

CITY OF ESCONDIDO
April 10, 2019
4:30 P.M. Meeting Minutes

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, April 10, 2019 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor McNamara presiding.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

Zack Beck, City Clerk, led the Moment of Reflection.

FLAG SALUTE

Zack Beck, City Clerk, led the flag salute.

ATTENDANCE:

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

PROCLAMATIONS:

Al Owens, Gary Szytel, Richard Macaluso, Doug Clark, and Linda Courton accepted the Certificate of Recognition for Rotary of Escondido After 5 Club.

Jodi Hitchcock, Director of Operations for Bimbo Bakeries USA, accepted the Certificate of Recognition for Bimbo Bakeries USA.

Laura Robinson, Program Coordinator, accepted the proclamation for Earth Day - April 22, 2019.

PRESENTATIONS

Laura Robinson, Program Coordinator, Lisete Hurst, Department Specialist, and Lori Calvert, Program Assistant, presented the Earth Day Poster Contest Awards.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Martinez to approve all Consent Calendar items with the exception of item 6. Ayes: Diaz, Martinez, Morasco, McNamara. Noes: None. Absent: Masson. Motion carried.

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)

- 329020 – 329276 dated March 27, 2019

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A) REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2019 B) SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 27, 2019

4. AUTHORIZE AGREEMENTS WITH SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC FOR A 20C CONVERSION REPLACEMENT OF OVERHEAD WITH UNDERGROUND FACILITIES AND THE EXTENSION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERGROUND ELECTRIC SERVICES AT THE EL NORTE PARKWAY BRIDGE BETWEEN KEY LIME WAY AND KAILE LANE -

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute two agreements, an Agreement for Replacement of Overhead with Underground Facilities and an Agreement for Extension and Construction of Underground Electric with San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) in the amount of \$103,088 to replace existing overhead with underground facilities and construct underground electric at the El Norte Parkway Bridge. (File No. 0600-10 [A-3294, A-3295])

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-51

5. ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019/20 ROAD MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION ACCOUNT PROJECT LIST -

Request the City Council approve the list of streets proposed to be completed with Fiscal Year 2019/20 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) funding. (File No. 0600-95)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-54

6. VALIANO PROJECT SEWER FLOW AGREEMENT -

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk execute a Sewer Flow Agreement with The Eden Hills Project Owner, LLC; The EHF Owner, LLC; the EHH Owner, LLC; and The EHA Owner, LLC (collectively the "Property Owner") for the City of Escondido's acceptance of a sewer flow from a 326 single-family residential development project (the "Valiano Project") within the City's sphere of influence. (File No. 0600-10 [A-3296])

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-60

Christopher W. McKinney, Director of Utilities, was available to answer questions.

David Drake, Treasurer of the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District, shared concerns regarding the proposed agreement.

Greg Thomas, General Manager for Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District, shared comments and concerns regarding the proposed agreement and requested Council take no action on this item.

Jacqueline Arsivaud, representative for Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council, requested Council take no action on the proposed agreement.

Douglas Dill, Chairperson of San Diego Planning Group, shared comments regarding a February 8, 2018 San Diego Planning Group meeting.

Mid Hoppenrath, Escondido, requested the proposed agreement be delayed and shared concerns regarding the project.

Janean Huston, Escondido, requested Council make no decision regarding the proposed agreement.

Gil Miltenberger, representative for Integral Communities, shared information regarding the proposed project and was available to answer questions.

Paul Tryon, representative for Integral Communities, shared information regarding the proposed project and was available to answer questions.

J.P. Theberge, Chair for Elfin Forest Harmony Grove Town Council, spoke in opposition to the proposed project and shared comments regarding ongoing litigation.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Mayor McNamara to approve authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk execute a Sewer Flow Agreement with The Eden Hills Project Owner, LLC; The EHF Owner, LLC; the EHH Owner, LLC; and The EHA Owner, LLC (collectively the "Property Owner") for the City of Escondido's acceptance of a sewer flow from a 326 single-family residential development project (the "Valiano Project") within the City's sphere of influence and adopt Resolution No. 2019-60. Ayes: Morasco, McNamara. Noes: Diaz, Martinez. Absent: Masson. Motion failed.

THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO A DATE UNCERTAIN.

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. AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 2 OF THE ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE TO MOVE THE CLOSED SESSION MEETING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIMES -

Approved on March 20, 2019 with a vote of 3/1/1, Morasco voting no, Masson absent

THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED FROM APRIL 3, 2019. (File No. 0680-10)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-05 (Second Reading and Adoption)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, GRADING EXEMPTIONS, AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (PHG 17-0025 AND ENV 17-0007) -

Request the City Council approve a General Plan Amendment to allow non-residential structures up to three (3) stories in height within the Suburban land-designation; approve a Conditional Use Permit for a residential-care facility and Grading Exemptions for retaining walls and fill slopes over ten (10) feet in height; and adopt a Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that was prepared and issued in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Escondido Assisted Living project located at 1802 North Centre City Parkway. (File No. 0830-20)

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-48

Jay Paul, Senior Planner, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor McNamara opened the public hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak on this issue in anyway.

Tigg Mitchell, Applicant, provided information regarding the project and was available to answer questions.

Mayor McNamara asked if anyone else wished to speak on this item 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 a General Plan Amendment to allow non-residential structures up to three (3) stories in height within the Suburban land-designation; approve a Conditional Use Permit for a residential-care facility and Grading Exemptions for retaining walls and fill slopes over ten (10) feet in height; and adopt a Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that was prepared and issued in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Escondido Assisted Living project located at 1802 North Centre City Parkway and adopt Resolution No. 2019-48. Ayes: Diaz, Martinez, Morasco, McNamara. Noes: None. Absent: Masson. Motion carried.

CURRENT BUSINESS

9. LIBRARY SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS -

Request the City Council receive and file a presentation regarding the security improvements made at the Escondido Public Library in partnership with the Escondido Library Foundation. (File No. 0135-10)

Staff Recommendation: **Receive and File (Communications & Community Services Department: Joanna Axelrod)**

Joanna Axelrod, Director of Communications & Community Services, and William L. Wolfe, Deputy City Manager, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

NO ACTION NECESSARY ON THIS ITEM.

10. ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES -

Request the City Council ratify the Mayor's recommendation to fill two regular vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees, each for a three-year term, terms to expire March 31, 2022. (File No. 0120-10)

Staff Recommendation: **Ratify the Mayor's Appointments (City Clerk's Office: Zack Beck)**

MOTION: Moved by Mayor McNamara and seconded by Deputy Mayor Martinez to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Carolyn Clemens and John Schwab to the Library Board of Trustees, each for a three-year term, terms to expire March 31, 2022. Ayes: Diaz, Martinez, Morasco, McNamara. Noes: None. Absent: Masson. Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA

11. 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)**

COUNCILMEMBER DIAZ REQUESTED TO PRESENT REGARDING HER TRIP TO MEXICO CITY WITH THE SAN DIEGO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND REQUESTED A REVIEW OF THE CITY COUNCIL POLICIES BY AN AD HOC COMMITTEE.

COUNCILMEMBER MORASCO REQUESTED A PRESENTATION FROM SAN DIEGO FOOD SYSTEM ALLIANCE REGARDING FOOD RECOVERY FOR ESCONDIDO; SUPPORTED BY MAYOR MCNAMARA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilmember Morasco attended the Regional Solid Waste Association meeting and reported regarding a presentation from San Diego Food System Alliance.

Councilmember Diaz attended League of California Cities meeting and reported the League is opposed to Senate Bill 50 without modification.

CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT

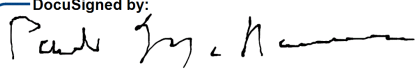
The most current information from the City Manager regarding Economic Development, Capital Improvement Projects, Public Safety and Community Development. This report is also available on the City's website, www.escondido.org.

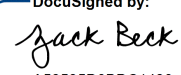
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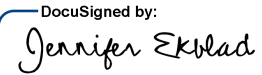
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor McNamara adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

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