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CITY of ESCONDIDO

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, J. Garcia, Martinez, White

Absent: C. Garcia

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Nancy Howard – Requested the City not allow Senior Mobile Home Parks to be converted to an all-ages Mobile Home Park

Nayeli Corrales – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Rita Murphy - – Requested the City not allow Senior Mobile Home Parks to be converted to an all-ages Mobile Home Park

Maura Healy – Requested the City not allow Senior Mobile Home Parks to be converted to an all-ages Mobile Home Park

Stewart Belachuck – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Maria Wallace – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Gregg Oliver – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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Bruce Hauser – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: White; Second: Fitzgerald; Approved: 4-0 (C. Garcia – Absent)

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

2. **APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER**
   Request the City Council approve the 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: Regular meeting of September 16, 2026**

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

5. **APPROVE CHANGE ORDER AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO COMPLETE ADDITIONAL WORK FOR THE STORM DRAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT, PHASE IV**
   Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-158 authorizing (1) a change order with Sancon Technologies, Inc. in an amount of $688,588 to add rehabilitation of a 48" storm drain pipeline to the Storm Drain Rehabilitation, Phase IV Project ("Project"); and (2) a budget adjustment request for the change order. (File Number 0910-20)

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

   Presenter: Jason Christman, Interim City Engineer

   a) Resolution No. 2026-158

6. **APPROVE CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH REILLY CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR ON CALL CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR PRIVATE SEWER LIFT STATIONS**
   Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-153 authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City, a three-year Consulting Agreement with Reilly Construction Management, Inc., for on call construction management and inspection services for private sewer lift stations. (File Number 0600-10; A-3621)

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

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Presenter: Leia Cabrera, Engineering Manager

a) Resolution No. 2026-153

7. **10-DAY REPORT REGARDING MEASURES TAKEN TO ALLEVIATE THE CONDITIONS WHICH LED TO ADOPTION OF INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 2026-18, ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO**
Request the City Council receive and file a 10- day report regarding measures taken to alleviate the conditions which led to adoption of Interim Urgency Ordinance No. 2026-18. (File Number 0680-10)

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File (Development Services: Kevin Snyder, AICP, Director of Development Services)

Presenter: Garrett Smith, City Planner

Gregg Oliver – Requested the

8. **HALE AVENUE RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY (HARRF) DIGESTER CLEANING PROJECT: BID AWARD AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**
Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-136 authorizing (1) the Mayor to execute a Public Improvement Agreement in the amount of $2,171,250 with Synagro-WWT, Inc. for the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility (“HARRF”) Digester Cleaning Project (“Project”); and (2) a Budget Adjustment in the amount of $1,688,156.50. (File Number 0600-10; A-3622)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Utilities Department: Daniel Peterson, Director of Utilities)

Presenter: Kyle Morgan, Assistant Director of Utilities, Wastewater

a) Resolution No. 2026-136

9. **CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH SAPPHOS ENVIRONMENTAL, INC. FOR HISTORIC STRUCTURE EVALUATIONS AND HISTORIC STRUCTURE ASSESSMENT REPORTS (HSARS)**
Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-148 authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to execute a Consulting Agreement with Sapphos Environmental, for Historic structure evaluations and Historic Structure Assessment Reports in the amount of $250,602. (File Number 0600-10; A-3623)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (City Manager’s Office: Christopher McKinney, Deputy City Manager)

Presenter: Nicole Lindsay, Management Analyst II

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a) Resolution No. 2026-148

10. **FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP) GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**
Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-161 (1) authorizing the Escondido Police Department to accept a Fiscal Year 2026-27 California Office of Traffic Safety ("OTS") Selective Traffic Enforcement Program ("STEP") Grant in the amount of $352,000; (2) authorizing the Chief of Police or their 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. 2026-161

11. **FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 STATE OF CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**
Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-162 (1) authorizing the Escondido Police Department to accept a Fiscal Year 2026-27 California Office of Traffic Safety ("OTS") Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Program Grant in the amount of $21,000; (2) authorizing the Chief of Police or their 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 Plunket, Chief of Police

a) Resolution No. 2026-162

12. **BUDGET ADJUSTMENT FOR FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER (DUI TRAFFIC OFFICER) AND FULL TIME POLICE PROJECTS SUPERVISOR POSITIONS**
Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-164 authorizing (1) the Police Department to add two full-time positions: Police Officer (DUI Traffic Officer) and Police Projects Supervisor; and (2) a budget adjustment in the amount of $288,062. (File Number 0430-80)

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

Presenter: Ken Plunkett, Chief of Police

a) Resolution No. 2026-164

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13. **YEAR 2027 HOLIDAYS**
Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-155 to designate the dates that City offices will be closed in the year 2027 for holiday observances. (File Number 0700-80)

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

Presenter: Daniel Alvarado, Human Resources Manager

a) Resolution No. 2026-155

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.)

14. **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE, TO ADOPT THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) GUIDELINES AS A LOCAL AMENDMENT TO THE CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE**

Approved on July 29, 2026 with a vote of 5/0.

a) Ordinance No. 2026-09R (Second Reading and Adoption)

CURRENT BUSINESS

15. **LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE VALLEY CENTER FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT CAL FIRE FORESTRY GRANT APPLICATION AND REGIONAL WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROJECT**
Request the City Council approve a Letter of Support for the Valley Center Fire Protection District's CAL FIRE Forestry Grant application and the proposed wildfire mitigation, fuel reduction, and evacuation improvements serving Valley Center and the greater Interstate 15 corridor; and authorize the City Clerk to transmit the Letter of Support to the Valley Center Fire Protection District and CAL FIRE. (File Number 0600-00)

Staff Recommendation: None (City Clerk: Zack Beck, City Clerk)

Presenter: Councilmember Judy Fitzgerald

Motion: Fitzgerald; Second: J. Garcia; Approved: 4-0 (C. Garcia – Absent)

FUTURE AGENDA

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16. 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)

White / Fitzgerald – Informational update on the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP)

C. Martinez / J. Garcia - Informational item to consider overlay ordinance for Senior Mobile Home Parks

C. Martinez / Fitzgerald – Update on the HSI Contact

UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, October 07, 2026 4:00 & 5:00 PM Closed Session, Regular Meeting, *Council Chambers*
Wednesday, November 04, 2026 4:00 & 5:00 PM Closed Session, Regular Meeting, *Council Chambers*

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

Becky Rapp – Informed the City Council that the Drug Enforcement Agency will classify compounds found in vapes as a schedule 1 drug.

Laura Hunter – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Patricia Serrano - Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Stephen Wheeler – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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Daniel Ingraham – Requested the City not allow Senior Mobile Home Parks to be converted to an all-ages Mobile Home Park

Janell Schilz - – Requested the City not allow Senior Mobile Home Parks to be converted to an all-ages Mobile Home Park

Theresa Gwynn – Requested the City not allow Senior Mobile Home Parks to be converted to an all-ages Mobile Home Park

Angela Spucces– Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Rafaela Cervantes – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Adrian Escobedo– Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Patricia Borchmann – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Richard Cannon – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Yusef Miller – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Sal Sarmiento – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Victoria Nayak – Requested the City Council cancel the Escondido Police Firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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CITY CLERK