for the City of Escondido. This proxy shall only be effective in the event of absence of the City of Escondido's regular member of that Board and after the City of Escondido's regular member has notified the SDCWA Board Clerk in writing of his or her planned absence. The current VID SDCWA Board member is Marty Miller. The current City of Escondido Board member is City Council Member John Masson.

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Utilities Department: Christopher W. McKinney)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-173

6. SUMMARY VACATION OF A PORTION OF JUNIPER STREET -

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Summary Vacation of a portion of excess right-of-way along Juniper Street in accordance with Section 8334(a) of the California Streets and Highways Code.

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Engineering Services Department: Julie Procopio)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-176

MOTION: Motion by Deputy Mayor Martinez, seconded by Councilmember Morasco to approve authorizing the Summary Vacation of a portion of excess right-of-way along Juniper Street in accordance with Section 8334(a) of the California Streets and Highways Code. Approved with four yes votes. Councilmember Masson abstained.

- 7. **PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR SENIOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES -**
Request the City Council approve authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Public Service Agreement with Facilitating Access to Coordinated Transportation (FACT) in the amount of \$105,000 to provide transportation services to and from the Park Avenue Community Center Senior Nutrition program.

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Communications and Community Services Department: Joanna Axelrod)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-177

CONSENT RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES (COUNCIL/RRB)

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

- 8. **ANIMAL REGULATIONS UPDATE / AZ 19-0004 AND PHG 19-0047 -**
Approved on November 6, 2019 with a vote of 5/0

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-16 (Second Reading and Adoption)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 9. **REZONE, MASTER AND PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN, TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP, GRADING EXEMPTION, AND SPECIFIC ALIGNMENT PLAN - NUTMEG HOMES RESIDENTIAL PROJECT (SUB 18-0005 AND ENV 18-0005) -**

Request the City Council approve certifying a Final Environmental Impact Report and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the development of the full Project site with a maximum of 18 dwelling units per acre; a General Plan Amendment of the full Project site from Office to Urban III; a Rezone of the full site from Residential Estates, minimum 20,000-square-foot lot size, to Planned Development-Residential, maximum 18 units per acre; a Master and Precise Development Plan for the construction of 37 townhome units on a portion of the Project site, as well as associated parking, open space and landscaping, fencing, and stormwater facilities; and a Tentative Subdivision Map for 37 units on the north portion of the Project site, a Specific Alignment Plan for Nutmeg Street and Centre City Parkway, and a Grading Exemption for a slope with retaining wall exceeding Grading Ordinance height standards.

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

- A) RESOLUTION NO. 2019-166 B) RESOLUTION NO. 2019-167
- C) ORDINANCE NO. 2019-19 (First Reading and Introduction)
- D) RESOLUTION NO. 2019-168

Ann Dolmage, Associate Planner, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor McNamara opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak on this issue in any way.

Jason Gremminger - Applicant consultant, provided an overview of the project to the City Council.

Jim Simmons - Spoke in favor of the project.

Mayor McNamara closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Masson, seconded by Councilmember Morasco to approve certifying a Final Environmental Impact Report and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the development of the full Project site with a maximum of 18 dwelling units per acre; a General Plan Amendment of the full Project site from Office to Urban III; a Rezone of the full site from Residential Estates, minimum 20,000-square-foot lot size, to Planned Development-Residential, maximum 18 units per acre; a Master and Precise Development

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10. AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO WASTE AND RECYCLING EDCO REFUSE SERVICES, INC. WASTE AND RECYCLING FRANCHISE AGREEMENT -

Request the City Council approve an amendment of the rates and fees charged under the Waste and Recycling Franchise Agreement (the Franchise Agreement) with Escondido Disposal, Inc. (EDI). These rates and fees are specified in Exhibits A and B of the Franchise Agreement. The new rates and fees will include: a) an increase to the franchise fee from 10 percent to 11.5 percent; and b) a 2.7824 percent increase to the monthly residential and commercial fees for service, with the percentage increase being linked to the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The new rates and fees would be effective for Commercial and Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Services on January 1, 2020. Future annual CPI adjustments can be made on January 1 of each year, through 2024.

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Utilities Department: Christopher W. McKinney)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-142

Laura Robinson, Program Coordinator, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor McNamara opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak on this issue in any way.

Mayor McNamara closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Masson, seconded by Councilmember Morasco to approve an amendment of the rates and fees charged under the Waste and Recycling Franchise Agreement (the Franchise Agreement) with Escondido Disposal, Inc. (EDI). These rates and fees are specified in Exhibits A and B of the Franchise Agreement. The new rates and fees will include: a) an increase to the franchise fee from 10 percent to 11.5 percent; and b) a 2.7824 percent increase to the monthly residential and commercial fees for service, with the percentage increase being linked to the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The new rates and fees would be effective for Commercial and Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Services on January 1, 2020. Future annual CPI adjustments can be made on January 1 of each year, through 2024. Approved unanimously.

11. ESCONDIDO'S PUBLIC FACILITIES FEE, PARK DEVELOPMENT FEE, TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE, AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES FEE -

Request the City Council approve a 2 percent inflationary adjustment to the Public Facilities, Park Development, Traffic Impact, and Drainage Facilities Development Impact Fees, and establish a reduced Public Facilities Fee of \$0.60 per square foot for parking structures constructed as a primary use that reflects the level of impact these facilities have on municipal services.

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (City Manager's Office: Jay Petrek)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-152

Jay Petrek, Assistant City Manager presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor McNamara opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak on this issue in any way.

Mayor McNamara closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Morasco, seconded by Deputy Mayor Martinez to approve a 2 percent inflationary adjustment to the Public Facilities, Park Development, Traffic Impact, and Drainage Facilities Development Impact Fees, and establish a reduced Public Facilities Fee of \$0.60 per square foot for parking structures constructed as a primary use that reflects the level of impact these facilities have on municipal services. Approved unanimously.

12. ADOPTION OF THE 2019 CALIFORNIA BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, ELECTRICAL, MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, ENERGY, HISTORICAL, AND FIRE CODES, EXISTING AND GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS, AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS -

Request the City Council approve amending the City of Escondido Municipal Code to reflect the 2019 California Building, Residential, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Energy, Historical, and Fire Codes, Existing and Green Building Standards, and proposed local amendments.

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development Department: Bill Martin and Fire Department: Rick Vogt)**

A) ORDINANCE NO. 2019-17 (Second Reading and Adoption)

B) ORDINANCE NO. 2019-18 (Second Reading and Adoption)

Rick Vogt, Fire Chief, and David Calvani, Building Official, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor McNamara opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak on this issue in any way.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Morasco, seconded by Deputy Mayor Martinez to Council approve amending the City of Escondido Municipal Code to reflect the 2019 California Building, Residential, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Energy, Historical, and Fire Codes, Existing and Green Building Standards, and proposed local amendments. Approved unanimously.

CURRENT BUSINESS

13. PRESENTATION OF COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS REGARDING A POTENTIAL ONE CENT SALES TAX MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT -

Request the City Council conduct a follow-up community satisfaction survey and additional information gathering to determine specific facilities and services that the City could enhance or provide to improve community satisfaction with funding from the potential revenue measure.

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (City Manager's Office: Jay Petrek)**

Direction provided to conduct a follow-up community satisfaction survey and additional information gathering to determine specific facilities and services that the City could enhance or provide to improve community satisfaction with funding from the potential revenue measure.

FUTURE AGENDA

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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: Zack Beck)**

COUNCIL MEMBERS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Masson - Attended a San Diego County Water Authority Board Meeting. The Board selected Sandy Curl to serve as General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority.

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. This report is also available on the City's website, www.escondido.org.

- **WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT**

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McNamara adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

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Paul McNamara

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Jack Beck

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