

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO**  
**December 6, 2017**  
**3:30 P.M. Meeting Minutes**  
**Escondido City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Abed presiding.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**CLOSED SESSION: (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)**

Attorney Michael McGuinness recommended recess to Closed Session and requested the addition of one item to the agenda.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mayor Abed and seconded by Deputy Mayor Masson to add the following item to the Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(1); that the need to take immediate action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda; and to recess to Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADDED ITEM: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION/SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE (Government Code §54956.9(d)(2))**

- I. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code §54957.6)**
  - a. **Agency Negotiator:** Sheryl Bennett and Jeffrey Epp
  - Employee Organization:** Escondido Firefighters' Association
  - b. **Agency Negotiator:** Sheryl Bennett and Jeffrey Epp
  - Employee Organization:** Non-Sworn Police Bargaining Unit
  - c. **Agency Negotiator:** Sheryl Bennett and Jeffrey Epp
  - Employee Organization:** Escondido Police Officers' Association
  
- II. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code §54956.8)**
  - a. **Property:** 201 West Washington Avenue, APN 229-281-12
  - City Negotiator:** Jeffrey Epp, City Manager
  - Negotiating Parties:** Potential Purchasers
  - Under Negotiation:** Price and Terms of Agreement

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

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MAYOR

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**CITY OF ESCONDIDO**  
**December 6, 2017**  
**4:30 P.M. Meeting Minutes**

**Escondido City Council**  
**Mobilehome Rent Review Board**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Abed presiding.

**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Dick Bridgman led the Moment of Reflection.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Abed led the flag salute.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Also present were: Jeffrey Epp, City Manager; Michael McGuinness, City Attorney; Bill Martin, Director of Community Development; Julie Procopio, Director of Engineering Services; Diane Halverson, City Clerk; and Jennifer Ekblad, Deputy City Clerk.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Ron Stark, Program Manager with Mental Health Systems North Inland Community Prevention accepted the proclamation for Drugged Driving Awareness Month.

**PRESENTATIONS**

The Mayor presented the Fall 2017 Leadership Academy Certificates.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to approve all Consent Calendar items. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1. AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION, MAILING AND POSTING (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)**
- 2. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER (Council/Successor Agency)**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of November 15, 2017**

**4. FISCAL YEAR 2017/18 STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZENS' OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -**

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Escondido Police Department to accept a Fiscal Year 2017/18 Citizens' Options for Public Safety (COPS) Program Grant in the amount of \$231,784; approve grant expenditures consistent with guidelines in AB 1913; authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. (File No. 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Police Department: Craig Carter)**

**5. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR SOUTHWEST SEWER REALIGNMENT PROJECT -**

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Director of Utilities to file a Notice of Completion for the Southwest Sewer Realignment Project. (File No. 0600-10 [A-3178])

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-133

**6. AMENDING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -**

Request the City Council approve authorizing an amendment of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to program interest earned and update project timelines; and approve a budget adjustment to program interest earned. (File No. 1020-71)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-157

**CONSENT – RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)**

The following Resolutions and Ordinances were heard and acted upon by the City Council/Successor Agency/RRB at a previous City Council/Successor Agency/Mobilehome Rent Review meeting. (The title of Ordinances listed on the Consent Calendar are deemed to have been read and further reading waived.)

**7. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, REZONE, SPECIFIC PLAN, TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP, SPECIFIC ALIGNMENT PLAN, DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE VILLAGES - ESCONDIDO COUNTRY CLUB PROJECT PROPOSAL (SUB 16-0009, PHG 16-0018, AND ENV 16-0010) –**

Approved on November 15, 2017 with a vote of 3/2; Masson and Abed voting no. (File No. 0680-10; 0600-15)

A) ORDINANCE NO. 2017-13 (Second Reading and Adoption)

B) ORDINANCE NO. 2017-14 (Second Reading and Adoption)

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**8. SHORT-FORM RENT REVIEW BOARD HEARING FOR GREENCREST MOBILEHOME PARK -**

Request the City Council consider the short-form rent increase application submitted by Greencrest Mobilehome Park and if approved, grant an increase of 75 percent of the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), or 2.457 percent (an average of \$10.98) for the period of June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017. (File No. 0697-20-10143)

Staff Recommendation: **Consider for Approval (Community Development Department: Bill Martin)**

RRB RESOLUTION NO. 2017-05

Belinda Rojas, Program Administrator, and Jamie Zeller, Code Enforcement Officer, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

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

**Jim Younce**, Owner's Representative, was available to answer questions.

Mayor Abed asked if anyone else wanted to be heard. No one asked to be heard; therefore, he closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Morasco to approve the short-form rent increase application submitted by Greencrest Mobilehome Park, granting an increase of 75 percent of the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), or 2.457 percent (an average of \$10.98) for the period of June 30, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and adopt RRB Resolution No. 2017-05. Motion carried unanimously.

**9. AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 40 (HISTORICAL RESOURCES) OF THE ESCONDIDO ZONING CODE (AZ 17-0004) -**

Request the City Council approve an amendment to Article 40 (Historical Resources) of the Escondido Zoning Code to change the number of members of the Historic Preservation Commission from nine (9) to seven (7). (File No. 0810-20)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development Department: Bill Martin)**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-12 (Introduction and First Reading)

Adam Finestone, Principal Planner, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Abed opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak on this issue in any way. No one asked to be heard; therefore, he closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to approve an amendment to Article 40 (Historical Resources) of the Escondido Zoning Code to change the number of members of the Historic Preservation Commission from nine (9) to seven (7) and adopt Ordinance No. 2017-12. Motion carried unanimously.

**10. ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ON CAPITAL FUNDS FUNDED BY DEVELOPER FEES PER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66006 AND ESCONDIDO'S PUBLIC FACILITIES FEE, PARK DEVELOPMENT FEE, TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE, AND DRAINAGE FACILITIES FEE -**

Request the City Council receive and file the annual report on Capital Funds funded by Developer Fees for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017; and approve adjusting Public Facilities, Park Development, Traffic Impact, and Drainage Facilities Development Impact Fees necessary to serve new development. Fees become effective 60 days after adoption. An annual review of fees and adjustment using the method adopted by SANDAG is also provided. (File No. 0480-45)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Finance Department: Sheryl Bennett and City Manager's Office: Jay Petrek)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-154R

Jay Petrek, Assistant City Manager, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

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

**Gil Miltenberger**, representative for Integral Communities, shared concerns regarding an increase in fees for multi-family dwelling in the downtown area and requested fee increases be phased over a three to five-year period.

**Maria Bowman, Escondido**, requested no increase in development fees or consideration of limiting the development fee increase.

**Elly Garner**, representative for Palomar Health, shared concerns regarding an increase in development fees and potential impact on the Palomar Health Downtown Campus; requested the fees be delayed and implemented over time.

**Angeli Calinog**, representative for the Building Industry Association of San Diego, spoke in opposition to the increase in development fees.

**Patricia Borchmann, Escondido**, requested the Council incentivize active public participation.

Mayor Abed asked if anyone else wanted to be heard. No one asked to be heard; therefore, he closed the public hearing.

**COUNCIL ACTION:** Received and filed the annual report on Capital Funds funded by Developer Fees for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2017 and continued the public hearing for Escondido's Public Facilities Fee, Park Development Fee, Traffic Impact Fee, And Drainage Facilities Fee -to December 20, 2017.

## CURRENT BUSINESS

### 11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AND MAYOR COMPENSATION -

Request the City Council consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2017-15 amending Section 2-28 of the Escondido Municipal Code to increase the salary for the City Council Members from \$1,898.57 per month to \$2088.43 per month, and the salary of the Mayor from \$5,359.17 to \$5895.09 per month, all effective on the date of the City Council Members elected in 2018 are sworn into office. (File No. 0680-10)

Staff Recommendation: **Consider for Approval (City Attorney's Office: Michael R. McGuinness)**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-15R (Introduction and First Reading)

Michael R. McGuinness, City Attorney, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

**Patricia Borchmann, Escondido**, shared concerns regarding how salary increases are processed; suggested merit based increases and citizen oversight regarding salary increases.

**Ronald Kohl, Escondido**, shared concerns regarding policies in Escondido and spoke in opposition to increasing Council Member and Mayor compensation.

**MOTION:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Masson and seconded by Councilmember Morasco to approve amending Section 2-28 of the Escondido Municipal Code to increase the salary for the City Council Members from \$1,898.57 per month to \$2088.43 per month, and the salary of the Mayor from \$5,359.17 to \$5895.09 per month, all effective on the date of the City Council Members elected in 2018 are sworn into office and adopt Ordinance No. 2017-15R. Ayes: Masson, Morasco, Abed; Noes: Diaz, Gallo. Motion carried.

## FUTURE AGENDA

### 12. 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: Diane Halverson)**

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Gallo attended a SANDAG Borders Committee meeting and reported on lifeguard activity at the Tijuana River.

Councilmember Diaz attended a School Subcommittee meeting with Councilmember Morasco and reported Escondido Unified School District is considering a bond measure, EUSD requested disaster emergency training, discussion regarding a pool facility, and discussion on some designated schools to be used as after school parks.

## **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.

- **WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT -**

## **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

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MAYOR

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