

CITY OF ESCONDIDO

ACTION MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION

June 25, 2019

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

Commissioners present: James Spann, Chairman; Michael Cohen, Commissioner; Joe Garcia, Commissioner; Mark Watson, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner.

Commissioners absent: Don Romo, Vice-chairman; and James McNair, Commissioner.

Staff present: Mike Strong, Assistant Planning Director, Owen Tunnell, Principal Engineer; Adam Phillips, Senior Deputy City Attorney; and Kirsten Peraino, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Weiler, seconded by Commissioner Cohen to approve the Action Minutes of the May 28, 2019 meeting. Motion carried (5-0-0). Ayes: Cohen, Garcia, Spann, Watson and Weiler. Noes: None. Absent: McNair and Romo.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: – None.

FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS: – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: – None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:**1. ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – AZ 19-0001 (Continue to a date uncertain):**

REQUEST: A proposed amendment to Article 34 (Communication Antennas Ordinance) of the Escondido Zoning Code to update the requirements for wireless communication facilities within the right-of-way. The amendment includes an update to the entitlement process to streamline deployment of 5G networks and simplified language to be consistent with Federal Communications Commission Order. The proposal also includes new guidelines for wireless communications facilities in the right-of-way, as well as the environmental determination prepared for the project. No development project is proposed.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Exemption under the General Rule, CEQA Section 15061(b)(3).

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: None.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Watson to approve the staff's request for a continuance to a future date. Motion carried (5-0-0). Ayes: Cohen, Garcia, Spann, Watson and Weiler. Noes: None. Absent: McNair and Romo.

2. ZONING CODE AND SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENTS – AZ 18-0006:

REQUEST: A Zoning Code and Specific Plan Amendment to various sections of the Zoning Code and Specific Plans. In 2018, the City Council initiated a planning process to address various nonresidential land uses that tend to negatively impact surrounding properties. The overall work program, called the "Zoning Code and Land Use Study," was created to comprehensively examine the degree to which various land use activities are permitted within each zoning district. With the study complete, the first phase of the results were presented to the Planning Commission on May 28, 2019. The second phase of the results will be presented to the Planning Commission on June 25, 2019, involving a series of changes to Articles 1, 16, 26, 56, and 57 of the Escondido Zoning Code; and the land use tables of

the Downtown, East Valley, and South Centre City Specific Plans. The proposal also includes the adoption of the environmental determination prepared for the project.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Exemption under the General Rule, CEQA Section 15061(b)(3).

PUBLIC SPEAKERS:

Hailey Guiffrida, (Vista Community Clinic) spoke in support of tobacco regulation

MaryAnne Dijak, spoke in support of tobacco/paraphernalia regulation.

Yeraldin Montiel, spoke in support of tobacco regulation.

Lynda Barbour, (American Cancer Society) spoke in support of tobacco regulation.

Gene Knutson, spoke in support of tobacco & other harmful products regulation.

David Kubly, (Director of Projects with Goodwill Industries) asked questions about the Land Use Codes and spoke in support of thrift stores in the Downtown Specific Plan.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

The Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Weiler, seconded by Commissioner Watson to approve the staff's recommendation with the modification to Section 33-1127 of the Escondido Zoning Code to increase the allowable amount of storage/sorting space. Motion carried (5-0-0). Ayes: Cohen, Garcia, Spann, Watson and Weiler. Noes: None. Absent: McNair and Romo.

3. ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – AZ 19-0003:

REQUEST: A series of Escondido Zoning Code Amendments to address changes in state laws, correct errors, and improve existing regulations. The proposal involves minor amendments to Articles 1, 6, 9, 16, 26, 39, 61, 65, 67, 70, and 73

of the Escondido Zoning Code. The proposal also includes the adoption of the environmental determination prepared for the project.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Citywide

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: Exemption under the General Rule, CEQA Section 15061(b)(3).

PUBLIC SPEAKERS: None.

COMMISSIONER DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

The Commissioners discussed various aspects of the project.

COMMISSION ACTION:

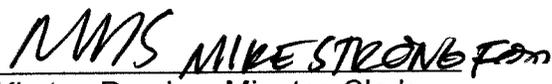
Moved by Commissioner Cohen and seconded by Commissioner Watson to approve staff's recommendation with the modification to Animal Enclosure regulations adding "front yard" setback standards and removing proposed subjective odor and dust standards. Motion carried (5-0-0). Ayes: Cohen, Garcia, Spann, Watson and Weiler. Noes: None. Absent: McNair and Romo.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Spann adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. The Planning Commission meeting scheduled for July 9, 2019 has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway Escondido, California.



Mike Strong, Secretary to the
Escondido Planning Commission



Kirsten Peraino, Minutes Clerk