



# CITY of ESCONDIDO

## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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### CLOSED SESSION

4:00 PM

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### CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call: C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Martinez, Morasco, White

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

### CLOSED SESSION

#### I. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – PENDING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2))

- a. *Building Industry Association of SD County v. City of Escondido*  
San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2021-00008423-CU-MC-NC
- b. *City of Escondido v. Patterson, et. al.*  
San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2022-00004144-CU-BC-NC
- c. *All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Issuance and Sale of Pension Obligation Bonds*  
San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2022-00025425-CU-PT-NC  
Fourth District Court of Appeal, Div.1, Docket No. D082525
- d. Claim of Escondido School Districts re Successor Agency ROPS (per Government Code § 54956.9(e)(3))

#### II. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54957.6)

- a. Agency Representative: Sean McGlynn, City Manager, or designee  
Employee Organization: Maintenance and Operations Bargaining Unit and  
Administrative / Clerical / Engineering Bargaining Unit,  
Teamsters Local 911



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### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

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### REGULAR SESSION

5:00 PM Regular Session

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### MOMENT OF REFLECTION

City Council agendas allow an opportunity for a moment of silence and reflection at the beginning of the meeting to be led by the City Clerk. The City does not endorse, sponsor or sanction any particular religion and any remarks made are to allow all individuals to personally reflect, contemplate, pray, or meditate as they deem appropriate.

### FLAG SALUTE

The City Council conducts the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of every City Council meeting.

### CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call: C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Martinez, Morasco, White

### CLOSED SESSION REPORT

### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Tracy – Expressed concern regarding the Police Department.

Kim Marquardt – Requested a second session of the Table Tennis program at the Escondido Senior Center.

Anzy McWha – Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Amal Jubran – Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Derek Lam – Expressed concern about an interaction he had with Councilmember Morasco.

Angela Calderon – Expressed concern about an interaction she had with Councilmember Morasco.

Mohammed Shalabi - Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.



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Neil Sholander – Requested the City increase pay for essential workers.

Francisco Clabajal – Introduced a new non-profit called Peace, Anger, Love.

Ed Gallo – Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Lulu Heimes – Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Abigail Carnell - Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Syndus Alsafadi - Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Ed Gallo – Stated that the City Council is not the venue for foreign policy.

Barry Speer – Expressed gratitude for the City Council.

Dan Pritsker – Expressed concern about anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism in the United States.

Michelle Cortes – Expressed concern about an interaction she had with Councilmember Morasco.

Jasper Anda - Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Mia Ferguson - Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Jeidy Valencia - Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Analyze Ramirez - Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Cynthia Gonzales - Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

Jeidy Valencia – Expressed concern about an interaction other students had with Councilmember Morasco.



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Cynthia Gonzalez - Requested the City Council pass a resolution calling for a ceasefire between Hamas and Israel.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: Morasco; Second: Martinez; Approved: 5-0.

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

2. **APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER (COUNCIL) -**

Request the City Council approve the City Council and Housing Successor Agency warrant numbers:

- 378599 – 378769 dated November 08, 2023
- 378770 – 378985 dated November 15, 2023

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Finance Department: Christina Holmes)

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular meeting of November 15, 2023**

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

5. **TREASURER’S INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

Request the City Council approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2023. (File Number 0490-55)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Finance Department: Douglas Shultz, City Treasurer)

Presenter: Douglas Shultz, City Treasurer

6. **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ON CAPITAL FUNDS FUNDED BY DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES PER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66006**

Request the City Council receive and file the Annual Financial Report on Development Impact Fees. (File Number 0400-93)

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

Presenter: Christina Holmes, Director of Finance



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**7. NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE SAN PASQUAL UNDERGROUNDING PROJECT**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-157, authorizing the Interim Director of Utilities to file a Notice of Completion for the San Pasqual Undergrounding Project. (File Number 0600-95)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Utilities Department: Angela Morrow, Interim Director of Utilities)

Presenter: Angela Morrow, Interim Director of Utilities

a) Resolution No. 2023-157

**8. PURCHASE THREE (3) MEDIX AMBULANCES FROM REPUBLIC EVS**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-161 approving a budget adjustment of \$1,045,814.38 and authorizing the Fleet Services Division of the Public Works Department to purchase three (3) Medix Ambulances from Republic EVS of Huntington Beach, California, by utilizing a cooperative purchase agreement through HGAC, Contract No. AM10-23, and approving the disposal of the surplus vehicles via auction. (File Number 0470-25)

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

Presenter: Jeramiah Jennings, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent

a) Resolution No. 2023-161

**9. SAN DIEGO SENIORS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT – \$3,000**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-163 authorizing the Director of Economic Development to receive a \$3,000 grant from the San Diego Seniors Community Foundation. (File Number 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Community Services Department: Jennifer Schoeneck, Director of Economic Development)

Presenter: Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services

a) Resolution No. 2023-163

**10. MILLS ACT CONTRACT FOR 730 S. BROADWAY - PL23 – 0397**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-167, authorizing the Mayor to execute, on behalf of the City of Escondido, a Historic Property Preservation Agreement (Mills Act Contract), with Edward T. Chambers and Julia D. Chambers for the Property located at 730 S. Broadway. (File Number 0600-10; A-3487)



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Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department: Christopher McKinney, Deputy City Manager/Interim Director of Development Services)

Presenter: Alex Rangel, Assistant Planner I

a) Resolution No. 2023-167

**11. ACCEPT HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) GRANT FUNDS FOR LOCAL ROADWAY SAFETY PLAN (LRSP) PROJECT NO. 1 AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-150 authorizing the City Engineer or their designee to accept grant funds in the amount of \$1,326,240; authorizing designated City agents to execute all grant forms and agreements necessary for Local Roadway Safety Plan (LRSP) Project No. 1; and authorizing a budget adjustment allocating grant funds to the project. (File Number 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department: Christopher W. McKinney, Deputy City Manager/Interim Director of Development Services and Julie Procopio, City Engineer)

Presenter: Edd Alberto, City Traffic Engineer

a) Resolution No. 2023-150

**12. CONSULTING AGREEMENT FOR DESIGN OF SOUTH ESCONDIDO ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-132 awarding a consulting agreement to STC Traffic, Inc. ("STC") in the amount of \$299,121 to provide engineering design services for the South Escondido Access Improvements Project ("Project"). (File Number 0600-10; A-3488)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department: Christopher W. McKinney, Deputy City Manager/Interim Director of Development Services and Julie Procopio, City Engineer)

Presenter: Jonathan Schauble, Principal Civil Engineer

a) Resolution No. 2023-132

**13. SIDE LETTER BETWEEN CITY OF ESCONDIDO AND THE ESCONDIDO POLICE OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION, NON-SWORN BARGAINING UNIT**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-170 authorizing the City's negotiating team to execute a Side Letter Between the City of Escondido and the Police Officer's Association, Non-Sworn Police. (File Number 0740-20)



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

Presenter: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources

a) Resolution No. 2023-170

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

**14. CONTINUED - A REQUEST TO REMOVE A CONDITION OF APPROVAL APPLIED TO A MAJOR PLOT PLAN REQUIRING FUNDING OF ONGOING MUNICIPAL SERVICES REQUIRED BY THE PROJECT**

Request the City Council uphold the Planning Commission recommendation of denial (4-2-1) to modify a Major Plot Plan in order to eliminate a condition of approval requiring funding of ongoing municipal services. The request is for a project condition of approval required for a 44-unit apartment project located at 1860, 1866, 1870 & 1896 S. Escondido Blvd. and the City Council may a) adopt Resolution No. 2023-152, denying a modification and upholding a condition of approval; or b) adopt Resolution No. 2023-153, granting the modification and waiving the condition of approval. (File Number 0800-30)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department: Christopher McKinney, Deputy City Manager/Interim Director of Development Services)

Presenter: Veronica Morones, City Planner

a) Resolution No. 2023-152

b) Resolution No. 2023-153

Mayor White continued the item to December 13, 2023.

**15. PL22-0603/PL23-0239/PL22-0604 – A REQUEST FOR A ZONE MAP AMENDMENT, ZONE TEXT AMENDMENT, AND MAJOR PLOT PLAN FOR GOAL LINE BATTERY STORAGE UTILITY**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-160, approving a Major Plot Plan Permit for construction of a lithium-ion battery storage utility, and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared for the Project, and make certain Findings of Fact in conformance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Introduce Ordinance No. 2023-16, approving a Zone Map Amendment to amend the zoning designation for the subject property from Planned Development – Industrial (PD-I) to General Industrial (M-2). Introduce Ordinance No. 2023-17, approving a Zone Text Amendment to amend the Escondido Zoning Code to allow for an increase fence height on a case-by-cases basis for industrial and commercial zoned properties through issuance of an Administrative Adjustment Permit. (File Number 0810-20)





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Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services Department: Christopher McKinney, Deputy City Manager/Interim Director of Development Services)

Presenter: Ivan Flores, AICP, Senior Planner

a) Resolution No. 2023-160

b) Ordinance No. 2023-16 (First Reading and Introduction)

c) Ordinance No. 2023-17 (First Reading and Introduction)

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

### CURRENT BUSINESS

#### **16. UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE SCHEDULE, SALARY PLANS, AND FULL-TIME COMPENSATION SCHEDULE**

Request the City Council approve Resolution No. 2023-146, amending the Salary Schedule and Salary and Benefits Plan for the Unclassified and Management Groups; Resolution No. 2023-147, amending the Part-time Salary Plan; and Resolution No. 2023-166, amending the full-time compensation schedule for all employee groups. (File Number 0720-90)

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

Presenter: Jessica Perpetua, Director of Human Resources

a) Resolution No. 2023-146

b) Resolution No. 2023-147

c) Resolution No. 2023-166

Motion: Martinez; Second: Morasco; Approved: 4-1 (Morasco – No)

#### **17. VINEHENGE UPDATE**

Request the City Council approve staff's recommendation to remove and dispose of the Vinehenge play structure in Grape Day Park and replace it with a standard playground for 2–5-year-olds, located adjacent to and consistent in theme with the existing 5-12 playground (Option 3). (File Number 0915-07)



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Staff Recommendation: Approval (Community Services Department and Public Works Department: Jennifer Schoeneck, Director of Economic Development and Joseph Goulart, Director of Public Works)

Presenters: Danielle Lopez, Housing and Neighborhood Services Manager and Wayne Thames, Public Works Superintendent

Item pulled from the agenda.

### 18. **COUNCIL COMPENSATION**

Request the City Council make factual findings supporting a salary increase and consider the adoption of Ordinance No. 2023-19 providing for an amendment to Escondido Municipal Code § 2-28(a) and § 2-28(b) increasing the salary for councilmembers and the mayor, respectively, as required by Government Code § 36516, as amended by Senate Bill (SB) 329, and Council Rules of Policy and Procedure Section B(9). (File Number 0610-90)

Staff Recommendation: Provide Direction (City Attorney's Office: Michael McGuinness, City Attorney)

Presenter: Michael McGuinness, City Attorney

a) Ordinance No. 2023-19 (First Reading and Introduction)

Motion to increase Mayoral salary 6.0% and the City Council salary 7.5%: Morasco; Second: C. Garcia; Approved: 3-2 (Martniez – No; J. Garcia – No)

### 19. **ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 16A, MASSAGE REGULATION**

Request the City Council introduce Ordinance No. 2023-18 to amend the Chapter 16A of the Escondido Municipal Code. (File Number 0680-10)

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Edward Varso, Chief of Police)

Presenter: David Cramer, Police Captain

a) Ordinance No. 2023-18 (First Reading and Introduction)

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

## **FUTURE AGENDA**

### 20. **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



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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)

Mayor White – Interagency assignments. Resolution regarding priority lanes.

### COUNCILMEMBERS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER REPORTS

#### CITY MANAGER'S WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT

The most current information from the City Manager regarding Economic Development, Capital Improvement Projects, Public Safety, and Community Development. This report is also available on the City's website, [www.escondido.org](http://www.escondido.org).

#### ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Yussef Miller – Requested the City not use pesticides in its parks.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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*Dane White*

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