



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 LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(1))
 - a. Edward Bustin
Workers' Compensation Appeals Board Case No. ADJ20428345
- II. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(4))
 - a. Potential initiation of litigation against Las Ventanas Village Partnership, L.P.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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MAYOR

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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

PROCLAMATION

Pollution Prevention Month

William and Nancy Sharer "Passageway to the Sun" Painting Donation

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: 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 August 17, 2026 to August 23, 2026.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting of August 26, 2026



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4. WAIVER OF READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

5. APPROVAL OF CALPERS INDUSTRIAL DISABILITY RETIREMENT FOR POLICE OFFICER CHRISTIAN BAECHLI

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-113, approving the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) Industrial Disability Retirement for Police Officer Christian Baechli. (File Number 0170-57)

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

Presenter: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources

a) Resolution No. 2026-113

6. REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS AND EXECUTION OF GRANT AGREEMENTS AND FORMS FOR THE PROJECT BPMP-5081(032) – CITY WIDE BRIDGE MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-141 authorizing City officers, or their designees, on behalf of the City, to accept grant funds in the amount of \$252,074 and to execute all grant forms and agreements necessary for funding and completion of the City-Wide Bridge Maintenance Project. (File Number 0480-70)

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

Presenter: Jason Christman, Interim City Engineer

a) Resolution No. 2026-141

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-145 (1) appointing M. Dare DeLano as Interim City Attorney and (2) authorizing the Mayor to execute an employment agreement for the Interim City Attorney. (File Number 0610-70)

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

Presenter: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources



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a) Resolution No. 2026-145

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

8. HOMELESS UPDATE

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-151 (1) authorizing the Chief of Police to facilitate and conduct two Request for Proposal ("RFP") processes: for services related to temporary sobering services, including a sobering center and for homeless outreach services; (2) approving the execution of documents on behalf of the City following the RFP process by authorized City officers; and (3) approving the budget adjustments necessary to fund costs related to the procurement, implementation, and operation of temporary sobering services and homeless outreach services. (File Number 0260-45)

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

Presenter: Ken Plunkett, Chief of Police

a) Resolution No. 2026-151

Suzanne Cook – Expressed concern regarding homelessness leading to substance abuse and the condition of pets experiencing homelessness in Escondido.

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

FUTURE AGENDA

9. 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, City Clerk)

J. Garcia / White - Letter of support for a North County Transit District Grant

COUNCILMEMBERS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT



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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Angel Rodriguez – Expressed concern regarding homelessness.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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