

CITY OF ESCONDIDO
March 9, 2011
3:30 p.m. MEETING MINUTES

Escondido City Council
Community Development Commission

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council and Community Development Commission was called to order at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Abed presiding.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Councilmember Olga Diaz, Councilmember Ed Gallo, Councilmember Michael Morasco, and Mayor Sam Abed. Deputy Mayor Marie Waldron absent. Quorum present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

CLOSED SESSION: (COUNCIL/CDC/RRB)

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to recess to Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

I. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code §54957.6)

- a. Agency Negotiator: Sheryl Bennett, Clay Phillips
Employee organization: **Escondido City Employee Benefit Association
Supervisory Bargaining Unit**
- b. Agency Negotiator: Sheryl Bennett, Clay Phillips
Employee organization: **Escondido City Employee Association
Administrative/Clerical/Engineering (ACE) Bargaining Unit**
- c. Agency Negotiator: Sheryl Bennett, Clay Phillips
Employee organization: **Maintenance & Operations, Teamsters Local 911**

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

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MOMENT OF REFLECTION

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Abed led the flag salute.

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The following members were present: Councilmember Olga Diaz, Councilmember Ed Gallo, Councilmember Michael Morasco, Deputy Mayor Marie Waldron, and Mayor Sam Abed. Quorum present.

Also present were: Clay Phillips, City Manager; Jeffrey Epp, City Attorney; Barbara Redlitz, Community Development Director; Ed Domingue, Engineering Services Director; Marsha Whalen, City Clerk; and Liane Uhl, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Don Manor, Escondido, urged Council to keep funding the Escondido Arts Partnership.

Dorothea Boughdadly, Valley Center, voiced concern that the staging area at Daley Ranch's Caballo Trail was very steep and did not have a restroom or water for the horses.

Wendy Wilson, Arts Partnership/Escondido Municipal Gallery, requested Council to keep funding the Arts Partnership.

Kevin Freitas, San Diego, stated he supported the arts.

Renee Richetts, Escondido Arts Partnership/Municipal Gallery, asked Council to keep funding the Arts Partnership.

Wendy Harrison, Escondido, urged Council to continue funding the arts.

Dennis Tomlinson, Escondido, distributed information and voiced concern with graffiti, the city streets and indicated he supported the hotel project.

Cody Powers, Escondido, stated he supported the arts.

Joe Powers, Escondido, requested the Council fund the Arts Partnership.

Gayle Powers, Escondido, urged Council to give the Arts Partnership an additional year of funding to prove they can support themselves.

Tania Notkoff, Escondido, indicated she was an artist and would like continued funding for the arts.

Kathy Hamilton, Escondido, stated the arts united the community.

Robert O’Sullivan, Escondido, indicated he supported the arts.

Thomas Armstrong, Escondido, voiced concern for the homeless.

Suzette Amon, Escondido, indicated that art was a necessity.

Thora Guthrie, Downtown Business Association President, requested the Council continue their funding of the Arts Partnership.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Diaz removed items 5 and 6 from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Diaz that the following Consent Calendar items be approved with the exception of items 5 and 6. Motion carried unanimously.

1. **AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION, MAILING AND POSTING (COUNCIL/CDC/RRB)**
2. **APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER (Council/CDC)**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None Scheduled**

4. **FISCAL YEAR 2010 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT** – Request Council accept \$317,323 in Federal Grant funding from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) for the FY 2010 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP); and request Council authorize the Fire Chief to execute all documents required for the management of this grant; and request Council authorize the necessary budget adjustment to establish new projects for tracking these grant funds. (File No. 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (**Fire Department: Michael Lowry**)

5. **PURCHASE OF NEW WASTEWATER COLLECTION LINE TRUCK** – Request Council approve the purchase of one (1) new Line Truck from Dion International Trucks, LLC as a sole source provider in the amount of \$134,743. (File No. 0470-35)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (**Community Services/Fleet Services: Richard O’Donnell**)

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-27

Councilmember Diaz asked for details on the truck specifications and why the purchase didn't go out to bid.

Rich O'Donnell, Public Works Deputy Director, explained that other vendors refused to bid against the sole source provider.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Diaz and seconded by Councilmember Waldron to approve the purchase of one (1) new Line Truck from Dion International Trucks, LLC as a sole source provider in the amount of \$134,743 and adopt Resolution No. 2011-27. Motion carried unanimously.

- 6. BID AWARD FOR NOTEBOOK LAPTOPS TO BE INSTALLED IN THE POLICE PATROL VEHICLES** – Request Council award the bid for Notebook Laptops to CDWG Government as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$397,840. (File No. 0470-35)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (**Finance Department: Gil Rojas**)

Councilmember Diaz asked what the process was to install a laptop in a police vehicle.

Gil Rojas, Finance Director, explained how the laptops for police vehicles differ from regular laptops.

Mark Becker, Information Systems Director, indicated the cost was for the purchase of laptops, not installation.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Diaz and seconded by Councilmember Morasco to award the bid for Notebook Laptops to CDWG Government as the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in the amount of \$397,840. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT - RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES (COUNCIL/CDC/RRB)

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 7. REVIEW AND REAFFIRM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2010-2015 CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT(CDBG); APPROVAL OF AN ALLOCATION PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-2011 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS** – Request Council review and reaffirm the Community Development priorities of the Consolidated Plan for FY 2010-2015 for CDBG and approve an allocation process for FY 2011-2012 CDBG Funds for public service projects and programs. (File No. 0870-11)

Staff Recommendation: Approval: (**Neighborhood Services: Rich Buquet**)

Rich Buquet and Michelle Geller, Neighborhood Services, gave the staff report and presented a series of slides.

Mayor Abed opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak on this issue in any way.

Al Trevisan, Palomar Family Counseling, requested Council continue their funding.

Scofield Hage, San Diego Food Bank, asked Council to keep funding their program.

Jim Jackson, North County Serenity House, urged Council to fund their request.

Cheryl Crawford, Meals on Wheels, asked Council to continue funding their program.

Patricia Cavanaugh, Escondido Community Child Development Center, requested Council continue funding their program.

Susan Hall, Angels Depot, asked Council to fund their program.

Mayor Abed asked if anyone else wanted to speak on this issue in any way. No one asked to be heard. Therefore, he closed the public hearing.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Diaz and seconded by Councilmember Morasco to reaffirm the Community Development priorities of the Consolidated Plan for FY 2010-2015 for CDBG and approve an allocation process for FY 2011-2012 CDBG Funds for public service projects and programs. Motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT BUSINESS

8. **SANDAG BRIEFING – ESCONDIDO BUS RAPID TRANSIT ROUTE 350 PROJECT –** Request Council receive a briefing from SANDAG staff regarding the Escondido Bus Rapid Transit Route 350 Project. (File No. 0145-60)

Staff Recommendation: Receive and file: **(Engineering Services: Ed Domingue)**

Ed Domingue, Engineering Services Director, introduced Danny Veeh, SANDAG, who gave the report and presented a series of slides.

COUNCIL ACTION: NO ACTION, INFORMATION ONLY

9. **COOPERATIVE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO AND THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS –** Request Council authorize the City Manager to complete the final negotiations and to execute a contract for cooperative EMS management functions between the City of Escondido and the City of San Marcos. (File No. 0240-05)

Staff Recommendation: Approval: **(Fire Department: Michael Lowry)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-34

Fire Chief Mike Lowry gave the staff report and presented a series of slides.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Diaz and seconded by Councilmember Morasco to authorize the City Manager to complete the final negotiations and to execute a contract for cooperative EMS management functions between the City of Escondido and the City of San Marcos and adopt Resolution No. 2011-34. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **FIRE STATION #4, LOCATED AT 3301 BEAR VALLEY PARKWAY, RECONSTRUCTION, FINANCING PLAN AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT –** Request Council approve the financing

plan for the reconstruction of Fire Station #4 located at 3301 Bear Valley Parkway; and request Council authorize Fire Department Staff to enter into an agreement with the architect and begin the RFP process; and request Council approve the budget adjustment for increased rental fees to Aegis Senior Living in the amount of \$27,000 from Economic Uncertainty Reserves. (File No. 0430-80)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (**Fire Department: Michael Lowry**)

Fire Chief Mike Lowry gave the staff report and presented a series of slides.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Morasco to approve the financing plan without taking \$296,604 from Economic Uncertainty Reserves. Ayes: Abed, Gallo, Morasco and Waldron. Noes: Diaz. Absent: None. Motion carried.

11. **GENERAL PLAN UPDATE STATUS AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CASE NO.: PHG 09-0020, PHG 10-0016)** – Request Council endorse the General Plan land use study areas that have been refined based on a preliminary evaluation and market feasibility analysis. (File No. 0830-07)

Staff Recommendation: Direct staff to proceed with preparation of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR): (**Community Development/Planning: Barbara Redlitz**)

Jay Petrek, Planning Department, gave the staff report and presented a series of slides.

COUNCIL ACTION: Directed staff to proceed with the EIR.

12. **TERMINATION OF THE CHARROS LEASE** – Request Council authorize staff to proceed with the termination of the Charros Association's lease to allow for the construction of a Water Distribution Division administration and operations building. (File No. 0600-10 [A-2540])

Staff Recommendation: Approval (**Utilities Department: Lori Vereker and City Manager's Office: Joyce Masterson**)

Lori Vereker, Utilities Director, and Joyce Masterson, City Manager's Office gave the staff report and presented a series of slides.

Ben Cueva, Escondido, gave a report on the benefits the Charros contribute to the City.

Lorraine Boyce, Escondido, asked Council to look at relocating the Charros to another property.

Toby De la Torre, Charros Federation USA, stated the best use of the property was for Charros use.

Filemon Jara, Chula Vista, indicated the Charros use of the land was part of the trails plan.

Carmen Miranda, Escondido, stated the City should find another site for the Charros and asked Council to postpone their decision.

Thomas Cook, San Diego, indicated the Charros should keep their lease.

Sally Costello, Escondido Humane Society, stated she did not want the water plant at the Charros site.

Miguel Escamilla, Escondido, voiced support for the Charros organization.

Merrilyn Carpenter, Escondido, indicated the Daley Ranch Master Plan set aside the property for equestrian use.

Julian Nava, Valley Center, asked Council to postpone their decision.

Gabriel Arce, Bonita, asked to work with someone in the City on the Charros' issues.

Sergio Contreras, Vista, indicated the rodeo kept kids off the street.

Sophia Munoz, Wildomar, stated the rodeo taught her discipline, how to work well with others and responsibility.

Abel Villicana, Escondido, asked Council to let the Charros keep the property.

Danny Getiellez, Escondido, expressed support for the Charros.

Dottie Christensen, Valley Center, indicated the Charros were an important part of the community.

Rick Paul, Friends of Daley Ranch, distributed shirts to Council members, presented a series of slides, and gave information on open space.

Teri Nelson, Escondido, stated the Charros rodeo was an educational tool.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Waldron and seconded by Councilmember Gallo to approve with direction to staff to continue looking at a relocation property for the Charros. Ayes: Abed, Diaz, Gallo and Waldron. Noes: Morasco. Absent: None. Motion carried.

13. CHARTER CITY PROPOSAL – Request Council consider the subject of becoming a charter city. (File No. 0650-20)

Staff Recommendation: None **(Deputy Mayor Marie Waldron Council Member Ed Gallo)**

Deputy Mayor Waldron led the discussion.

Tom Lemmon, San Diego, stated that prevailing wage was the law of the land.

David Sickler, California Trades Council, indicated that local prevailing wage kept jobs here and trained skilled apprentices.

Murtaza Baxamusa, Family Housing Corporation, stated a skilled workforce was essential.

Rick Smiles, Escondido, indicated that project labor agreements promoted local hiring.

Val Macedo, Laborers' International Union, stated apprenticeship was vital to a community.

COUNCIL ACTION: Consensus to conduct a workshop and conduct further study.

FUTURE AGENDA

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - The purpose of this item is to identify issues presently known to staff or which members of the 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: Marsha Whalen)**

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

COUNCILMEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMENTS/BRIEFING

Councilmember Gallo indicated that on Friday, March 11, 2011 he would be meeting with North County Transit District, Chamber of Commerce and San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau to discuss implementing a video kiosk that lists activities in Escondido. He also reminded everyone to set their clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 13, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m.

MAYOR

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MINUTES CLERK