



CITY of ESCONDIDO

PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES

April 23, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Council Chambers: 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025

WELCOME TO YOUR COMMISSION MEETING

We welcome your interest and involvement in the legislative process of Escondido. This agenda includes information about topics coming before the Commission.

COMMISSIONERS

David Barber
Carrie Mecaro
Barry Speer
Stan Weiler
Dustin Steeve
Jeff Jester
Marc Correll

MINUTES CLERK

Alex Rangel

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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE: Stan Weiler

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: David Barber, Commissioner; Carrie Mecaro, Commissioner; Barry Speer, Commissioner; Stan Weiler, Commissioner; Jeff Jester, Commissioner; Dustin Steeve, Commissioner; Marc Correll, Commissioner.

Commissioner Absent: None.

City Staff Present: Veronica Morones, City Planner; Dare DeLano, Senior Deputy City Attorney; Owen Tunnell, Assistant City Engineer; Oscar Romero, Principal Planner; Jason Christman, Principal Engineer; LaVona Koretke, Deputy Fire Marshal; Alex Rangel, Minutes Clerk.

City Planner Veronica Morones recommended to the Commission that the order of the agenda be modified to accommodate selection of Chair and Vice-Chair as the first order of business and eliminate selection of an acting Chair. The Commission concurred.

SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR:

Selection of Chair:

Commissioner Barber nominated Commissioner Weiler. Commissioner Weiler accepted the nomination.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Commissioners held a general vote for the position of Chair.

Votes for Commissioner Weiler: 7 (Barber, Mecaro, Speer, Weiler, Jester, Steeve, Correll).

Commissioner Weiler received a majority of votes cast and was selected for the position of Planning Commission Chair.

Selection of Vice-Chair:

Commissioner Weiler nominated Commissioner Speer. Commissioner Speer accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Mecaro nominated Commissioner Barber. Commissioner Barber accepted the nomination.

COMMISSION ACTION:

Commissioners held a general vote for the position of Vice-Chair.



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Votes for Commissioner Speer: 3 (Speer, Weiler, Correll).

Votes for Commissioner Barber: 4 (Barber, Mecaro, Jester, Steeve).

Commissioner Barber received a majority of votes cast and was selected for the position of Planning Commission Vice-Chair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 9, 2024.

Motion to approve from Commissioner Speer; Second: Vice-Chair Barber.

Motion carried (2-0) to approve the minutes.

Ayes: Barber and Speer.

Abstain: Mecaro, Weiler, Jester, Steeve, Correll.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. PL24-0108 – 2024/2025 Planning Division Workplan

REQUEST: Receive and file the 2024/2025 Planning Division Workplan.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: This effort is not considered a “project” under CEQA, as defined in section 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

APPLICANT: City of Escondido, Development Services Department

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:



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Commissioners discussed various aspects of the Planning Division Workplan, including the future implementation of the workplan.

COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

2. PL24-0107 – Development Process Overview

REQUEST: Private development projects undergo a review process by multiple divisions and departments prior to approval and issuance of permits. Staff will provide the Planning Commission with a high-level overview of what the process entails, including what the Planning Commission's role is in that process.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: This effort is not considered a "project" under CEQA, as defined in section 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

APPLICANT: City of Escondido, Development Services Department

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Receive and File.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed various aspects of the Development Process, including Planning Commission's involvement, and the post-entitlement process.

COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

3. Conditional Use Permit Revocation

REQUEST: Discussion related to the procedures for revoking a Conditional Use Permit, under Article 61, Division 1, Section 33-1207 of the Escondido Zoning Code.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS: This effort is not considered a "project" under CEQA, as defined in section 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines.



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APPLICANT: N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION:

Commissioners discussed the Conditional Use Permit Revocation Process, including the Planning Commission's roles, and language regarding the code.

COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Commissioner Jester requested a discussion on the Planning Commission By-Laws. Motion seconded by Vice-Chair Barber.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS:

None.

CITY PLANNER'S REPORT:

City Planner Morones provided information related to upcoming projects, and the tentative agenda for future Planning Commission meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Weiler adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Veronica Morones, Secretary to the Escondido
Planning Commission

Alex Rangel, Minutes Clerk