

**February 10, 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 February 10, 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 Inscoc, 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**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Garcia and seconded by Councilmember Inscoc to approve all consent calendar items except items 11 and 12. 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:

- 349622 349826 dated January 27, 2021

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

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of January 27, 2021**

**4. TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020 -**

Request the City Council receive and file the October through December 2020 Treasurer's Report. (File No. 0490-55)

Staff Recommendation: **Receive and File (City Treasurer's Office: Douglas W. Shultz)**

**5. VIA ROBLES & ORANGE PLACE APARTMENTS AFFORDABLE HOUSING LOAN SUBORDINATIONS -**

Request the City Council approve authorizing the subordination of affordable housing agreements for Via Robles Apartments to allow refinancing. (File No. 0600-10)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

**6. ACCEPTANCE OF \$25,000 GRANT FOR WATER BOTTLE FILLING STATIONS -**

Request the City Council approve a) accepting \$25,000 in grant funding from The Metropolitan Water District and San Diego County Water Authority to fund water bottle filling stations, b) authorizing the Deputy City Manager/Director of Communications and Community Services or her designee to execute all documents necessary for the management and completion of the grant scope; and c) authorizing the necessary budget adjustment needed to establish a new project number for tracking and spending of grant funds. (File No. 0480-70)

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

**7. COST SHARING AGREEMENT WITH THE VISTA IRRIGATION DISTRICT FOR ALGAL BLOOM MITIGATION IN THE SAN LUIS REY LOCAL WATER SYSTEM -**

Request the City Council approve equally sharing the cost of a consulting agreement for treatment of algal blooms in Lake Henshaw and the San Diego Luis Rey Local Water System. The cost will be shared with the Vista Irrigation District (VID). Escondido's share of the cost is not exceed \$220,000 over the next two years. Treatment of algae in Lake Henshaw, in particular, will protect water quality in this important source of local water supply for the City of Escondido. (File No. 0600-10, A-2250)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-26

**8. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE SPRUCE STREET CHANNEL IMPROVEMENT AND ESCONDIDO TRANSIT CENTER ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS PROJECT -**

Request the City Council approve and accept the public improvements and authorize staff to file a Notice of Completion for the Escondido Transit Center Active Transportation Connections Project ("ETC ATC") and completed portions of the Spruce Street Channel Improvement Project ("Spruce"). It is also requested that City Council authorize the City Engineer to approve and accept the remaining planting improvements and file a Notice of Completion for the Spruce Project upon completion. (File No. 0600-95)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-24

**9. AMEND ENGINEERING AND TRAFFIC SURVEY (SPEED ZONE) ON VIA RANCHO PARKWAY AND WASHINGTON AVENUE -**

Request the City Council approve to amend Engineering and Traffic Surveys (speed surveys) on Via Rancho Parkway and Washington Avenue. (File No. 1050-45)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23

**10. CONSULTING SERVICES AMENDMENT FOR THE CITRACADO PARKWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT -**

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Ninth (9) Amendment to the Consultant Agreement with AECOM in the amount of \$118,371.25 for design of the Citracado Parkway Extension Project. (File No. 0600-11, A-3059)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-25

**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.)

**11. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT FOR THE PALOMAR HEIGHTS PROJECT -**

Approved on January 27, 2021 with a vote of 3/2 (Martinez, McNamara - No)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02R (Second Reading and Adoption)

**MOTION:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Inscoe to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-02R. Approved 3-2 (McNamara, Martinez – No).

**12. ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ARTICLE 2, CHAPTER 2 OF THE ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE TO MOVE THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING TO 4:00 P.M. AND THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME TO 5:00 P.M. -**

Approved on January 27, 2021 with a vote of 3/2 (Martinez, McNamara - No)

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03 (Second Reading and Adoption)

**MOTION:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Inscoe to adopt Ordinance No. 2021-03. Approved 3-2 (McNamara, Martinez – No).

**CURRENT BUSINESS**

**13. COUNTY WIDE NEXT GENERATION REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY PROGRAM (NGRCIP) COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH TO COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH -**

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Fire Chief to sign the San Diego County Next Generation Regional Interoperability Program (NGRCIP) agreement to cost share the annual maintenance fees for the technology to support computer aided dispatch communication (CAD TO CAD). RCIP allows the five major regional emergency dispatch computer systems to seamlessly communicate needs and requests. Nearly 8,000 aid requests per year are processed through RCIP to automatically request and dispatch units to emergencies across all jurisdictions in the county. This ensures that the closest appropriate resource is sent where it is needed as quickly as possible. Due to grant funding for the project, Escondido's apportioned share for RCIP maintenance in the amount of \$20,000 will begin in FY 2022-23. (File No. 0600-10)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Fire Department: Rick Vogt)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-14

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Garcia and seconded by Councilmember Inscoe to approve authorizing the Fire Chief to sign the San Diego County Next Generation Regional Interoperability Program (NGRCIP) agreement to cost share the annual maintenance fees for the technology to support computer aided dispatch communication (CAD TO CAD). RCIP allows the five major regional emergency dispatch computer systems to seamlessly communicate needs and requests. Nearly 8,000 aid requests per year are processed through RCIP to automatically request and dispatch units to emergencies across all jurisdictions in the county. This ensures that the closest appropriate resource is sent where it is needed as quickly as possible. Due to grant funding for the project, Escondido's apportioned share for RCIP maintenance in the amount of \$20,000 will begin in FY 2022-23. Approved unanimously.

**14. BUILDING PERMIT PLAN CHECK AND INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT AWARD -**

Request the City Council approve authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for professional services related to building permit plan check services. (File No. 0600-10, A-3349)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-27

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Martinez and seconded by Deputy Mayor Morasco to approve authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract for professional services related to building permit plan check services. Approved unanimously.

**15. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE INFORMATIONAL REPORT AND STATUS UPDATE (PHG18-0009) -**

Request the City Council provide direction and review Planning Commission and staff recommendations on the Climate Action Plan and Climate Action Plan Consistency Review Checklist. Additionally, have discussion on the overall approach to updating the Climate Action Plan and then return for a public hearing and adoption at a future meeting date. (File No. 0670-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Provide Direction (Community Development Department: Mike Strong)**

Aisha Wallace-Palomares – Expressed support for a robust Climate Action Plan.

Alexander Han – Expressed support for a robust Climate Action Plan.

Ana Marie Velasco – Expressed support for a robust Climate Action Plan.

Danielle Polson – Expressed support for a robust Climate Action Plan.

Heather Roberts – Expressed support for a robust Climate Action Plan.

Laura Hunter – Expressed support for a robust Climate Action Plan.

Maria Wallace – Expressed support for a robust Climate Action Plan.

Patricia Borchmann – Expressed support for a robust Climate Action Plan.

Penn Diehl – Expressed support for a robust Climate Action Plan.

Timothy Swift – Expressed support for a robust Climate Action Plan.

Wendy Medina Herrera – Expressed support for a robust Climate Action Plan.

**COUNCIL DIRECTION: Proceed with Option 1**

**16. GRAND AVENUE VISION PLAN - PHASE I PROJECT UPDATE -**

Request the City Council receive a presentation on the status of the Grand Avenue Vision Plan - Phase I project. (File No. 0670-70)

Staff Recommendation: **None (Engineering Services Department: Julie Procopio)**

**FUTURE AGENDA**

**17. 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)**

**Deputy Mayor Morasco – Mitigation bank credits.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS**

**Councilmember Martinez – Attended a League of CA Cities meeting.**

**Councilmember Inscoe – Participated in the League of CA Cities academy.**

**Councilmember Garcia – Participated in the League of CA Cities academy.**

**Deputy Mayor Morasco – Met with the Consulate General of Mexico.**

**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 8:30 p.m.

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*Paul McNamara*  
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*Zack Beck*  
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