



Council Meeting Agenda

AUGUST 26, 2020
VIDEO CONFERENCE
6:00 P.M. Regular Session
201 N. Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025

MAYOR	Paul McNamara
DEPUTY MAYOR	Consuelo Martinez
COUNCIL MEMBERS	Olga Diaz Michael Morasco
CITY MANAGER	Jeffrey Epp
CITY CLERK	Zack Beck
CITY ATTORNEY	Michael McGuinness
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Mike Strong
DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES	Julie Procopio

COVID-19 PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders, including N-25-20 and N-29-20: Certain Brown Act requirements for the holding of a public meeting have been temporarily suspended and members of the Escondido City Council and staff will participate in this meeting via teleconference. In the interest of reducing the spread of COVID-19, members of the public are encouraged to submit their agenda and non-agenda comments online at the following link:

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Depending on the volume and/or similarity of public comments, and pursuant to the City Council Rules of Procedure, the Mayor or Presiding Councilmember may limit the number of comments to be read and/or limit the amount of time each comment may be read. It is in the interests of members of the public who desire that their statement be read out loud to be mindful of this potential limitation when drafting their comment. The entirety of all comments received from the public will be made a part of the record of the meeting.

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ELECTRONIC MEDIA:

Electronic media which members of the public wish to be used during any public comment period should be submitted to the City Clerk's Office at least 24 hours prior to the Council meeting at which it is to be shown.

The electronic media will be subject to a virus scan and must be compatible with the City's existing system. The media must be labeled with the name of the speaker, the comment period during which the media is to be played and contact information for the person presenting the media.

The time necessary to present any electronic media is considered part of the maximum time limit provided to speakers. City staff will queue the electronic information when the public member is called upon to speak. Materials shown to the Council during the meeting are part of the public record and may be retained by the Clerk.

The City of Escondido is not responsible for the content of any material presented, and the presentation and content of electronic media shall be subject to the same responsibilities regarding decorum and presentation as are applicable to live presentations.



**August 26, 2020
6:00 P.M. Meeting**

Escondido City Council

CALL TO ORDER

MOMENT OF REFLECTION:

City Council agendas allow an opportunity for a moment of silence and reflection at the beginning of the evening meeting. The City does not participate in the selection of speakers for this portion of the agenda, and does not endorse or sanction any remarks made by individuals during this time. If you wish to be recognized during this portion of the agenda, please notify the City Clerk in advance.

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL: Diaz, Martinez, Morasco, McNamara

PROCLAMATIONS: National Preparedness Month

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The public may address the Council on any item that is not on the agenda and that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the legislative body. State law prohibits the Council from discussing or taking action on such items, but the matter may be referred to the City Manager/staff or scheduled on a subsequent agenda. (Please refer to the back page of the agenda for instructions.) NOTE: Depending on the number of requests, comments may be reduced to less than 3 minutes per speaker and limited to a total of 15 minutes. Any remaining speakers will be heard during Oral Communications at the end of the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Items on the Consent Calendar are not discussed individually and are approved in a single motion. However, Council members always have the option to have an item considered separately, either on their own request or at the request of staff or a member of the public.

- 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:

- 344629 – 344806 dated August 12, 2020

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None Scheduled

4. CITY HOLIDAY CLOSURE SCHEDULE FOR YEAR 2021 -

Request the City Council approve designating the dates that City of Escondido offices will be closed for the calendar year 2021 for holiday observances.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-113

5. APPROVAL OF CALPERS INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY FOR POLICE OFFICER NICOLE ROBBINS-

Request the City Council approve the Industrial Disability Retirement of Police Officer Nicole Robbins.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-120

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.)

6. AMENDMENT TO ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 6-488, PROCEDURES FOR ABATEMENT OF UNLAWFUL CONDITIONS -

Approved on August 12, 2020 with a vote of 4/0

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18 (Second Reading and Adoption)

CURRENT BUSINESS

7. MOUNTAIN VIEW PARK DEVELOPMENT UPDATE -

Request the City Council provide direction on the future development of Mountain View Park.

Staff Recommendation: **Provide Direction (Communications and Community Services: Joanna Axelrod)**

WORKSHOP

8. COMMERCIAL CANNABIS UPDATE -

The Workshop will serve as an update on our research and evaluation in determining the feasibility and viability of commercial cannabis in Escondido.

Staff Recommendation: **None (City Manager's Office: William Wolfe)**

FUTURE AGENDA

9. 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

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.

- WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT -

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ADJOURNMENT

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE				
Date	Day	Time	Meeting Type	Location
September 2	-	-	No Meeting	-
September 9	-	-	No Meeting (Labor Day)	-
September 16	Wednesday	5:00 & 6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers
September 23	Wednesday	5:00 & 6:00 p.m.	Regular Meeting	Council Chambers

TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

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If you wish to speak concerning an item not on the agenda, you may do so under "Oral Communications." Please complete a Speaker's form as noted above.

Nomination forms for Community Awards are available at the Escondido City Clerk's Office or at <http://www.escondido.org/city-clerks-office.aspx>

Handouts for the City Council should be given to the City Clerk. To address the Council, use the podium in the center of the Chambers, STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD and speak directly into the microphone.

AGENDA, STAFF REPORTS AND BACK-UP MATERIALS ARE AVAILABLE:

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- In the City Clerk's Office at City Hall
- Placed in the Council Chambers (See: City Clerk/Minutes Clerk) immediately before and during the Council meeting.

AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS AFTER AGENDA POSTING: Any supplemental writings or documents provided to the City Council regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the City Clerk's Office located at 201 N. Broadway during normal business hours, or in the Council Chambers while the meeting is in session.

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Please turn off all cellular phones and pagers while the meeting is in session.

The City Council is scheduled to meet the first four Wednesdays of the month at 5:00 in Closed Session and 6:00 in Open Session.

(Verify schedule with City Clerk's Office)

Members of the Council also sit as the Successor Agency to the Community Development Commission, Escondido Joint Powers Financing Authority, and the Mobilehome Rent Review Board.

**CITY HALL HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**



If you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact our ADA Coordinator at 839-4643. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility.

Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired – please see the City Clerk.



AFFIDAVITS

OF

ITEM

POSTING



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Consent Item No. 2

August 26, 2020

File No. 0400-40

SUBJECT: Approval of Warrants

DEPARTMENT: Finance Department

RECOMMENDATION:

Request approval for City Council and Housing Successor Agency warrant numbers 344629 – 344806 dated August 12, 2020.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The total amount of the warrants for the period of August 6 – August 12, 2020, is \$1,441,185.33.

BACKGROUND:

The Escondido Municipal Code Section 10-49 states that warrants or checks may be issued and paid prior to audit by the City Council, provided the warrants or checks are certified and approved by the Director of Finance as conforming to the current budget. These warrants or checks must then be ratified and approved by the City Council at the next regular Council meeting.



Consent Item No. 3

August 26, 2020

APPROVAL

OF

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Consent Item No. 4

August 26, 2020

File No. 0700-80

SUBJECT: Year 2021 Holidays

DEPARTMENT: Human Resources Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-113 to designate the dates that City offices will be closed in the year 2021 for holiday observances.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

Each year the City Council adopts a resolution, as required by State law, to designate the days that City offices will be closed for holiday observances.

BACKGROUND:

Holidays are considered to be an employee benefit and are, therefore, a part of the negotiation process with our various bargaining units. There are ten recognized holidays each year.

APPROVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED ELECTRONICALLY BY:

Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources

8/19/20 4:35 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2020-113
2. Resolution No. 2020-113 – Exhibit A - City Recognized Holidays Year 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-113

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA,
DESIGNATING HOLIDAYS ON WHICH CITY
OFFICES SHALL BE CLOSED FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, Section 6700 of the California Government Code designates days that are holidays in the State of California (“State”); and

WHEREAS, Section 6702 of the California Government Code provides that City of Escondido (“City”) offices shall be closed on designated State holidays unless otherwise provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, this City Council desires and deems it to be in the best public interest to designate those holidays on which City offices will be closed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true.
2. That the public offices of the City shall be closed on the following dates set forth in Exhibit “A” attached to this Resolution and incorporated by this reference.

City Recognized Holidays Year 2021

New Year's Day	Friday, January 1, 2021
Martin Luther King Day	Monday, January 18, 2021
Presidents' Day	Monday, February 15, 2021
Memorial Day	Monday, May 31, 2021
Independence Day	Sunday, July 4, 2021 <i>Observed on Monday, July 5th 2021</i>
Labor Day	Monday, September 6, 2021
Veterans' Day	Thursday, November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25, 2021
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 26, 2021
Christmas Day	Saturday, December 25, 2021 <i>Observed on Friday, December 24th 2021</i>
*New Year's Day 2022	Saturday, January 1, 2022 <i>*Observed on Friday, December 31st, 2021</i>

Library

- *Sunday, April 4: closed*
- *Sunday, July 4: closed*
- *Monday, July 5: closed*
- *Friday, September 10, 2020: closed for staff training*
- *Wednesday, November 24: close @ 5:00 p.m.*
- *Friday, December 24: close @ 5:00 p.m.*
- *Saturday, December 25: closed*
- *Friday, December 31: close @ 5:00 p.m.*

East Valley Community Center

- *Monday, January 18: open 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*
- *Monday, February 15: open 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*
- *Sunday, April 4: closed*
- *Sunday, July 4: closed*
- *Monday, July 5: open normal hours*
- *Wednesday, November 25: close @ 3:00 p.m.*
- *Thursday, November 11: open 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*
- *Friday, November 26: open 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.*
- *Friday, December 24: close @ 3:00 p.m.*
- *Saturday, December 25 - Saturday, January 1: closed for floor and carpet maintenance*

Escondido Sports Center

- *Monday, January 18: open 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*
- *Monday, February 15: open 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*
- *Sunday, April 4: closed*
- *Sunday, July 4: closed*
- *Monday, July 5: open normal hours*
- *Sunday, October 31: close @ 6:00 p.m.*
- *Thursday, November 11: open 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*
- *Wednesday, November 24: open 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*
- *Friday, November 26: open 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*
- *Saturday, December 25: closed*
- *Friday, December 31: closed*

Park Avenue Community Center

- *Sunday, April 4: closed*
- *Sunday, July 4: closed*
- *Monday, July 5: closed*
- *Wednesday, November 24: close @ 3:00 p.m.*
- *Friday, December 24: closed*
- *Saturday, December 25: closed*
- *Friday, December 31: closed (observed New Year's Day 2022)*

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Consent Item No. 5

August 26, 2020

File No. 0170-57

SUBJECT: Approval of CalPERS Industrial Disability for Police Officer Nicole Robbins

DEPARTMENT: Human Resources Department

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-120, approving the California Public Employees' Retirement System ("CalPERS") Industrial Disability Retirement for Police Officer Nicole Robbins.

BACKGROUND:

Officer Robbins filed for Industrial Disability Retirement on September 16, 2019. She has been employed by the City of Escondido for 10 years. Her last day worked will be on August 26, 2020. The basis for Officer Robbins' Industrial Disability Retirement application is confirmed by the medical report, dated June 27, 2020, from Larry D. Dodge MD. Officer Robbins' condition is orthopedic in nature. Accordingly, Officer Robbins is incapacitated within the meaning of the Public Employees' Retirement Law for performance of her usual and customary duties in the position of Police Officer.

Under state law, CalPERS requires the City Council to adopt a resolution stating that competent medical evidence supports the granting of an Industrial Disability Retirement. Based on medical evidence, staff recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2020-120, approving the CalPERS Industrial Disability Retirement for Police Officer Nicole Robbins to be effective August 27, 2020.

APPROVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED ELECTRONICALLY BY:

Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources
8/19/20 4:35 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2020-120

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-120

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA,
APPROVING THE CALPERS INDUSTRIAL
DISABILITY RETIREMENT FOR POLICE
OFFICER NICOLE ROBBINS

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido (“City”) is a contracting agency of the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (“CalPERS”); and

WHEREAS, the California Public Employees’ Retirement Law (Govt. Code Section 20000 et seq.) (“California law”) requires that the City determine whether an employee classified as a local safety member is disabled for purpose of the California law and whether such disability is “industrial” within the meaning of such law; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Robbins (“Employee”) filed an application with CalPERS on September 16, 2019, for an industrial disability retirement due to orthopedic injuries; and

WHEREAS, the Employee, is employed by the City in the position of Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Escondido has reviewed the medical and other evidence relevant to this industrial disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Escondido, California certifies as follows:

1. That the above recitations are true.
2. That the City Council of the City of Escondido, California does hereby find and determine that the Employee is incapacitated within the meaning of the California Public Employees’ Retirement Law for performance of her duties in the position of Police Officer.

3. That the City Council certifies, in accordance with Govt. Code Section 21156, that this determination was made on the basis of competent medical opinion, and was not used as a substitute for the disciplinary process.

4. That the Employee had filed a Workers' Compensation claim for her disabling conditions. The City accepted the Employee's Workers' Compensation claim.

5. That neither the Employee nor the City of Escondido has applied to the Worker's Compensation Appeals Board for a determination pursuant to Government Code Section 21166 whether such disability is industrial.

6. That the Employee's retirement date will be effective August 27, 2020, and her last day on paid status is August 26, 2020.

7. That there is not a possibility of third-party liability.

8. That the City will make monthly Advanced Disability Pension Payments of \$4,362.31, beginning September 1, 2020, until CalPERS begins making retirement payments. The City will also make a one-time advance disability payment of \$392.00 for the remaining three days of August 2020.

9. That the primary disabling condition is an orthopedic injury to her back, and arose out of and in the course of employment.

10. That there is competent medical opinion certifying the disabling condition to be permanent.

11. That based on information and belief, and on the information provided by City staff, the City Council certifies under penalty of perjury that all statements in this Resolution are true and correct.

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING THE PROCEDURES FOR THE
ABATEMENT OF UNLAWFUL CONDITIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Escondido (“City”) codified the procedures for abatement of unlawful conditions under Escondido Municipal Code (“EMC”) Section 6-488; and

WHEREAS, the City Council last revised EMC Section 6-488 on September 16, 1998; and

WHEREAS, EMC Section 6-488 sets out the procedures for abatement of conditions which are injurious and inimical to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the current abatement procedures result in delays when hazardous conditions demand prompt action; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to expedite the abatement process.

The City Council of the City of Escondido, California, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. EMC Section 6-488, subsection (a) is repealed and replaced as follows:

(a) Notice and order. Whenever the building official or designee (“building official”) has inspected or caused to be inspected any property and has found and determined that conditions constituting a public nuisance exist thereon, the building

A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS
ORDINANCE IS ON FILE IN THE
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK FOR
YOUR REVIEW.

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Current Business Item No. 7

August 26, 2020

File No. 0800-90

SUBJECT: Mountain View Park Development Update

DEPARTMENT: Communications and Community Services

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that the City Council review recreational and cultural improvements proposed for Mountain View Park, concur with staff's determination regarding conformance with the Mountain View Park Master Plan, and provide direction on options and next steps specifically related to: a) the historic property on the corner of Glenridge Road and Citrus Avenue; b) the prominent knoll in the southwestern portion of the park; and, c) an existing multi-purpose ballfield in the northeastern portion of the park.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Because the fiscal impact will be unique to the individual projects, additional information on construction and maintenance costs can be found in the "Project Details" portion of this report for each project. Depending on Council's direction regarding specific projects, the Mountain View Park Master Plan may need to be amended. Costs for updating the master plan are unknown at this time.

On May 13, 2020, the City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2020-21 Five-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget. That budget included the following projects for future funding.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Park Ball Field	\$225,000	\$225,000	\$229,800	\$269,000
Pump Track Bike Park	\$225,000			
Mountain View Park Field House	*No Funding			

* Park Development Funds cannot be used for maintenance, repair, or replacement.

In June of this year, the City of Escondido ("City") received confirmation that \$271,303 in Prop 68 Per Capita grant funds had been allocated to Escondido. Timelines for the grant need to be taken into consideration when deciding how to utilize these funds. A project must be identified and a resolution submitted by December 31, 2020. Applications are due by June 30, 2021, and final project completion documents must be submitted by March 31, 2024.

Prop 68 funds are limited to capital projects for acquisition of land and improvements to existing property. Operational costs, maintenance, and repairs are not eligible. There is a 20% match required for projects that do not serve a severely disadvantaged community as defined and determined by the California State Parks Department. While Mountain View Park does not fall into that category, staff anticipate that the in-kind contribution of staff and materials from Public Works could satisfy this match requirement if a project at Mountain View Park were proposed for the Per Capita funding.

Of the Council-approved Capital Improvement Projects, the following fall within the scope, budget, and timeline required of the Prop 68 Per Capita grant, and could be considered for this funding.

- Ryan Park Expansion: The addition of one lighted soccer field.
- Fitness Court: One new National Fitness Campaign (NFC) Fitness Courts with coordinating shade structure.
- Bike Park: Design and development of a pump track/bike park.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

On April 20, 1988, the City Council approved the Mountain View Park Master Plan. Various projects and improvements to fulfill that plan and develop the park have occurred since that time.

On November 6, 2019, the City Council approved a Budget Adjustment in the amount of \$195,000 from the Utilities Fund to the Park Development Fund for park improvements resulting from locating the reclaimed water Intermediate Booster Pump Station (“IBPS”) at Mountain View Park. These funds were designated to pay for the installation of a fitness court (\$160,000) which was completed in March 2020 and funding toward a historical building assessment of the Field House (\$35,000).

The purpose of the building assessment is to identify, evaluate and prioritize specific improvements and tasks required to stabilize and preserve the structure for the proposed uses. The assessment will not involve physical improvements to the structure. Staff is currently drafting a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to solicit bids from qualified firms to perform the assessment.

BACKGROUND:

Mountain View Park is located in a residential area that was historically used primarily for farming citrus and avocados. The Mountain View Park Master Plan was completed in 1988 and includes a variety of passive and active recreational amenities. This Master Plan can be viewed at <https://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/Planning/MountainViewParkMasterPlan.pdf>. The park improvements have been phased, with the active sports facilities being built first, and the passive amenities developed later as funding became available. Many of the park’s active recreational amenities have been completed including the tennis courts, play structure, little league fields, and concession stand.

The three areas of the park that have not been addressed, and will be the focus of this report, are the historic property on the corner of Citrus Avenue and Glenridge Road; the knoll area, a large prominent hill on the southwestern corner of Citrus Avenue and Mountain View Drive; and the multipurpose field in the northwestern quadrant of the park.

The historic property was acquired in early 1996. The farmhouse and adjacent remaining remnant citrus grove are two of the few remaining examples of the industry that were so important to Escondido's early history. The historic property currently includes the Field House (currently on the City's Local Register of Historic Places), a small one-story farmhouse, a barn, and a windmill that was relocated from a property on North Citrus to this location to save it from demolition.

The adopted Master Plan calls for the Field House to be restored and maintained to function as an interpretive center for educational and other special event uses. A "period garden" is included in the Master Plan to be installed surrounding the house to reflect the era of the building's origin. The Master Plan also calls for a gazebo on the historic property that would be built on a raised platform of sufficient size for small outdoor performances and other presentations, serving as a physical link between the historic property and the rest of the park.

The knoll area in the southwestern portion of the park is currently undeveloped. Sample drilling around the hill has identified hard rock below the surface which limits the options and cost effectiveness of constructing recreational facilities and future improvements. The Master Plan calls for a Group Picnic Area located at the highest point that overlooks the park with meandering paths weaving through the site providing circulation between the various facilities. The paths would be eight feet wide in order to accommodate pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Healthy portions of the existing grove were to be retained, if adaptable to park use and development.

The Master Plan identifies an unlit multipurpose ballfield in the northeastern quadrant of the park that was constructed as one of the early improvements. This multipurpose field has been used frequently over the years by Escondido National Little League for practice, but is not constructed as a baseball field.

DISCUSSION:

Recent development interests from private and non-profit groups have provided a range of possibilities for future development of the historic Field House and knoll. The proposed projects align with comments received from the public regarding the desired vision for the park. If planned and coordinated effectively, this could be mutually beneficial for all parties involved. The potential projects are described below.

1) Escondido National Little League Ballfield

The City Council directed staff to work with Escondido National Little League several years ago to investigate constructing a lighted ballfield in the knoll area of the park. A concept plan was provided to

the City and the league conducted soils testing. It was determined that the ballfield was not a feasible project due to the topography and geologic conditions (granite) that make this area difficult and expensive to grade.

Escondido National Little League has expressed interested in pursuing constructing a third baseball field in the park. There are currently two multipurpose ballfields in Mountain View Park. Staff's recommendation is that the existing multipurpose field in the northwestern quadrant of the park be converted to a baseball field. The ballfield would be located adjacent to parking and the new restrooms that will be constructed with the new reclaimed water pump station.

Project Details:

Construction Cost: \$550,000 This includes field preparation, landscaping and irrigation, fencing, and optional lighting (see Master Plan Conformance below).

Maintenance Cost: Field maintenance costs include \$15,000 per year in public works staffing costs. Typically, the Little League contributes significantly to the day-to-day maintenance of the fields, reducing the impact to the Public Works budget. However, if the League was unable to take on these maintenance responsibilities, the cost would fall to the City. Additional maintenance costs include approximately \$5,000 every two years for infield dirt and laser leveling, and \$70,000 every 15 years for replacement fencing and backstops. It is always the intention to partner with the League on these costs, but barring that, they would fall to the City. Additional maintenance costs would be incurred if the ballfield were lit.

Funding: Future Park Development Funds and possible Little League contribution/fundraising

By 2023, sufficient Park Development Funds will have been allocated through the City's CIP budget for this project. However, this assumes that projections are accurate, that development remains at its current pace, and that this project remains a priority for funding as there could be competing priorities.

Master Plan Conformance: No amendment to the master plan would be necessary as this area is already slated for an unlighted sports field. An amendment to the master plan would be required if the league proposes to install ballfield lighting.

Potential Next Steps: Work with the Little League to determine scope, timeline and funding, and proceed with funding in 2021 CIP Budget.

2) Field House Restoration - Agricultural Museum and Event Space

In October 2019, City staff met with a group of community stakeholders interested in improving the Field House property and providing a combined community space and demonstration farm. The restored Field House would be utilized as an Agricultural Museum, event space, and community garden including incidental retail opportunities where goods produced locally and on the property (i.e. Farmers Market) could be sold in order to provide funding for ongoing maintenance. The community members were going to present their ideas to the Community Advisory Groups and develop a

business plan detailing the specific amenities, cost, and sustainability plan for the City's review. To date, the City has not received this proposal.

Project Details:

Construction Cost: The Field House restoration costs will be determined based on the building assessment recommendations, as well as the final intended use of the facility. An estimated cost of \$1,000,000 had been included in the Unfunded Projects List of the City's CIP budget. This number will be refined after the structural assessment has been completed.

Maintenance Cost: Staff recommends that the City enter in to an agreement with a community group/organization, whereby their business plan incorporates a sustainable model for ongoing maintenance of the historic property at minimal cost to the City. Absent such an agreement, future maintenance costs would be the responsibility of the City.

Funding: \$35,000 has been set aside for the structural assessment. No funding source has been identified for restoration of the Field House or improvements to the land. Park Development Funds cannot be used for maintenance, repair, or replacement.

Master Plan Conformance: The proposed use would be consistent with the master plan.

Potential Next Steps: Follow up with community members about the status of their business plan. Release RFP for the structural assessment. Planning and Community Services will be involved in reviewing the RFP responses, interviewing the consultants, and overseeing the contract to prepare the assessments. This project cannot move forward without the commitment of dedicated community members willing to spearhead this initiative.

3) Mountain View Park Knoll Area Options

Option #1: Plant a vineyard and install walking paths

An alternative idea, but similar to the Agricultural Museum, is to restore the Field House, expand the uses to include a winery/tasting room and install a vineyard and walking paths on the knoll area of Mountain View Park to make the site more accessible for all.

Several adopted General Plan policies can be relied upon to support this option:

Health and Wellness Policy 1.7 (page V-18)

Continue to provide City parks and recreation programs and support private recreational programs that provide opportunities for residents of all age groups to participate in activities as a means to promote a healthy lifestyle.

Health and Wellness Policy 1.8 (page V-18)

Allow the creation and operation of community gardens, urban farms, and farmers' markets that enhance the community's access to healthy foods.

Parks and Recreation Policy 2.20 (page V-21)

Provide public and support private recreational programs that serve residents of all ages, backgrounds, and interests.

Agricultural Resources Policy 4.3 (page VII-25)

Explore a variety of techniques to preserve existing agricultural lands...

Cultural Resources Policy 5.5 (page VII-26)

Preserve historic buildings, landscapes, and districts with special and recognized historic or architectural value in their original locations through preservation, rehabilitation (including adaptive reuse), and restoration where the use is compatible with the surrounding area.

Per Escondido Municipal Code 18-102 the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in recreation areas, i.e., parks, absent a special event permit, is currently prohibited. If the City Council directs staff to move forward with exploring a winery component to the Field House improvements, this will need to be addressed through an amendment to the Municipal Code, and/or through the terms of a Lease Agreement or other permit. Staff will explore this issue further with the intent of preserving all other City parks as alcohol free.

Project Details:

Construction Cost: The Field House restoration costs will be determined based on the structural assessment recommendations, as well as the final intended use of the facility. Additional cost would include construction of walking paths, trellis installation, and vineyard planting. These costs would be funded by the community organization.

Maintenance Costs: If the City Council selects this option, staff recommends that the City enter in to an agreement with a community group/organization, whereby their business plan incorporates a sustainable model for ongoing maintenance of the historic property at minimal cost to the City. Absent such agreement, maintenance costs would be the responsibility of the City.

Funding: \$35,000 has been set aside for the structural assessment. No funding source has been identified for restoration of the Field House, or improvements to the land.

Master Plan Conformance: Planting a vineyard on the knoll is consistent with the adopted Mountain View Park Master Plan, which includes a component for continued agricultural uses in this area. An amendment to the master plan would be necessary for a winery/winetasting and onsite alcohol consumption and sales.

Potential Next Steps: Follow up with community members about the status of their business plan. Release an RFP for the structural assessment. Planning and Community Services will be involved in reviewing the RFP responses, interviewing the consultants, and overseeing the contract to prepare the assessments. This project cannot move forward without the commitment of dedicated community members willing to spearhead this initiative.

Option #2: Construct a Bike Park/Flow Track with Walking Path

Over the years, the City has explored opportunities for constructing a bike park in the community without success. Recently, the San Diego Mountain Bike Association contacted City staff regarding opportunities to construct such a facility. The Mountain View Park knoll was identified as it has the ideal topography to create a flowing downhill bike park where riders use gravity to propel down the obstacles, allowing them to flow through the jump lines and rhythm sections.

This type of bike park is family friendly and appropriate for riders of all ages and skill levels. A bike park would follow the contours of the natural slope and involve grading in discreet areas to create jumps, rhythm sections, berms, and rollers. The concept for Mountain View Park would be a free, City-operated bike park on hard-packed ground (no dust). It is anticipated that noise would be no greater than that generated by the current park activities.

Hilride Progression Development Group, in cooperation with the San Diego Mountain Bike Association, has provided a concept bike park design for the knoll area. The design would create a walking path around the perimeter to provide additional active recreation which aligns with the Mountain View Park Master Plan. The concept also includes a kids pump track that would be located in the open play area of the park. Staff would not recommend this element be installed as it may negatively impact the adjacent resident. The kids pump track component could be developed in another park, which would also expand access to bike park facilities to community users.

Project Details:

Construction Cost: Approximately \$240,000

Maintenance Cost: \$18,000 annually for trail maintenance and weed abatement.

Funding: Future Park Development Funds, Prop 68 Per Capita Funds, and potential donations from San Diego Mountain Bike Association.

By 2022, sufficient Park Development Funds will have been allocated through the City's CIP budget for this project. However, this assumes that projections are accurate, that development remains at its current pace, and that this project remains a priority for funding as there could be competing priorities.

Master Plan: A master plan amendment would be required to update the planned use from agricultural/passive recreation to active recreation.

Potential Next Steps: Work with the San Diego Mountain Bike Association to determine scope, timeline and funding, and proceed with funding in 2021 CIP Budget.

Other Considerations

Escondido Municipal Code 23-120 requires developers (including the City) to construct all necessary public improvements along the street frontages of the improved property. This would include the installation of sidewalk, curb, and gutter along portions of Mountain View Park. Additionally, all new and redevelopment projects are subject to undergrounding of overhead utilities. If funding is not

immediately available, these improvements can be phased in. The intention is that at such time that the park is built out and fully developed, all associated improvements would be complete. It is estimated that the cost of these improvements would be in the area of \$850,000 for street widening, sidewalk, curb, and gutter along Mountain View Drive and Citrus avenue, and \$370,000 for undergrounding of utilities along the park frontage on Glenridge Road.

When reviewing these potential projects, the entire Mountain View Park Master Plan should be taken into consideration. The existing Master Plan is over 30 years old and any new ideas and community priorities may call for an amendment. This would require a significant amount of public outreach and a Council action.

Public Outreach

In October 2019, a series of park outreach meetings were held to inform the public on the City's Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") process, and to hear what amenities they wanted to see in their parks. These meetings were advertised on the City's website, social media, through the Escondido Union School District, and to the more than 19,000 active participants in the City's recreation class database.

The first of four meetings was held in Mountain View Park and was attended by six residents. They were given an opportunity to vote for the top three amenities they would like to see in the park. The highest-ranking amenities were trail improvements, agriculture and gardening areas, and a fitness court. Additional meetings were held at Westside Park, Grove Park, and Jesmond Dene Park and were attended by 16 community members. Collectively, the amenities that ranked highest are trail improvements with 27 votes, Fitness Courts with 21, and Pump Tracks and Skate Spots tied with 14 votes each.

While further, official outreach has not been conducted related to the Agricultural Museum/Winery or the bike park, word has unofficially gotten out that the City is exploring these ideas. Feedback has been received from two individuals specifically in support of the bike park at this location.

RECOMMENATION AND NEXT STEPS:

Staff is seeking direction regarding the desired options for Mountain View Park with regard to the recreational and cultural improvements, and to concur with staff's determination regarding conformance with the Master Plan; specifically:

- 1) Work with Escondido National Little League to convert one of the two existing unlighted multipurpose fields into a baseball field – this would be consistent with the Master Plan.
NOTE: If the League desires to install lighting for the ballfield a Master Plan amendment would be required.

- 2) Work with community group(s) in partnership to improve/restore the Field House for an agricultural museum and event space consistent with the Master Plan; **or**, work with community group(s) to amend the Master Plan to improve/restore the Field House for winery/winetasting with onsite alcohol consumption and sales.
- 3) Work with community group(s) to plant a vineyard and walking trails in the knoll area of Mountain View Park consistent with the Master Plan; **or**, amend the Master Plan to develop the knoll as a bike park/flow track with pedestrian trails.

Based on direction provided by the City Council, staff would advise the consultant selected to conduct the Field House historical assessment of the intended use of the building to factor in the restoration. Additional public outreach will be conducted to gather feedback on the proposed amenity(ies) and the process for updating the Master Plan if necessary.

APPROVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED ELECTRONICALLY BY:

Joanna Axelrod, Director of Communications and Community Services
8/20/20 9:14 a.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Workshop Item No. 8

August 26, 2020

File No. 0810-20

SUBJECT: Commercial Cannabis Update

DEPARTMENT: City Manager

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that the City Council receive and file the provided update on the status of commercial cannabis in California, and how it relates to the City of Escondido (“City”).

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

There is no direct fiscal impact with the update and the current status of the prohibition of commercial cannabis in Escondido. However, any change in policy direction to permit commercial cannabis could create several hundred thousand dollars in increased revenue, offset by increased personnel and other costs for regulation and enforcement.

PREVIOUS ACTION:

On February 14, 2018, by unanimous vote, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 2018-03R which prohibits cannabis uses and activities through Article 57 of the Escondido Zoning Code and Chapter 17 of the Escondido Municipal Code.

BACKGROUND:

In 1996, the California voters approved Proposition 215, which permitted marijuana use for medicinal purposes. This was expanded in 2016 when Proposition 64 permitted recreational cultivation, manufacturing, sales, and use for adults age 21 years and older. In Escondido, 52% of the 2016 voters approved Proposition 64, which was among some of the lowest approval percentages in San Diego County cities. The City’s Resident Satisfaction Survey, conducted in June 2020, shows overall general support of commercial cannabis in Escondido, although not necessarily true in all age groups and voting districts, or for all areas of the industry. About one-third of California cities and jurisdictions have permitted commercial cannabis in some form whether it be limited to cultivation, manufacturing, or medicinal, or in some cases, permitting all aspects both medicinal and recreational. A sizeable portion of those cities permitting cannabis are doing so after a ballot initiative was brought, without the support of the city leaders. Most cities that permit commercial cannabis have chosen to heavily regulate the industry through limiting the number of permits and licenses, zoning, land use, inspections, and enforcement. This path must be approached thoughtfully though, as this often leads to lengthy delays and litigation by applicants. Finally, many cities have found that the revenues actually earned have fallen short of expectations. Multiple theories for this have been suggested, the most common being that the increase in cost due to regulation and taxes has caused most

consumers to remain in the black market. This seems to be supported by the data that indicates a large portion of dispensary customers appear to be adults over the age of 50, while younger customers are more likely to remain within the black market due to being under age or to reduce costs. Research indicates that the City of Escondido could expect to earn approximately \$100,000 annually for each commercial cannabis operator within city limits, although each city is unique, and there certainly are no guarantees. Staff continues to research and track this concept and will continue to provide updates and more information is gathered.

APPROVED AND ACKNOWLEDGED ELECTRONICALLY BY:

William Wolfe, Assistant City Manager

8/19/20 3:45 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.



FUTURE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS

Updated August 20, 2020

AGENDA ITEMS AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
CHECK WITH THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (760) 839-4617

September 2, 2020
NO MEETING

September 9, 2020
NO MEETING (Labor Day)

September 16, 2020
6:00 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Resolution Annexing Territory to Community Facilities District 2020-1, Citywide Services CFD

(J. Procopio)

In accordance with City Council direction, projects entitled or applying for a building permit after the resolution of formation date of May 13, 2020 are to be annexed into the Citywide Services CFD. Unanimous consent forms have been received from each property owner. Zone 2021-1 will be the second zone of the Citywide Services CFD that is comprised of three projects totaling 20-units.

Disposition of City Owned Property Located at 1750 West Citracado Parkway, Lot No. 177, in the Mountain Shadows Mobile Home Park

(J. Procopio)

An offer for a City owned lot, space number 177, located within the Mountain Shadows Mobile Home Park, has been received from the longtime resident and owner of the coach on this lot. The offer has been determined to represent fair market value and the parties now desire to move forward with the transaction.

Addition of Full-Time Lead Ranger Specialist Position

(C. McKinney)

Recent County of San Diego Health Orders have required local agencies to adhere to and enforce sanitation and social distancing protocols. Within City of Escondido parks, this task has fallen primarily on temporary part-time Ranger Specialists. A full-time Lead position was created by utilizing CARES Act funds and it has proven critical in helping provide the level of service required.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

CURRENT BUSINESS	
Bid Award for Storm Drain Pipe Lining and Rehabilitation Project Phase 2 (J. Procopio)	<i>On January 22, 2020, the City Council approved the Notice of Completion (NOC) of the Storm Drain Pipe Lining and Rehabilitation Project Phase 1, rehabilitating eighteen (18) of the City's most critical storm drain structures. The scope of work for this project includes video inspection, cleaning, grouting, point repairs, and cured in place pipe lining for 22 critical storm pipes totaling approximately 2,900 lineal feet. Bids will be received for the highest priority pipelines that can be rehabilitated with the cured in place pipe lining method. Staff recommends award to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder.</i>
Ordinance for the Covid-19 Emergency Business Recovery Strategy (M. Strong)	<i>The City Council adopted a series of business relief measures on May 20, 2020. The action to enact the measures was provided by an Urgency Ordinance. If the City Council does not extend an urgency ordinance, they will expire and lapse on the 90th day after their adoption. The Urgency Ordinance was extended by City Council on August 26, 2020. Rather than docketing an Urgency Ordinance for review and consideration every 90-days, this action would be to extend the ordinance for a full year.</i>
Planning Commission Appointment (Z. Beck)	<i>Request the City Council ratify the Mayor's appointment to serve on the Planning Commission. Term to expire March 31, 2024.</i>
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	

September 23, 2020	
6:00 p.m.	
CONSENT CALENDAR	
PUBLIC HEARINGS	
CURRENT BUSINESS	
Year-End Financial Status Report for Fiscal Year 2019/2020 (C. Holmes)	<i>Quarterly financial reports present written financial updates to Council concerning certain funds of the City based on the most recent financial information available. These quarterly financial reports include budgetary information along with the actual resources received to date and the use of these resources in fulfilling each fund's financial plan. The report provides information for the General Fund, Reidy Creek Golf Course Operations, and Water, and Wastewater Funds.</i>
Development Fee Impact Update and Municipal Code (J. Petrek)	<i>Government Code Section 66006 allows for the collection of Development Impact Fees to fund certain improvements necessary to accommodate future growth. An annual inflationary adjustment of Development Impact Fees was last approved in December 2019 based on the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Increase (ENR CCI) to retain purchasing power for constructing future facilities. The update includes an annual inflationary adjustment, as well as an increase in Development Impact Fees to fully offset costs associated with serving new development. An amendment to the Municipal Code is proposed to ensure ongoing funding for the provision of city services.</i>
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS	

Weekly Activity Report



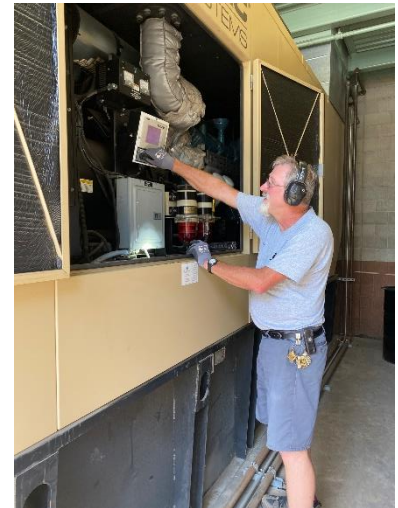
August 20, 2020

COVID-19 UPDATES



California's Heatwave and Conserving Energy

The heat wave this week has impacted everyone statewide. The City is doing its part to ensure that local residents have a cool place to go during the day by opening the East Valley Community Center as a Cool Zone this Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. as well as reducing the City's usage of the power grid. Facilities across the City have raised air conditioning temperatures; unplugged unused devices and appliances; shut off lights; and have implemented emergency generator power at City Hall, Police and Fire Headquarters, all seven fire stations, and the water treatment plant. All of these actions have lessened the burden on the power grid and reduced the possibility of a rolling blackout in our community. The photo to the right shows a Public Works staff member servicing of the emergency generators.



Library Technology Upgrades

Over the past several months, City and Library staff have been working on two exciting technology projects. A major upgrade was made to the audio and video technology in the Turrentine Room – the library's main programming and public meeting space. The improved technology will be put into play immediately as so many programs and meetings are now being conducted in a virtual environment. This project was funded by the Escondido Library Foundation and came in under budget thanks to the City's Information Systems staff who utilized their in-house expertise and shopped around for the most cost-effective solution.



**Escondido
Public Library**

The library's public printing system has been in need of modernization for many years to meet the needs of its patrons, but identifying funding has been a struggle. City Council approved this Capital Improvement Project in the FY 2019-20 budget. The new system will allow for wireless printing from personal electronic devices, printing from home, expanded options for printing and copying, faxing, and paying with credit cards.

When the State and County health orders allow for the reopening of our library, patrons will be greeted with modern, user-friendly technology improvements.

Childcare Grant Program

On August 4, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to distribute \$25 million of CARES Act funding to eligible childcare providers in San Diego County. To distribute the funds, the County has partnered with The San Diego Foundation, YMCA of San Diego County and Child Development Associates to manage the application, verification and grantmaking process. Childcare providers can apply for support for staffing, supplies, mortgage and rental assistance, business resilience and capital improvements for outdoor areas. Applications open on Monday, August 24. For more information and to apply visit: <https://www.sdfoundation.org/childcare-provider-grant-program/>

COVID-19 Updates:

You can get up to date information about the City's response to COVID-19 at: www.escondido.org/covid-19.aspx

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

Deputies Chase Stolen Car to Escondido High School

On August 9, Sheriff Deputies were pursuing a stolen vehicle into Escondido. The stolen car crashed into a traffic signal pole at the corner of Broadway and Country Club Lane, and proceeded to enter the parking lot of Escondido High School and crashed through a fence. All of the occupants fled from the car on foot. Escondido officers assisted with the perimeter and all occupants were taken into custody. The driver was arrested by deputies on auto theft and evading charges.

Officers Help Two Separate Overdose Victims

By way of a county grant, our patrol officers carry nasal dispensed Narcan, which is the medicine given to subjects that have overdosed on heroin or fentanyl. Our officers successfully administered it to two separate subjects, both who were completely unresponsive. Both subjects came to after the Narcan was administered and they were ultimately transported to the hospital for further treatment.

Officers Seize Drugs and a Gun

On August 14, officers contacted a subject standing outside of a vehicle near a closed business in the 1300 block of W. Valley Pkwy. During the contact, officers recovered drugs and paraphernalia from the subject. They also located a gun and ammunition inside of his car. He was arrested on drug and gun possession related charges.

Two Juveniles Arrested After Break In

On August 14, officers were dispatched to the Boost Mobile store at 2058 E. Valley Pkwy regarding a burglary in progress. Two suspects were seen inside the store. As the officers arrived on scene, the suspects fled on foot dropping store merchandise as they ran away. Officers were able to locate the suspects who were arrested from burglary and booked into Juvenile Hall.

Community Tools:

www.arjjs.org - For crime data/mapping, Megan’s Law info, etc.

www.myneighborhoodupdate.net - Search for Escondido, CA to see radio call information.

Events:

Public Safety Communication Manager Jody Patt was selected to serve on the Long Range Planning Committee for the California State 911 Advisory Board. As the manager of the only joint police/fire/medical dispatch center in San Diego County, Jody’s experience will be invaluable to this statewide committee that seeks to develop and implement future improvements to our 911 system. Furthermore, our community will benefit by having local experience on this important committee that not only ensures local needs are addressed, but also that Escondido will be on the leading edge of 911 and emergency communications well into the future.

Tip of the Week:

Make yourself a hard target. Do not leave valuables inside of your parked vehicle. Most thieves seek out targets of opportunity.



Protect your property:

- ✓ Remove all property and keys from your vehicle
- ✓ Lock your vehicle and set the alarm
- ✓ Report suspicious persons to the police

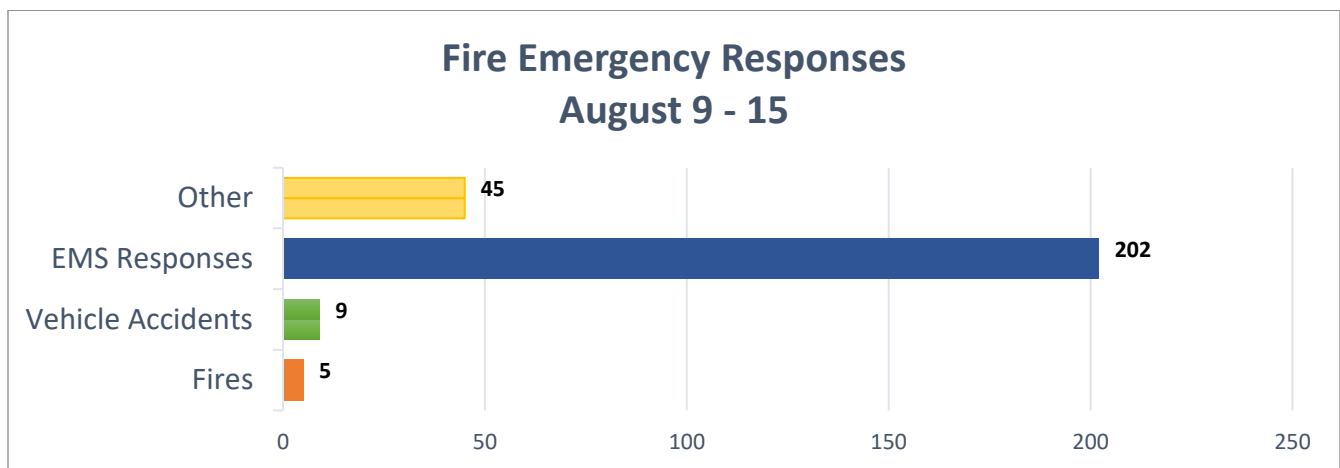


FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES:

On Friday August 14, Escondido fire deployed the OES Brush Engine with four crewmembers along with a Battalion Chief and Captain as part of a Strike Team (5 Brush Engines and a Leader) to the Lake Fire in Los Angeles County. The strike team has since been re-deployed from the incident to the Hosler Fire in Ventura County. There are currently over 40 wildfires burning in California, most of which started from thunder storms/lightning strikes.

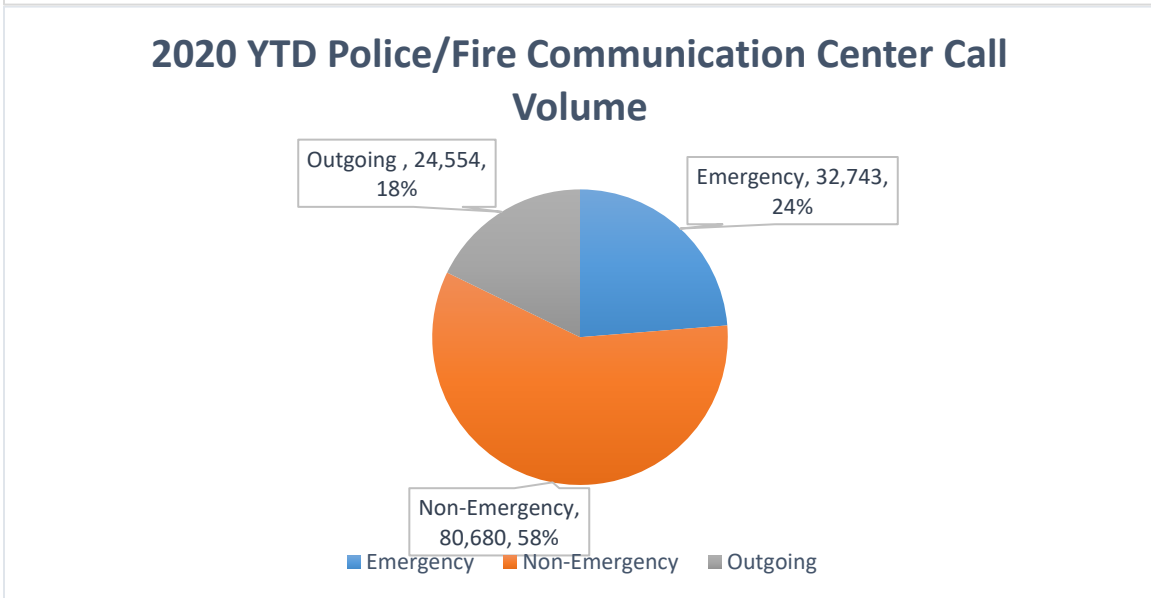
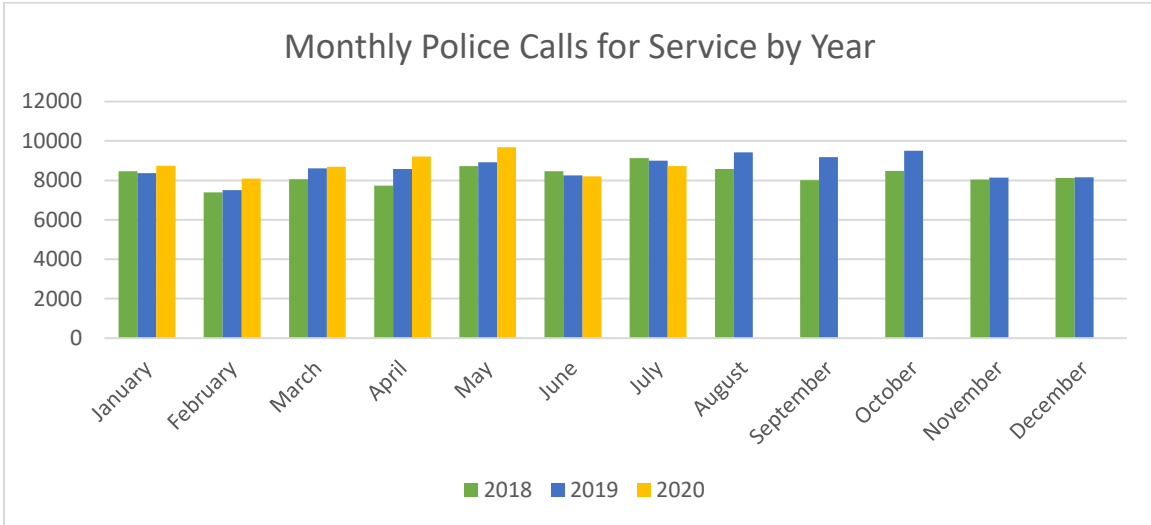
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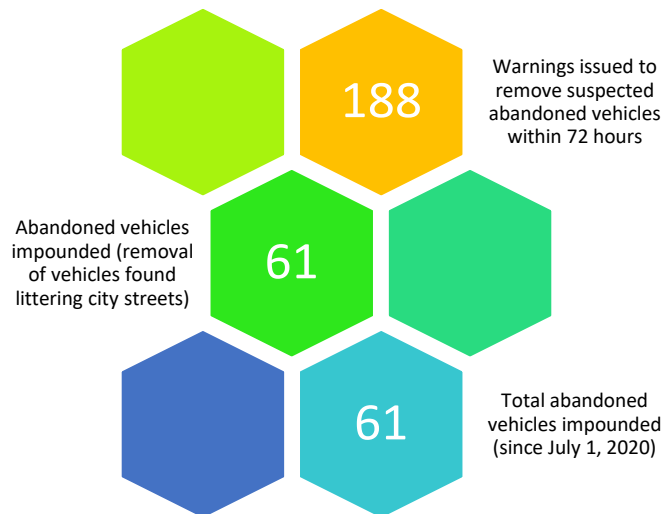


Total Emergency Responses (Year To Date)	9,115
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Police:

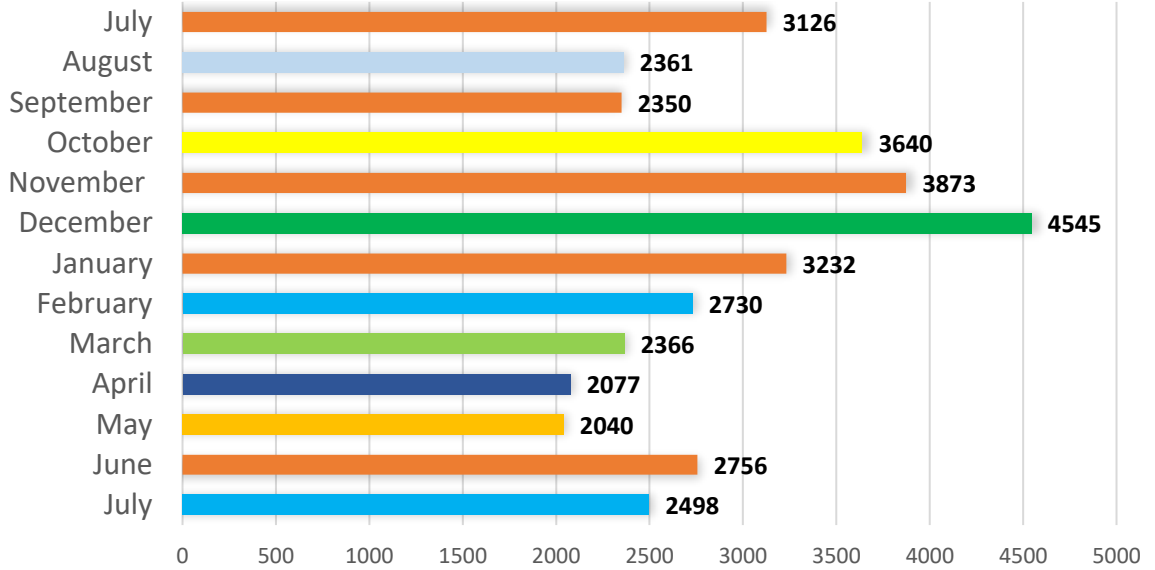


July Abandoned Vehicle Data

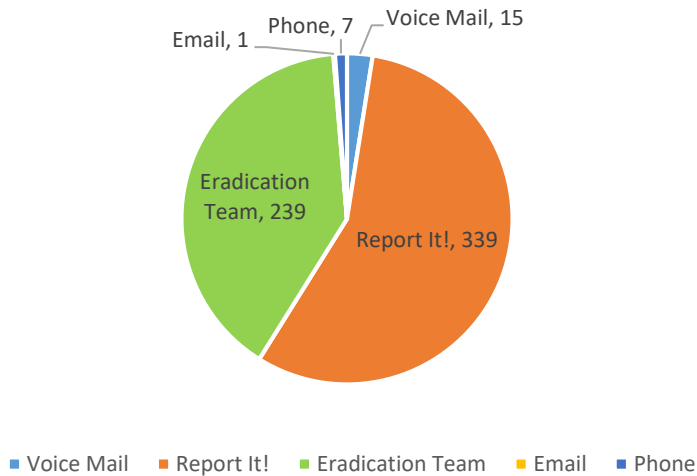


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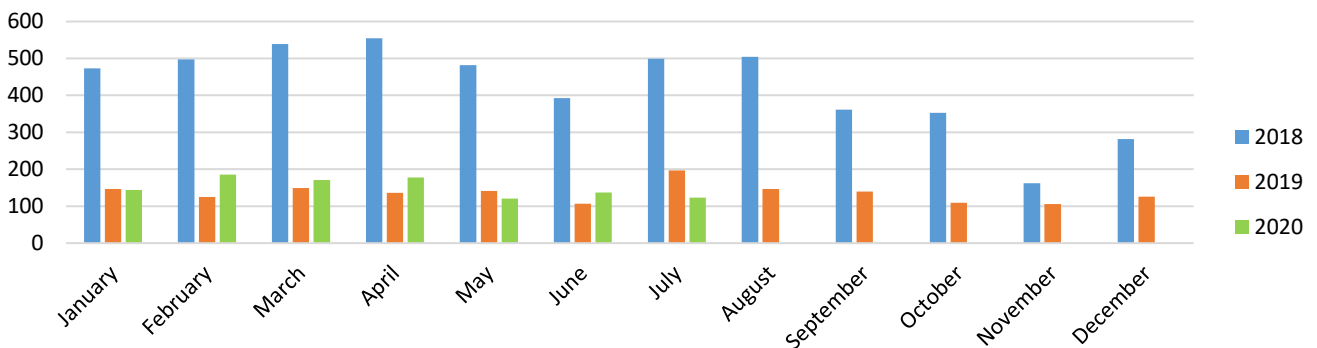
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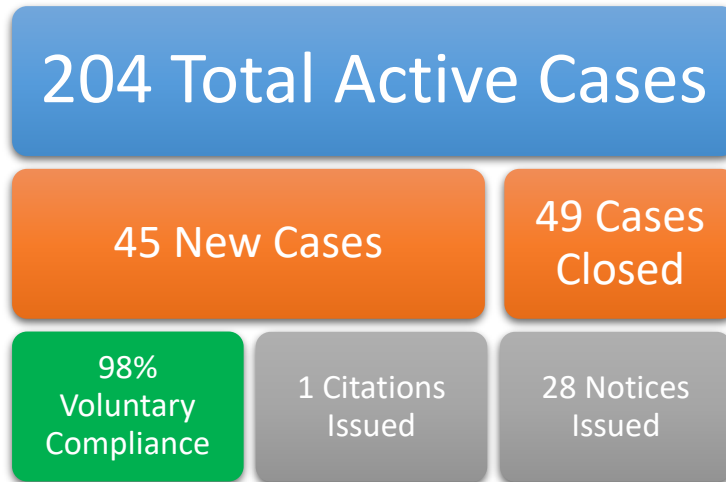
How Graffiti Was Reported - July 2020



NUMBER OF SHOPPING CARTS REMOVED

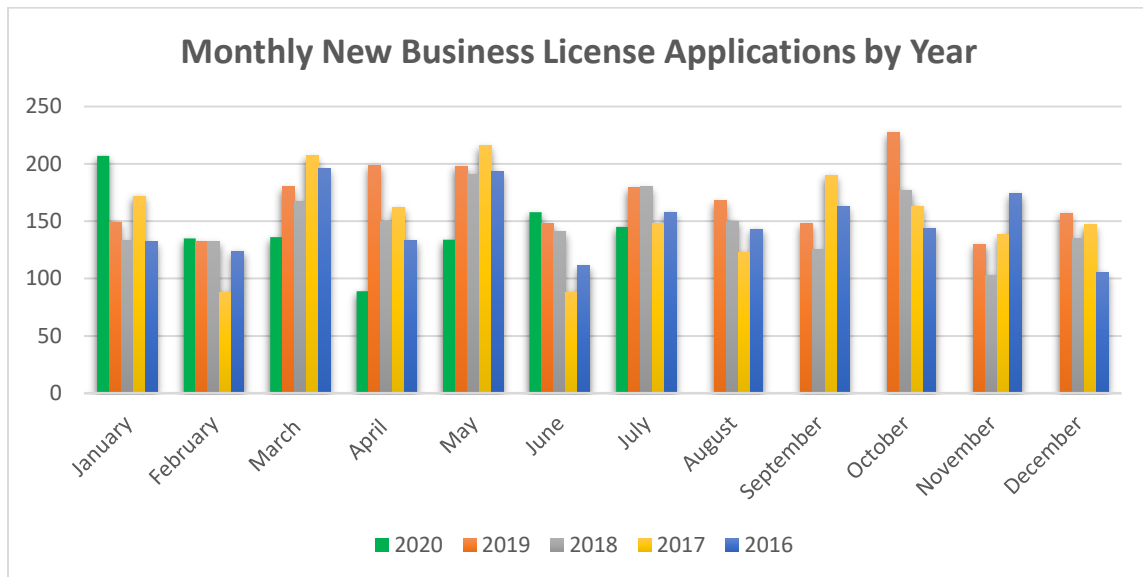


Code Enforcement:



Total Code Cases (Year To Date)	1,868
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Business Licenses



Graffiti Restitution

Collected Past Week	Collected Year to Date
\$1066.88	\$8,584.48

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENGINEERING

Building Permits and Inspections:

1. The Building Division counter staff conducted in person meetings with 98 applicants and staff was able to process 93 applications and issue 76 permits.
2. The total permit valuation for the week was \$463,463.00. This is down from the previous running weekly average of \$1,742,395.00 to start the fiscal year. Overall, the seven-week running average building permit valuation is \$1,559,690.00. Last year during the same time period, building permits issued had an average weekly valuation of \$740,305.00.
3. Inspection staff completed 181 inspections, down 4.2% from last week.

Development and Capital Projects Update:

Curious what's happening with development projects around the city? See below for milestone activities that have happened since last week. Skip to the bottom of this section for a list of projects that are in progress but do not have an update this week. To learn about previous applications for residential and commercial development permits, please visit the [Development Project Information Archive](#) page or contact the [Planning Division](#).

Commercial / Office / Industrial:

1. Mercedes Benz Expansion – (Developer: Jody Stout, Integrity Design and Construction) 1101 W. 9th Avenue – A Master and Precise Plan modification to demo the existing dealership showroom and construct a new showroom, office, parts storage and service building. The applicant is pursuing a redesign to meet the most recent generation of Mercedes design specifications for dealerships and has indicated that they expected to resubmit their application within the next couple of weeks.
2. Carvana – (Developer: Jo Ryan, Carvana) 559 N. Hale Avenue – A Conditional Use Permit for the development of a proposed vending machine car dealership. The project consists of an approximately 5,800 SF, eight-(8) tier glass and steel tower structure up to 75 feet in height. A proposed Specific Alignment Plan for Hale Avenue is requested to modify the design of the street frontage and intersection of Hale Avenue and Tulip Street. Plans have been refiled and appear to be fully responsive to previous City review comment letters. The item is tentatively scheduled for the Planning Commission for September 8, 2020.
3. The Ritz Theater “The Grand” (Developer: New Venture Church) 301 E. Grand Avenue – A renovation of the existing Ritz Theater and adjacent commercial building to provide for a variety of assembly uses including performing arts, religious services, café, offices and classroom studios was approved by the City Council on December 5, 2018. This week the contractor, Erickson Hall will have a daytime lane closure of Juniper from Valley to 2nd to set the new blade sign and digital marquee. Next week the contractor will have daytime lane closure of Juniper on to load roof pavers. The lane closure is necessary due to the crane required to lift the material in place.

4. Burros and Fries - (MPA Architects) 1107 E. Valley Parkway – An approved 5,224 square foot commercial building, with associated landscaping and parking. The building includes 1,850 square foot drive-through restaurant (Burros and Fries) and 3,374 square feet of additional retail space. The building plans were originally submitted on March 10, 2020 (B20-0676) and resubmitted on August 8, 2020. Planning reviewed the recent submittal and sent plan check comments back to the applicant.

Residential:

5. Villa Portofino (Developer: Chris Post, ATC Design Group) 15 apartment units in a three-story building with parking garage at 2690 S. Escondido Blvd. – Revised plan resubmittals were received on July 30, 2020. The plans have been routed for referral department review.
6. Henry Ranch (Builder: Joe Martin, Trumark Homes) An approved development of 97 single-family residential homes on 74.35 acres at the eastern terminus of Lincoln Avenue. The developer, Trumark, is continuing to work on the onsite water, storm drain and sewer utilities. Asphalt is continuing to be placed in track. Construction of the model homes is ongoing. Mass grading has been completed. The new sewer main installation on Lincoln Avenue will be completed this week.
7. Jack's Creek TR 951 and SUB 17-0026 – (Developer New Pointe Development). A 12-lot, single-family residential subdivision on 3.31 acres. The site is located at the westerly terminus of Jack's Creek Road, north of El Norte Parkway, addresses at 640 Oakwood Creek Glen, formally 2888 E. Washington Avenue. The contractor has completed the grading for 10 of the 12 new home pads. A preconstruction meeting was held this week for the offsite improvements, which are schedule to start next week.
8. Interfaith Recuperative Care Facility – (Developer: Interfaith) 555 North Center City Parkway – Conversion of the existing lodging facility (i.e. America's Best Value in) and construction of new residential care facility designed to provide quality emergency housing, services, and supervision to at-risk individuals, homeless, etc. A preliminary application meeting was conducted on June 16, 2020. As of this writing, a formal application has not been filed with the City. A CUP application was filed on July 31, 2020. The plans have been routed for referral department review.
9. Iris Annexation (Developer Hallmark Communities) 2085 North Iris Lane – An annexation of 7.89 gross acres to build 75 new townhome units. The project site is part of a County of San Diego island, located in the northern portion of the City. City Council authorized the processing of the annexation on June 3, 2020. By processing the land use development application in the City of Escondido, the prospective annexation and General Plan Amendment would facilitate a residential development of the site with a density up to twelve (12) units per acre. The five parcels total approximately 6.43 net acres, and the applicant has indicated that a yield of approximately 75 units is expected. An initial study, documenting potential areas of environmental impact has been submitted on August 6, 2020. The initial study has been forwarded for referral department review.

10. Apollo Residential Care (NOAA Group) 3141 East Valley Parkway - A Conditional Use Permit for an assisted living and memory care facility, with 78 units accommodating 99 beds, was approved by the Planning Commission on January 8, 2020. On July 14, 2020 NOAA Group submitted building permit plans, and then landscape plans on July 20, 2020. City review letters were completed on July 17, 2020. City staff is coordinating a response to City comments.
11. Palomar Heights (Developer: Ninia Hammond, Integral Communities) Demolition and redevelopment of the old Palomar Hospital site with 510 multi-family units with 10,000 SF of commercial – An Environmental Impact Report (or EIR) was prepared to inform the public and decision-makers of significant environmental effects of the project, identify possible ways to minimize those effects, and describe reasonable alternatives to the project. Public review of the Draft EIR concluded on May 19, 2020. The Final EIR has been prepared and is nearly ready to be published. The project had been tentatively docketed for Planning Commission for August 25, 2020; however, the item will be continued to a future hearing date at the request of the applicant.

The development proposal and other related information can be accessed on the City's website at the following link:

<https://www.escondido.org/palomarheights.aspx>

City Projects or Other Capital Improvement Projects:

12. SDG&E 16" Gas Main Replacement – In January 2019, the CPUC's Safety Enforcement Division approved SDG&E's test or replace plan for Line 1600, a 16-inch natural gas transmission pipeline which was not strength tested in 1949 when it was constructed. This next phase of PSEP projects will include 19 separate projects that will take place in the cities of San Diego, Escondido and Poway, as well as the County of San Diego. As part of these projects, approximately 37 miles of existing pipe in more populated areas will be replaced and approximately 13 miles of existing pipe in less populated areas will be strength tested. Approximately 5.4 miles of replacement and 2.7 miles of strength testing is expected to occur in Escondido from 2020-2024. Work is continuing with installation of the new 16-inch gas main along the Midway corridor. Installation of the 16" gas main along the Midway corridor has been completed. The contractor is currently working in the county on Bear Valley Parkway. Along with tie in locations on Midway and Valley and Midway and Mission Avenue.
13. Laurel Valley Wall Replacement - A preconstruction meeting was held this week for the Laurel Valley Wall Replacement. The wall is located in the City's LMD Zone 9. The scope of work will include the remove of the existing damaged stucco wall and the placement of a new vinyl fence.

14. Spruce Street/Transit Center Pedestrian Bridge Project – The contractor, Palm Engineering, has completed the paving of Valley Parkway at the pedestrian bridge. Work has been completed on the Grand Ave access ramp, the contractor is currently placing the flex mat at the Valley Parkway access ramp.



Ongoing Projects - No Updates This Week:

Projects that do not have any changes or updates this week will be listed here to indicate that they're still in progress. When an update occurs, the project will appear above in the Development and Capital Projects section.

Commercial / Office / Industrial:

15. Raising Cane's Restaurant – (Developer: Ada Fermin, PM Design Group) 1280 W. Valley Parkway – Demolition of vacant, former Coco's restaurant building and construction of new 3,744 SF drive-through restaurant for Raising Cane's.
16. 7-Eleven Gas and Convenience Store – (Developer: Golcheh Group) 900 W. Mission Ave. – A proposal to relocate a 7-Eleven from the northeastern corner of Mission/Rock Springs to the northwestern corner and add a gas station.

Residential:

17. The Villages at Escondido Country Club (Builder: Lennar Homes) 380 residences located on the former golf course off of Country Club Lane, north of El Norte Parkway.
18. Escondido Gateway, also called Rowan (Developer: Carolyn Hillgren, Lyon Living) 126 condo units at 700 W. Grand – This project is a mixed-use development involving 126 residential units on the same premises as the former Police Station across the street from the Escondido Transit Center.
19. Pradera (Developer: Moses Kim, Lennar Homes) – This project consists of a 70-unit single-family development located at the northeastern corner of Ash Street and Lehner Avenue.

20. Canyon Grove Estates Tract 932 (Developer: John Vance, Shea Homes) – This project is a 179-lot single-family residential development on the north side of Vista Avenue east of Conway Drive.
21. Harvest Hills, formerly called Safari Highlands Ranch (Developer: Jeb Hall, Concordia Homes) - 550 residential subdivision, east of Rancho San Pasqual. A project webpage containing draft documents and plans can be accessed at the following link:
<https://www.escondido.org/safari-highlands-ranch-specific-plan.aspx>
22. North Avenue Estates (Developer: Casey Johnson) 34 lots at North Avenue/Conway Drive.
23. Sager Ranch/Daley Ranch Resort Specific Plan (Developer: J. Whalen Associates, Inc., Sager Ranch Partners) - 203 housing units and 225-room resort hotel on 1,783-acres, just north and east of Daley Ranch. A project webpage containing draft documents and plans can be accessed at the following link:
<https://www.escondido.org/daley-ranch-resort-specific-plan.aspx>
24. Nutmeg Condo General Plan Amendment (Developer: Jim Simmons, CCI) 137 townhome condo units on both sides of Nutmeg between I-15 and Centre City Parkway.
25. Oak Creek (Builder: KB Homes) 65 single-family residential lots on approximately 44 acres at Felicita Road and Hamilton Lane.
26. Del Prado (Developer: Kerry Garza, Touchstone Communities) An approved 113-unit townhome-style Planned Development located at the southwestern corner of Brotherton Road and the Centre City Parkway frontage road.
27. Hacienda De Vega Redevelopment – (Developer: Tony Cassolato) A proposed residential condominium development consisting of 42 three-story attached townhomes on 1.75 acres.
28. Casa Mercado Apartments - (Developer: Paul Mayer, Pemcor) A four-story, 120-unit apartment complex on 2.31 acres.
29. Iwashita Apartments - (Developer: Iwashita Development) A seven-story, mixed-use project at 322 S. Escondido Boulevard for 172 units.
30. Fig Apartments – (Developer Claude Marengo) A 15-unit, three-story, multi-family residential apartment complex consisting of three stories on 0.59 acres.
31. East Valley Parkway Apartments – (Developer: John Wurster) A 50-unit mixed use affordable apartment complex consisting of four stories situated on a 21,000 SF vacant parcel in the historic District of the Downtown.
32. Reed Road Assisted Living Facility - (2525 Reed LLC). A new residential care facility is proposed on a 4.2-acre site on 2525 Reed Road.

City Projects or Other Capital Improvement Projects:

33. Membrane-Filtration Reverse Osmosis/MFRO (Developer: City of Escondido Utilities Department) 901 W. Washington.
34. Lake Wohlford Replacement Dam (Developer: City of Escondido Utilities Department)
35. 2019 Street Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project Rebid – This year's project is Maintenance Zone W. More information can be found at the following link:
<https://www.escondido.org/city-of-escondido-street-maintenance-program.aspx>
36. El Norte Parkway Improvements –A project webpage containing draft documents and plans has been added to the Engineering Department's website at the following link:
<https://www.escondido.org/el-norte-parkway-bridge-and-median-improvements-1.aspx>.

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