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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

I. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54957.6)**

a. *Carlos White Eagle v. City of Escondido*
United States District Court Case No. 24-CV-1083-BJC-SBC

b. *Francisco Javier Sosa v. City of Escondido, et al.*
San Diego Superior Court Case No. 25CU059891C

ADJOURNMENT

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

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COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION
5:00 PM Regular Session

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Code Enforcement Officer Appreciation Week

Fire Prevention Awareness Week "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower"

50th Anniversary - Water Treatment Plant

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ruth Weber – Requested that the City not build an Ice Rink complex at Kit Carson Park

John Weber – Requested that the City not build an Ice Rink complex at Kit Carson Park

Nayeli Corrales – Requested that the City not build an Ice Rink complex at Kit Carson Park

Mark Maxfield – Encouraged more collaborative dialogue within the community

Ana Marie Velasco – Requested that the City not build an Ice Rink complex at Kit Carson Park

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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

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2. **APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER**
Request the City Council approve the City Council and Housing Successor Agency warrants issued between September 7, 2026 to September 20, 2026.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None**

4. **WAIVER OF READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

5. **CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH DE NOVO PLANNING GROUP FOR ESCONDIDO 2040 "INFRASTRUCTURE LEADING LAND USE" PHASE I**
Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-165 authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, a Consulting Agreement with De Novo Planning Group, in an amount not to exceed $2,249,825, for Escondido 2040 "Infrastructure Leading Land Use" Phase I, a two-year program to update two General Plan chapters, five Master Plans, the Downtown Specific Plan, and South Centre City Specific Plan, together with supporting technical studies, environmental review, community engagement, and implementation planning. (File Number 0600-10; A-3624)

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

Presenter: Sally Schifman, Principal Planner

a) Resolution No. 2026-165

6. **CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH HR GREEN PACIFIC, INC. FOR ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES**
Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-170, authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to execute a Consulting Agreement with HR Green Pacific, Inc. for traffic signal synchronization on three corridors with an intersection design study, along with the Comprehensive Active Transportation life safety improvements previously approved around school zones for engineering services. The total amount of the signal synchronization added work is $294,645 to be billed hourly over the course of one year. (File Number 0600-10; A-3625)

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

Presenter: Ali Shahzad, City Traffic Engineer

a) Resolution No. 2026-170

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7. **A SECOND AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE WITH SAN DIEGO COUNTY CREDIT UNION FOR 150 EAST VALLEY PARKWAY, ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA**
Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-173 authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, a Second Amendment to Ground Lease ("Second Amendment") with San Diego County Credit Union (referred to herein as "SDCCU") for 150 East Valley Parkway, Escondido, California. (File Number 0600-10; A-1732-2)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Economic Development: Christopher McKinney, Deputy City Manager)

Presenter: Timer Paida, Management Analyst – Real Property

a) Resolution No. 2026-173

Item removed from the agenda by staff

8. **BUILDING ADVISORY AND APPEALS BOARD VACANCY DECLARATION**
Request the City Council declare a vacancy on the Building Advisory and Appeals Board by concluding the appointment of Commissioner Michael Delaney effective October 7, 2026. (File Number 0120-10)

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

Presenter: Zack Beck, City Clerk

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. **EXTENSION OF AN INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE PROHIBITING DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO**
Request the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 2026-19, approving an extension of an interim ordinance to prohibit the establishment, expansion, or intensification of Data Centers and other similar high-intensity computing uses within the City of Escondido. (File Number 0680-10)

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

Presenter: Garrett Smith, City Planner

a) Ordinance No. 2026-19 (First Reading and Introduction)

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

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10. PL26-0140: SENATE BILL 79 IMPLEMENTATION ORDINANCE

Request the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 2026-15 approving a Zone Text Amendment ("Amendment") establishing Article 81 (Transit-Oriented Development Overlay Zone) in Chapter 33 (Zoning) of the Escondido Municipal Code, for the purpose of implementing Senate Bill ("SB") 79 as codified in Government Code sections 65912.155 through 65912.162, inclusive. The amendment includes adoption of the related TOD Overlay Zone Map and parcel inventories identifying sites subject to the statute, excluded sites, exempt sites that may become eligible through a development agreement, and sites subject to phased implementation. (File Number 0680-10)

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

Presenter: Joel Cvetko, Senior Planner

a) Ordinance No. 2026-15 (First Reading and Introduction)

Kathy Davis – Expressed opposition to this item

Miranda Irwin – Expressed opposition to this item

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

CURRENT BUSINESS

11. APPOINTMENT OF CITY ATTORNEY AND AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-169: (1) appointing M. Dare DeLano as Interim City Attorney and (2) authorizing the Mayor to execute an employment agreement for the City Attorney. (File Number 0610-70; 0600-10; A-3626)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Human Resources Department: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources; City Attorney's Office: Dare DeLano, Interim City Attorney)

Presenter: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources

a) Resolution No. 2026-169

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

12. MEASURE B: THE SAN DIEGO COUNTY HEALTH & SAFETY ACT - 0.5% COUNTYWIDE TAX INITIATIVE

Request the City Council use its discretion to either support, oppose, or take no action

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regarding Measure B: A citizen-led, countywide half-cent sales tax on the November 2026 ballot. (File Number 0650-20)

Staff Recommendation: Provide Direction (City Manager's Office: Joanna Axelrod, Deputy City Manager)

Presenter: Matthew Anderson, Management Analyst

a) Resolution No. 2026-167

b) Resolution No. 2026-168

Gregg Oliver – Expressed concern that Measure B would place Escondido at the 9.25% Tax Cap

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2026-168 in opposition to Measure B: Fitzgerald; Second: White; Approved: 4-0 (Martinez – Abstain)

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)

Fitzgerald – Withdrew her second to place an item on the Future Agenda to place an update on the Escondido Police Department contract with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

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

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Bonnie Sealey – Requested that the City not build an Ice Rink complex at Kit Carson Park

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Richard Cannon – Requested that the City not build an Ice Rink complex at Kit Carson Park

Marla Brewer – Requested that the City not build an Ice Rink complex at Kit Carson Park

Richard Garner – Requested that the City not build an Ice Rink complex at Kit Carson Park

Melissa Petri – Requested that the City not build an Ice Rink complex at Kit Carson Park

Tedi Jackson– Requested that the City protect rural Escondido neighborhoods by not approving the Aldea and Aldea South projects

Maria Wallace – Requested that the City not build an Ice Rink complex at Kit Carson Park

Don Jungham – Requested that the City not build an Ice Rink complex at Kit Carson Park

Amalia – Requested that the City not build an Ice Rink complex at Kit Carson Park

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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