

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO****MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION****July 11, 2017**

The meeting of the Escondido Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Weber, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

**Commissioners present:** Jeffery Weber, Chairman; Don Romo, Vice-Chair; Michael Cohen, Commissioner; Joe Garcia, Commissioner; James McNair, Commissioner; James Spann, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner.

**Commissioners absent:** None.

**Staff present:** Bill Martin, Director of Community Development; Mike Strong, Assistant Planning Director; Owen Tunnell, Principal Engineer; Adam Phillips, Deputy City Attorney; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

**MINUTES:**

Moved by Commissioner Spann seconded by Commissioner Garcia, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2017, meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

**FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS** – None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** – None.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:****1. ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – AZ 17-0002:**

REQUEST A proposal to modify Article 57 of the Escondido Zoning Code (Miscellaneous Use Restrictions) to add Sec. 33-1124, which would establish an expedited, cost-effective permitting process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to meet current State law requirements. No development project is proposed.

**PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION:** Citywide

Mike Strong, Assistant Planning Director, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended approval of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Code, for the following reason: 1) The purpose of the amendment was to bring the Escondido Zoning Code into compliance with State law to promote the State's goal to achieve a more sustainable transportation network.

**ACTION:**

Moved by Commissioner Spann, seconded by Chairman Weber, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

**CURRENT BUSINESS:**

**1. Overview of CEQA Requirements**

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is one of the most important state laws affecting local planning decisions. Mike Strong, Assistant Planning Director, referenced the staff report and provided a presentation on CEQA and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) requirements.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing and costs associated with an EIR.

**ORAL COMMUNATIONS:** None.

**PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:** No comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Weber adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for August 8, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

  
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Mike Strong, Secretary to the Escondido  
Planning Commission

  
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Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk