



CITY of ESCONDIDO

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CLOSED SESSION

4:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CLOSED SESSION

1. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54957.6)**
 - a. *Beatz v. City of Escondido, et. al.*
San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2023-00004381-CU-PA-CTL

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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Dane White
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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

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CLOSED SESSION REPORT

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Stephen Wheeler – Requested the City Council file a report of the responses from the San Diego County Congressional Delegation Immigration Letter and that the City Council follow the City of Vista and City of Encinitas models in response to Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Requested the City Council do homework on Cannabis before proceeding on that item.

Ken Machan – Expressed concern regarding a failed septic system at his property and the lack of responsiveness from the developer of the project.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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 warrants issued between September 08, 2025 to September 21, 2025.



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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting of September 17, 2025

4. WAIVER OF READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

5. ALLOCATION OF LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-124 allocating \$251,274.99 in Library Trust Funds for use toward the unfunded items as a part of the Library Infrastructure Project. (File Number 1115-30)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Community Services Department: Joseph Goulart, Director of Public Works)

Presenter: Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services

a) Resolution No. 2025-124

6. CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GLENN A. RICK ENGINEERING AND DEVELOPMENT CO.

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-118 authorizing the Mayor to execute a Consulting Services Agreement with Glenn A. Rick Engineering and Development Co. for On-Call Development Services. (File Number 0600-10; A-3567)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department: Christopher A. McKinney, Deputy City Manager/Interim Director of Development Services)

Presenter: Megan Crooks, Management Analyst II

a) Resolution No. 2025-118

7. A CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH JONES LANG LASALLE AMERICAS, INC. FOR REAL PROPERTY CONSULTING SERVICES

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-119 authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, a Consulting Services Agreement with Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc. for Real Property Consulting Services. (File Number 0600-10; A-3568)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Economic Development Department: Jennifer Schoeneck, Director of Economic Development)

Presenter: Francisco Vargas, Management Analyst – Real Property

a) Resolution No. 2025-119



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8. FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-120 (1) authorizing the Escondido Police Department to accept a Fiscal Year 2025-26 California Office of Traffic Safety ("OTS") Selective Traffic Enforcement Program ("STEP") Grant in the amount of \$462,000; (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. 2025-120

9. FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Request the City Council Adopt Resolution No. 2025-121 (1) authorizing the Escondido Police Department to accept a Fiscal Year 2025-26 California Office of Traffic Safety ("OTS") Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant in the amount of \$25,000; (2) authorizing the Chief of Police or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and (3) approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. (File Number 0480-70)

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

Presenter: Ken Plunket, Chief of Police

a) Resolution No. 2025-121

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

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-123, 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. 2025-123

PUBLIC HEARINGS



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11. 2022 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (PL22-0010)

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2025-122, approving (1) the updates to the Community Protection chapter; (2) the addition of an Environmental Justice section to the Community Health and Services chapter; and (3) an Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR). (File Number 0830-20)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department: Christopher McKinney, Deputy City Manager/Interim Director of Development Services)

Presenter: Veronica Morones, City Planner

a) Resolution No. 2025-112

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

12. BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO

Request the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 2025-06 extending Urgency Ordinance No. 2024-12R ("Urgency Ordinance") prohibiting new commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems within the City of Escondido. The proposal also includes adoption of the environmental determination prepared for the project. (File Number 0800-40)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department: Christopher W. McKinney, Deputy City Manager/Interim Director of Development Services)

Presenter: Veronica Morones, City Planner

a) Ordinance No. 2025-06 (First Reading and Introduction)

Motion to extend the Ordinance for 12 months with an exception for the California Energy Commission Project at the Enterprise BESS Peaking Plant by amending Section 5 of the Ordinance accordingly: White; Second: Martinez; Approved: 4-1 (C. Garcia – No)

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)



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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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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Dane White

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