

**January 27, 2021  
6:00 P.M. Meeting**

**Escondido City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on January 27, 2021 via video conference and in the City Council Chambers with Mayor McNamara presiding.

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Zack Beck, City Clerk led the Moment of Reflection

**FLAG SALUTE**

Michael McGuinness, City Attorney, led the Flag Salute

**ATTENDANCE**

The following members were present: Councilmember Joe Garcia, Councilmember Tina Inscoe, Councilmember Consuelo Martinez, Deputy Mayor Michael Morasco, and Mayor Paul McNamara. Quorum present.

Also present were: Jeffrey Epp, City Manager; Michael McGuinness, City Attorney; Mike Strong, Director of Community Development; Julie Procopio, Director of Engineering Services; and Zack Beck, City Clerk.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Annabel Corona – Asked what is being done to provide food to needy children in the community.

Damaris Bermudez – Requested that the City do more to enforce COVID-19 safety protocols.

Gloria Conejo – Requested that the City do more to enforce COVID-19 safety protocols.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Deputy Mayor Martinez to approve all Consent Calendar items, except 5, 6 and 9. 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:

- 349155 – 349312 dated January 6, 2021
- 349313 – 349453 dated January 13, 2021

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Finance Department: Christina Holmes)**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of January 13, 2021**

**4. THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE REGULATORY AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR HERITAGE PARK APARTMENTS -**

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Regulatory Agreement for Heritage Park Apartments located at 2549 E Valley Parkway, Escondido. (File Code No. 0600-10)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Finance Department: Christina Holmes)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-11

5. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO AND THE ESCONDIDO FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION – SAFETY AND NON-SAFETY BARGAINING UNIT -**

Request the City Council approve adopting Resolution No. 2021-13 for a successor Fire Bargaining Unit contract and budget adjustment. (File Code No. 0740-30)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Human Resources Department: Jessica Perpetua)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-13

**MOTION:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Inscoe to approve adopting Resolution No. 2021-13 for a successor Fire Bargaining Unit contract and budget adjustment. Approved unanimously.

6. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO AND THE POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION - SWORN PERSONNEL BARGAINING UNIT -**

Request the City Council approve adopting Resolution No. 2021-12 for a successor Police-Sworn Bargaining Unit contract and budget adjustment. (File Code No. 0740-30)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Human Resources Department: Jessica Perpetua)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-12

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Inscoe and seconded by Councilmember Garcia to approve adopting Resolution No. 2021-12 for a successor Police-Sworn Bargaining Unit contract and budget adjustment. Approved unanimously.

7. **UPDATES TO THE SPRUCE STREET-ETC-ATC PROJECT: 1) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT AND 2) SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL -**

Request the City Council approve a transfer of \$140,000 from the Permitted Channel Maintenance Capital Improvement Project to the Spruce Street Channel CIP to cover construction and site oversight costs through the end of Fiscal Year 2020-21 and adopt Resolution No. 2021-15 to amend the Michael Baker International Qualified Stormwater Professional contract through the end of the project. (File Code No. 0600-10; A-3200)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-15

8. **INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION BUDGET AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -**

Request the City Council approve the proposed Independent Redistricting Commission budget in the amount of \$200,000 to pay for an expert consultant, translation and publication of public hearing notices, interpretation services and miscellaneous staff expenses. (File Code No. 0430-10)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (City Clerk Department: Zack Beck)**

Penn Diehl – Requested that the redistricting process take place in a transparent manner with community input.

9. **AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2 OF THE ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE TO MOVE THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIMES -**

Request the City Council approve amending Section 2-21(a) of the Escondido Municipal Code to move Closed Session Meetings to 4:00 p.m. and Regular City Council Meetings to 5:00 p.m. (File Code No. 0680-10)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (City Clerk Department: Zack Beck)**

- a) RESOLUTION NO. 2021-22
- b) ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03 (First Reading and Introduction)

Penn Diehl – Expressed opposition to this item.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Inscoe and seconded by Deputy Mayor Morasco to approve amending Section 2-21(a) of the Escondido Municipal Code to move Closed Session Meetings to 4:00 p.m. and Regular City Council Meetings to 5:00 p.m. Approved 3-2 (Martinez, McNamara - No)

## **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.)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### **10. A SERIES OF ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PALOMAR HEIGHTS PROJECT – SUB 18-0011, PHG 18-0049, AND ENV 18-0009 -**

Request the City Council approve certifying an Environmental Impact Report, approve a Specific Plan Amendment ("Downtown Specific Plan") and Planned Development Permit ("Master and Precise Development Plan"), and adopt Resolution 2021-17, approving a General Plan Amendment ("Mobility and Infrastructure Element"), Density Transfer Agreement, Grading Exemptions, Specific Alignment Plans ("Valley Boulevard and N. Fig Street"), Tentative Subdivision Map, and non-emergency demolition permit for the Palomar Heights Project located at 555 E. Valley Parkway and surrounding properties. (File Code No. 0670-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development Department: Mike Strong)**

- a) RESOLUTION NO. 2021-16 and 2021-17
- b) ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02 (First Reading and Introduction)

- Alex Jise – Expressed support for the project.
- Alex MacLachlan – Expressed support for the project.
- Amalia Rodas – Expressed opposition for the project.
- Betsy Rosales Avalos – Expressed opposition for the project.
- Brandon Keith – Expressed support for the project.
- Brian Bonar – Expressed support for the project.
- Brian Williams – Expressed support for the project.
- Carol Rea – Expressed opposition for the project.
- Chris Nava – Expressed support for the project.
- Chris Thien – Expressed support for the project.
- Danielle Coony – Expressed opposition for the project.
- Danielle Polson – Expressed opposition for the project.
- Diane Hansen – Expressed support for the project.
- Danielle Polson – Expressed opposition for the project.
- Don Zech – Expressed support for the project.
- Erik Bruvold – Expressed support for the project.
- Erin Peet – Expressed opposition for the project.

George Weir – Expressed opposition for the project.

Gloria Conjeo – Expressed opposition for the project.

Greg Mills – Expressed support for the project.

Haley Wonsley – Expressed support for the project.

Heather Thelen – Expressed support for the project.

Heidi Erickson – Expressed opposition for the project.

James Rowten – Expressed support for the project.

Jerry Sanders – Expressed support for the project.

Joe Houde – Expressed opposition for the project.

John Schwabb – Expressed support for the project.

Juan Vargas – Expressed opposition for the project.

Ken Erickson – Expressed opposition for the project.

Kirk Effinger – Expressed support for the project.

Laura Hunter – Expressed opposition for the project.

Maria Bowman – Expressed opposition for the project.

Marianne Grisez – Expressed opposition for the project.

Mark Skovorodko – Expressed opposition for the project.

Mike McSweeney – Expressed support for the project.

Penn Diehl – Expressed opposition for the project.

Ravi Gopinathan – Expressed support for the project.

Robroy Fawcett – Expressed opposition for the project.

Sharon Sanders – Expressed opposition for the project.

Steve Nelson – Expressed opposition for the project.

Taylor Thompson – Expressed support for the project.

Wally Guitierrez – Expressed opposition for the project.

Walter Heiberg – Expressed support for the project.

Zachary MacQuarrie – Expressed support for the project.

**MOTION:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Inscoe to approve the Project with the additional staff and applicant recommendation regarding the equipment, as well as the inclusion of Section 4, which staff has approved. Approved 3-2 (McNamara, Martinez – No)

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Garcia and seconded by Deputy Mayor Morasco to approve option 4 exempting Palomar Heights as a pipeline project. Approved 3-2 (Martinez, McNamara - No)

**FUTURE AGENDA**

**11. 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: Zack Beck)**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS**

**Councilmember Inscoe – Attended a San Dieguito River Park JPA meeting.**

**Councilmember Martinez – Attended a San Diego County Water Authority meeting.**

**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](http://www.escondido.org).


- **WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT -**

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**


None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor McNamara adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m.

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