

CITY OF ESCONDIDO
January 23, 2019
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, January 23, 2019 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor McNamara presiding.

ATTENDANCE:

The following members were present: Councilmember Olga Diaz, Deputy Mayor Consuelo Martinez, Councilmember John Masson, Councilmember Michael Morasco, and Mayor Paul McNamara. Quorum present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

CLOSED SESSION: (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Martinez and seconded by Councilmember Masson to recess to Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

- I. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-- EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code 54956.9(d)(1))**
 - a. **Case Name:** Kamps v. City of Escondido
Case No: 37-2017-00030162-CU-BC-CTL

- II. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code §54956.8)**
 - a. **Property:** Horse Arena, 3400 Valley Center Road
City Negotiator: Jeffrey Epp, City Manager
Negotiating Parties: Sergio Contreras, President, Association de Charros de El Caballo Park
Under Negotiation: Lease Renewal Terms

- III. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-ANTICIPATED LITIGATION/SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE (Government Code 54956.9(d)(2))**
 - a. **Case Name:** Michael Lowry v. City of Escondido
Case No: 17-130248

ADJOURNMENT

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

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CITY OF ESCONDIDO
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Escondido City Council

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor McNamara presiding.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Sharon Allison led the Moment of Reflection.

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor McNamara led the flag salute

ATTENDANCE:

The following members were present: Councilmember Olga Diaz, Deputy Mayor Consuelo Martinez, Councilmember John Masson, Councilmember Michael Morasco, and Mayor Paul McNamara. 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; Zack Beck, City Clerk; and Jennifer Ekblad, Deputy City Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Katherine Barber Fromm, Escondido, shared concerns regarding Jay Petrek, Assistant City Manager, being appointed as a councilmember for the City of San Marcos and commented regarding the sale of Municipal Parking Lot #1.

Claudia Valenzuela, Public Affairs Manager for San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), provided information and an update regarding SDG&E.

Barbara Takahara, Escondido, shared concerns regarding water quality in the City of Escondido.

Patricia Borchmann, Escondido, thanked Council for putting the Financial Report for Quarter ended on December 31, 2018 item on Current Business for the February 6, 2019 Council Meeting.

Steve Berro, President of El Caballo Park Conservancy, shared information regarding the El Caballo Park Master Plan and \$50,000 in funds that needs to be used by November 1, 2019.

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to approve all Consent Calendar items with the exception of items 4 and 8. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1. AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION, MAILING AND POSTING (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)**

2. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER (Council/Successor Agency)

Request the City Council approve the City Council, Successor Agency, and Housing Successor Agency warrant numbers: (File No. 0400-40)

- 326540 – 326828 dated January 9, 2019

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Finance Department: Sheryl Bennett)**

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None Scheduled

4. DONATION OF TWO SURPLUS AMBULANCES -

Request the City Council approve the donation of two retired Ford ambulance vehicles to the Crown Firecoach Enthusiasts, Southern California Chapter. (File No. 0470-65)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (City Manager's Office: William Wolfe)**

William Wolfe, Deputy City Manager, and Rick Vogt, Fire Chief, were available to answer questions.

Mike McDonald, representative for Crown Firecoach Enthusiasts, Southern California Chapter, was also available to answer questions.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to approve the donation of two retired Ford ambulance vehicles to the Crown Firecoach Enthusiasts, Southern California Chapter. Motion carried unanimously.

5. WILL EISNER GRAPHIC NOVEL GRANT APPLICATION AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Director of Communications and Community Services or her designee, to complete an application for \$4,000 from the 2019 Will Eisner Graphic Novel Grant for Libraries; execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approve the necessary budget adjustment to receive, track, and spend these grant funds. (File No. 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Communications and Community Services Department: Joanna Axelrod)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-08

6. CALIFORNIA LIBRARY LITERACY SERVICES FAMILIES FOR LITERACY GRANT APPLICATION AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Director of Communications and Community Services or her designee, to complete an application for \$60,000 from the California Library Literacy Services Families for Literacy Grant; execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approve the necessary budget adjustment to receive, track, and spend these grant funds. (File No. 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Communications and Community Services Department: Joanna Axelrod)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09

7. PUBLIC SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BLUE HERON CONSULTING TO PROVIDE UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE CONSULTING SERVICES AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services to enter into a Public Services Agreement with Blue Heron Consulting and approve the budget adjustment for \$95,000 for Utility Billing software consulting services. (File No. 0600-10 [A-3286])

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Finance Department: Sheryl Bennett)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-16

8. RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE OFFSHORE OIL DRILLING -

Request the City Council consider for approval a resolution to oppose offshore oil drilling in southern California coastal waters. (File No. 0680-20)

Staff Recommendation: **Consider for Approval (City Manager's Office: William Wolfe)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20

Aisha Wallace-Palomares, Escondido, spoke in opposition to offshore oil drilling and requested the Council oppose offshore drilling.

Brady Bradshaw, Encinitas, thanked the Council for considering this item and requested the Council approve the resolution opposing offshore oil drilling.

Marian Sedio, Valley Center, requested the Council approve the resolution opposing offshore oil drilling.

Pam Heatherington, representative from the Environmental Center of San Diego, spoke in opposition to offshore oil drilling and supports Council approval of opposing offshore oil drilling.

Yusef Miller, Escondido, voiced support for the resolution opposing offshore oil drilling.

Melissa Brizzie, Escondido, shared concerns regarding impacts of offshore oil drilling and requested the Council oppose offshore oil drilling

John Bruner, Cochair of Climate Change Committee for the Surfrider Foundation, requested Council approve the resolution opposing offshore oil drilling.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Diaz and seconded by Councilmember Martinez to approve opposing offshore oil drilling in southern California coastal waters and adopt Resolution No. 2019-20. Ayes: Diaz, Martinez, McNamara. Noes: Masson, Morasco. Motion carried.

9. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATIONS - REGIONAL COMPETITION

Request the City Council approve authorizing two applications to SANDAG as part of the Regional Competition of the Statewide Active Transportation Program (ATP) as well as authorize these projects to participate in a SANDAG TransNet/ATP funding exchange if funds are recommended on a regional basis and are available; authorize the Director of Engineering Services or her designee to complete a grant to fund the Escondido Creek Trail Transit Center Bicycle Path Improvements Project; and authorize the Director of Community Development or his designee to complete a grant to fund the Escondido Comprehensive Active Transportation Strategy Plan. (File No. 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development Department: Bill Martin and Engineering Services Department: Julie Procopio)**

A) RESOLUTION NO. 2019-23 B) RESOLUTION NO. 2019-24

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.)

CURRENT BUSINESS

10. CITY COUNCIL 2017-2018 ACTION PLAN UPDATE AND FINAL REVIEW -

Request the City Council review the 2017-2018 Council Action Plan and provide input regarding the status updates of specified strategies within the Action Plan. This will be the final review of the 2017-2018 City Council Action Plan. (File No. 0610-95)

Staff Recommendation: **Provide Direction (City Manager's Office: William Wolfe)**

William Wolfe, Deputy City Manager, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

Patricia Borchmann, Escondido, voiced support for the Council Action Plan Update and expressed appreciation for public feedback before the scheduled March 13, 2019 Council Action Plan Meeting.

CITY COUNCIL PROVIDED DIRECTION TO STAFF.

11. 2019 CITY OF ESCONDIDO BUDGET PROCESS -

Request the City Council provide direction on the process and calendar involved in developing and presenting the City's comprehensive Operating Budget, including the General, Enterprise, Special Revenue, Trust, Debt, and Internal Service Funds, as well as the Capital Improvement Plan Budget. (File No. 0430-25)

Staff Recommendation: **Provide Direction (Finance Department: Sheryl Bennett)**

Sheryl Bennett, Deputy City Manager/Administrative Services, Joan Ryan, Assistant Director of Finance, Jodi Coco, Budget Manager, and Christina Holmes, Revenue Manager, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

CITY COUNCIL PROVIDED FEEDBACK TO STAFF REGARDING THE BUDGET PROCESS.

12. BID AWARD FOR THE STORM DRAIN LINING AND REHABILITATION PROJECT PHASE I -

Request the City Council approve awarding the bid to Sancon Engineering Inc., determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Public Improvement Agreement in the amount of \$841,310; and authorize staff to approve change orders up to 20 percent of the contract value for the Storm Drain Lining and Rehabilitation Project Phase I. (File No. 0600-10 [A-3281])

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-02

Rajesh Badri, Management Analyst, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Diaz and seconded by Councilmember Morasco to approve awarding the bid to Sancon Engineering Inc., determined to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Public Improvement Agreement in the amount of \$841,310; and authorize staff to approve change orders up to 20 percent of the contract value for the Storm Drain Lining and Rehabilitation Project Phase I and adopt Resolution No. 2019-02. Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA

13. 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

Councilmember Diaz attended San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority meeting and reported electing Kristin Gaspar as chair and Barbara Bry as vice chair; appointed as a member of budget committee.

Councilmember Masson will attend first San Diego County Water Authority meeting on Thursday, January 24, 2019.

Mayor McNamara attended North County Transit District orientation meeting.

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 McNamara adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

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