



CITY *of* ESCONDIDO

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

5:00 PM

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

PROCLAMTION

Human Trafficking Awareness Month

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Fernando Bernal – Requested support for Charro de Charros of Escondido

Georgine Tomasi – Requested the City Council cancel the firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Darlene Simpson – Requested the City Council cancel the firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

James Stone – Requested the City Council select an Escondido artist for the Grand Ave RFQ.



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CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: G. Garcia; 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 January 5, 2026 to January 18, 2026.

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

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meetings of January 7, 2026 and January 14, 2026**

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

5. **ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITS FOR 61 ROADWAY SEGMENTS BY RESOLUTION AND 1 NEW SEGMENT BY ORDINANCE**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-11 amending the traffic schedule establishing speed zones on 61 roadway segments, and one (1) speed survey pursuant to Ordinance No. 2026-01. (File Number 1050-45)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Public Works Department: Joe Goulart, Director of Public Works and Christopher W. McKinney, Deputy City Manager)

Presenter: Ali Shahzad, City Traffic Engineer

a) Resolution No. 2026-11

b) Ordinance No. 2026-01 (First Reading and Introduction)

6. **ANNUAL STATE MANDATED INSPECTION COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-06 acknowledging the Fire Department's report of compliance with annual State mandated inspections. (File Number 0320-10)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Fire Department: Tyler Batson, Interim Fire Chief)

Presenter: Tyler Batson, Interim Fire Chief

a) Resolution No. 2026-06



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

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-09, 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: Daniel Peterson, Director of Utilities)

Presenter: Kyle Morgan, Assistant Director of Utilities, Wastewater

a) Resolution No. 2026-09

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND 2025-2026 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO INCREASE HOME FUNDS TO EXPAND RENTAL ASSISTANCE OPPORTUNITIES AND BETTER ALIGN AVAILABLE FUNDING WITH CURRENT HOUSING NEEDS AND COMMUNITY PRIORITIES

Request the City Council of the City of Escondido conduct a public hearing to receive a report from City staff describing the proposed substantial amendment to the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan and provide direction on options presented by staff and authorize the release of a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for HOME funds to provide rental, security deposit, and utility assistance. (File Number 0875-55)

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

Presenters: Danielle Lopez, Housing Manager and Norma Olquin, Management Analyst

James Cassidy – Requested the City Council allocate HOME Funds for rental subsidies for income qualifying residents of all ages

Victoria Nayak – Requested the City Council allocate HOME Funds for rental subsidies for income qualifying residents of all ages

Darlene Simpson – Requested the City Council allocate HOME Funds for rental subsidies for income qualifying residents of all ages

Maria Wallace – Requested the City Council allocate HOME Funds for rental subsidies for income qualifying residents of all ages

Richard Cannon – Requested the City Council allocate HOME Funds for rental subsidies for income qualifying residents of all ages



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

9. **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 Resolution and Ordinance approving the Project: Adopt Ordinance No. 2026-02, (a) approving a Specific Plan Amendment, Development Agreement, Planned Development Permit (Master and Precise Plan) to facilitate construction 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. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-12, approving a Design Review Permit for construction of a 128 multi-family development project. (File Number 0800-40; 0600-10; A-3580)

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

Presenter: Ivan Flores, AICP, Principal Planner

a) Resolution No. 2026-12

b) Ordinance No. 2026-02 (First Reading and Introduction)

David Rodger – Expressed opposition to the project

Carol Rogers – Expressed support for the project on behalf of the Downtown Business Association Board.

Richard Garner – Expressed opposition to the project

Ashleigh Strassman – Expressed opposition to the project

Traci Bass – Expressed opposition to the project

Tami Beverson – Expressed opposition to the project

Richard Cannon – Expressed support for the project

Victoria Nayak – Expressed opposition to the project.

Motion: White; Second: C. Garcia; Approved: 4-1 (Martinez – No)



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CURRENT BUSINESS

10. AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT (“MSA”) WITH WORKDAY, INC.

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-08 authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to approve an amendment to the Main Subscription Agreement (“MSA”) with Workday, Inc. (File Number 0600-10; A-3453-1)

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

Presenter: Christina Holmes, Director of Finance

a) Resolution No. 2026-08

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

11. CITYWIDE TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Request the City Council receive and file this report on the Traffic Signal Communications Upgrade project, including progress on equipment replacement and anticipated next steps. (File Number 1050-45)

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File (Public Works Department: Joseph Goulart, Director of Public Works)

Presenter: Craig Williams, Project Manager

No Council action on this item

12. APPOINTMENT OF AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON FIREWORKS

Request the City Council approve the creation of an Ad-Hoc Subcommittee on Fireworks, appoint two City Council Members to serve on the subcommittee, and direct the subcommittee to evaluate fireworks-related public safety impacts, enforcement challenges, and potential policy options, and to return to the City Council with findings and recommendations. (File Number 0120-15)

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

Presenter: Zack Beck, City Clerk

Gregg Oliver – Expressed support for the item and requested that the Subcommittee engage members of the community in its meetings.



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Motion to appoint Mayor White and Councilmember Martinez to the Subcommittee: White;
Second: J. Garcia; Approved: 5-0

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 / J. Garcia – Presentation from Environmental Programs

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

Ana Marie Velasco – Requested the City Council cancel the firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Sharon Edmons – Requested the City Council cancel the firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Maria Wallace – Requested the City Council cancel the firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Maya Flores – Requested the City Council cancel the firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Simon Gutman – Requested the City Council cancel the firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Gregg Oliver – Requested the City Council cancel the firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement



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Simon Gutman – Requested the City Council cancel the firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Amalia – Requested the City Council cancel the firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Cody Barnes – Requested the City Council cancel the firing range contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

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Dane White
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Jack Beck
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