



CITY of ESCONDIDO

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CLOSED SESSION

4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call: Fitzgerald, C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Martinez, White

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CLOSED SESSION

I. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8)**

- a. Property: 340 N. Escondido Blvd., Escondido (California Center for the Arts, Escondido)
Agency Negotiator: Sean McGlynn, City Manager, or designees
Negotiating Party: California Center for the Arts, Escondido, Foundation
Under Negotiation: Terms of Management Agreement

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

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Dane White

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MAYOR

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Jack Beck

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REGULAR SESSION

5:00 PM Regular Session

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

The City Council conducts the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of every City Council meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: Fitzgerald, C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Martinez, White

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Joel Dievendorf – Shared concerns from the Canopy Grove HOA

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion to approve items 1-13: White; Second: Fitzgerald; Approved: 5-0

1. AFFIDAVITS OF PUBLICATION, MAILING, AND POSTING (COUNCIL/RRB)

2. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER

Request the City Council approve the City Council and Housing Successor Agency warrants issued between December 01, 2025 to December 07, 2025.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Finance Department: Christina Holmes, Director of Finance)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting of December 3, 2025

4. WAIVER OF READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS



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5. **BENEFITS CONSULTING AND BROKERAGE SERVICES**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-155, authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, a Consulting Agreement with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for employee benefits and insurance brokerage services. (File Number 0600-10; A-3576)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Human Resources Department: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources)

Presenter: Patrice Russell, Human Resources Manager

a) Resolution No. 2025-155

6. **DISPATCH STANDBY PROGRAM**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-173, approving the implementation of a Dispatch Standby program with the Escondido Police Officers' Association ("POA") – Non-Sworn ("NSP") Bargaining Unit. (File Number 0740-30)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Human Resources Department: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources)

Presenter: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources

a) Resolution No. 2025-173

7. **AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WINDSOR GARDENS FENCE PROJECT, SECOND AMENDMENT TO CONSULTANT CONTRACT WITH JPW COMMUNICATIONS, INC., AND A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Request the City Council (1) adopt Resolution No. 2025-151 awarding a construction contract to Dash Construction Company, Inc. and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to execute a Public Improvement Agreement in the amount of \$681,985.00 for construction of the Windsor Gardens Fence Project, (2) adopt Resolution No. 2025-152 approving a Second Amendment to the existing consultant contract with JPW Communications, Inc. in the amount of \$21,265; and (3) approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$890,000 to fund the construction contract and related expenses, and the consultant contract amendment. (File Number 0600-10; A-3577-A; A-3577-B-2)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department: Kevin Snyder, Director of Development Services)

Presenters: Matt Souttere, Principal Engineer and Jason Christman, Interim City Engineer

a) Resolution No. 2025-151



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b) Resolution No. 2025-152

8. CONTINUING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE ESCONDIDO TRUNK SEWER MAIN

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-164, declaring that pursuant to the terms of Section 22050 of the California Public Contract Code, the City Council finds there is a need to continue the emergency repair of the Escondido Trunk Sewer Main. (File Number 1330-85)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Utilities Department: Kyle Morgan, Interim Director of Utilities)

Presenter: Kyle Morgan, Interim Director of Utilities

a) Resolution No. 2025-164

9. FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZEN'S OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-160 authorizing the Escondido Police Department to accept a Fiscal Year 2025-26 Citizens' Option for Public Safety Program Grant in the amount of \$229,884; approving grant expenditures consistent with guidelines in AB1913; authorizing the Chief of Police or their designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approving budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. Grant Funds will cover salary expenses for part-time Police Department employees. (File Number 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Ken Plunkett, Chief of Police)

Presenter: Ken Plunkett, Chief of Police

a) Resolution No. 2025-160

10. FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATION STONEGARDEN GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-159 to (1) accept Fiscal Year 2024 Operation Stonegarden Grant Funds in the amount of \$10,000 from the California Office of Emergency services through the County of San Diego and (2) 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 Number 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Ken Plunkett, Chief of Police)

Presenter: Ken Plunkett, Chief of Police

a) Resolution No. 2025-159



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11. PERATON - COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-169 authorizing the Mayor to execute a First Amendment to the Maintenance Agreement with Peraton, Inc. for the Police Department's existing Computer Aided Dispatch ("CAD") System in the amount of \$244,395 for the period of January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. (File Number 0600-10; A-3542-1)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Ken Plunkett, Chief of Police)

Presenter: Ken Plunkett, Chief of Police

a) Resolution No. 2025-169

12. COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH (CAD) CONTRACT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-170 (1) authorizing the purchase of a new Computer Aided Dispatch ("CAD") system; (2) authorizing the Mayor to execute a Public Service Agreement with Tyler Technologies, Inc.; and (3) establishing a project budget adjustment. (File Number 0600-10; A-3578)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Ken Plunkett, Chief of Police)

Presenter: Erik Witholt, Police Captain

a) Resolution No. 2025-170

13. FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 REGIONAL REALIGNMENT RESPONSE GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-171 (1) authorizing the Chief of Police to accept a Fiscal Year 2025-26 Regional Realignment Response Grant in the amount of \$80,000 from the State of California Board of Community Corrections; (2) authorizing the Chief of Police or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and (3) approving budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. (File Number 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Ken Plunkett, Chief of Police)

Presenter: Ken Plunkett, Chief of Police

a) Resolution No. 2025-171

14. APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH LIBRARY SYSTEMS & SERVICES LLC. TO OPERATE THE ESCONDIDO PUBLIC LIBRARY THROUGH JUNE 30, 2028

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-172 authorizing the Mayor to execute, on



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behalf of the City, a First Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of Escondido and Library Systems and Services extending the Agreement until June 30, 2028. (File Number 0600-10; A-3516-1)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (City Manager's Office: Sean McGlynn, City Manager)

Presenter: Joanna Axelrod, Deputy City Manager

a) Resolution No. 2025-172

Laura Hunter – Expressed opposition to this item

Ana Marie Velasco – Expressed opposition to this item

Ed Fallen – Expressed opposition to this item

Maria Wallace – Expressed opposition to this item

Randee Griffin – Expressed opposition to this item

Michele Schmalvogl – Expressed opposition to this item

Eric Nelson – Expressed opposition to this item

Joanne Tenney – Expressed opposition to this item

Motion: White; Second: Fitzgerald; Approved: 4-1 (Martinez – No)

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.)

- 15. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 31, SECTION 200 THROUGH 203, INCLUSIVE, PERTAINING TO CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL REGULATIONS**

Approved on December 3, 2025 with a vote count of 5/0.

a) Ordinance No. 2025-08 (Second Reading and Adoption)

- 16. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ADOPT THE 2025 CALIFORNIA**



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Approved on December 3, 2025 with a vote count of 5/0.

a) Ordinance No. 2025-09 (Second Reading and Adoption)

17. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT THE 2025 CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE AND THE WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE CODE AND LOCAL AMENDMENTS

Approved on December 3, 2025 with a vote count of 5/0.

a) Ordinance No. 2025-10 (Second Reading and Adoption)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

18. CONTINUED FROM NOVEMBER 12, 2025 MEETING - SHORT-FORM RENT INCREASE APPLICATION FOR CAREFREE RANCH MOBILE HOME PARK

Request the City Council sitting as the Escondido Rent Review Board hold a public hearing to review and consider Carefree Ranch Mobilehome Park Short-Form Application and adopt Resolution No. RRB 2025-131. (File Number 0697-20-10354)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department: Kevin Snyder, Development Services Director)

Presenters: Carlos Cervantes, Management Analyst and Stephen Jacobson, Code Compliance Officer II

a) Resolution RRB No. 2025-131

Jim Younce – Expressed support for this item.

Victoria Nayak – Expressed opposition to this item.

Motion: Martinez; Second: White; Approved: 5-0

19. PL24-0091/PL24-0092/PL24-0093/PL24-0094/PL24-0095/PL25-0324 – THE MAPLE – DOWNTOWN SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENTS, DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMIT, AND DESIGN REVIEW PERMIT

Request the City Council adopt the following Resolutions and Ordinance, approving the Project: adopt Ordinance No. 2025-13, (a) approving a Specific Plan Amendment, Development Agreement, Planned Development Permit (Master and Precise Plan) to facilitate construction



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of a 128 multi-family development, and (b) adoption of a Fifth Addendum to the FEIR 2012 General Plan Update, Downtown Specific Plan Update, and Climate Action Plan, including the revised Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; (c) adopt Resolution No. 2025-168, approving a Design Review Permit for construction of a 128 multi-family development project. (File Number 0800-40)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department: Kevin Snyder, AICP, Director of Development Services)

Presenter: Ivan Flores, AICP, Principal Planner

a) Resolution No. 2025-168

b) Ordinance No. 2025-13 (First Reading and Introduction)

Item continued to January 7, 2026

CURRENT BUSINESS

20. COUNCIL COMPENSATION

Request the City Council consider adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-12 amending Escondido Municipal Code section 2-28(a) and section 2-28(b), after making findings supporting a salary increase for councilmembers and/or the mayor, respectively, to be effective in December 2026, pursuant to state law and the Escondido City Council Rules of Procedure. (File Number 0720-20)

Staff Recommendation: Provide Direction (Human Resources Department: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources)

Presenter: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources

a) Ordinance No. 2025-12 (First Reading and Introduction)

Motion to increase Councilmember Salary (Section A) by 5% in year one and 5% in year two and no increase to Mayor Pay (Section B): C. Garcia; Second: White; Approved:

21. UNCLASSIFIED AND MANAGEMENT SALARY AND BENEFITS PLAN, PART-TIME SALARY PLANS, AND FULL-TIME COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Request the City Council take the following actions: adopt Resolution No. 2025-165 amending the Salary and Benefits Plan for the Unclassified and Management Groups; adopt Resolution No. 2025-166 amending the Part-time Salary Plan and Part-Time Classification and Benefits Plan; and adopt Resolution No. 2025-167 amending the full-time compensation schedule for all employee groups. (File Number 0720-20)



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Staff Recommendation: Approval (Human Resources Department: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources)

Presenter: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources

- a) Resolution No. 2025-165
- b) Resolution No. 2025-166
- c) Resolution No. 2025-167

Motion: J. Garcia; Second: Martinez; Approved: 5-0

22. LETTER IN SUPPORT OF TRANSFERRING THE SAN PASQUAL BATTLEFIELD STATE PARK TO THE SAN PASQUAL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS

Request the City Council approve sending a letter to City of San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria expressing support for the transfer of San Pasqual Battlefield State Park to the San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians. (File Number 0610-75)

Staff Recommendation: None (City Clerk's Office: Zack Beck, City Clerk)

Presenter: Zack Beck, City Clerk

Motion: Fitzgerald; Second: J. Garcia; Approved: 5-0

23. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

Request the City Council appoint Councilmember Joe Garcia to serve as Deputy Mayor in accordance with Ordinance No. 2020-28. (File Number 0610-70)

Staff Recommendation: None (City Clerk's Office: Zack Beck, City Clerk)

Presenter: Zack Beck, City Clerk

Motion: White; Second: C. Garcia; Approved: 5-0

24. REVIEW AND UPDATE OF CITY COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE AND INTERAGENCY ASSIGNMENTS

Request the City Council ratify members to serve on Interagency Boards and Council Subcommittees. (File Number 0610-55)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (City Clerk's Office: Zack Beck, City Clerk)

Presenter: Zack Beck, City Clerk

Joanne Tenney – Expressed opposition to this item



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Motion: White; Second: Fitzgerald; Approved: 5-0

FUTURE AGENDA

25. **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)

COUNCILMEMBERS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The most current information from the City Manager regarding Economic Development, Capital Improvement Projects, Public Safety, and Community Development.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Angel Aguilar – Provided a recap of the Escondido Christmas Festival

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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Dane White

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