

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO**  
**March 15, 2017**  
**3:30 P.M. Meeting Minutes**  
**Escondido City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Abed presiding.

**ATTENDANCE:**

The following members were present: Councilmember Olga Diaz, Councilmember Ed Gallo, Deputy Mayor John Masson, Councilmember Michael Morasco, and Mayor Sam Abed. Quorum present.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**CLOSED SESSION: (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)**

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Diaz and seconded by Councilmember Gallo to recess to Closed Session. Motion carried unanimously.

**I. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-- EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code 54956.9(d)(1))**

**Case Name:** Bruce Masten v. City of Escondido  
**Case No:** WCAB Case No. ADJ9988882; ADJ Unassigned; ADJ9660507J

**II. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR (Government Code §54956.8)**

- a. **Property:** Municipal Parking Lot #1, Municipal Parking Lot #2, and APNs 233-091-01 through -17  
**City Negotiator:** Jeffrey Epp, Interim City Manager  
**Negotiating Parties:** Touchstone Communities  
**Under Negotiation:** Price and Terms of Agreement
- b. **Property:** 901 West Washington Avenue  
**City Negotiator:** Jeffrey Epp, Interim City Manager  
**Negotiating Parties:** Prospective Purchasers  
**Under Negotiation:** Price and Terms of Agreement

**Deputy Mayor Masson abstained and left the room for items II. a. and II. b.**

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK



DEPUTY CITY CLERK

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**MOMENT OF REFLECTION**

Tammy DeArmas led the Moment of Reflection.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Deputy Mayor Masson led the Flag Salute.

**ATTENDANCE:**

The following members were present: Councilmember Olga Diaz, Councilmember Ed Gallo, Deputy Mayor John Masson, Councilmember Michael Morasco, and Mayor Sam Abed. Quorum present.

Also present were: Jeffrey Epp, Interim City Manager; Michael McGuinness, Interim City Attorney; Bill Martin, Director of Community Development; Julie Procopio, Director of Engineering Services; Diane Halverson, City Clerk; and Jennifer Ekblad, Deputy City Clerk.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

**Ed Ehrhart, Escondido**, expressed appreciation for the addition of crosswalks at the intersection of El Norte Parkway near Cypress Court.

**Scott Graves, Escondido**, read a letter addressed to Christopher W. McKinney, Director of Utilities, from the San Pasqual Valley Preservation Alliance regarding water and wastewater rates and growth in the City.

**Angelique Bennett, Escondido**, requested the City Council adopt legislation to ban puppy mills in the City.

**Andrea Cunningham, Escondido**, requested the City Council adopt legislation to ban puppy mills in the City.

**Jerry Van Leeuwen, Escondido**, shared information regarding the upcoming Dancing with the Stars event at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Diaz and seconded by Councilmember Morasco to approve the following Consent Calendar items. Motion carried unanimously.

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

2. **APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER (Council/Successor Agency )**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting of March 1, 2017**

## **CONSENT – RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)**

The following Resolutions and Ordinances were heard and acted upon by the City Council/Successor Agency/RRB at a previous City Council/Successor Agency/Mobilehome Rent Review meeting. (The title of Ordinances listed on the Consent Calendar are deemed to have been read and further reading waived.)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. **ZONING CODE AMENDMENTS TO RESTRUCTURE THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESS AND STREAMLINE OTHER DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESSES (AZ 16-0010) -**  
Request the City Council approve amendments to Zoning Code Articles 1, 16, 19, 26, 39, 55, 57, and 61; and approve the environmental determination. (File No. 0810-20)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development Department: Bill Martin)**

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-03R (First Reading and Introduction)

Bill Martin, Director of Community Development, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Abed opened the public hearing and asked if anyone would like to speak on this issue in any way.

**Jim Simmons, Escondido**, thanked staff for their effort in regards to the amendments and spoke in favor of the proposed changes.

Mayor Abed asked if anyone else wanted to speak on this issue in any way. No one asked to be heard. Therefore, Mayor Abed closed the public hearing.

**MOTION:** Moved by Deputy Mayor Masson and seconded by Councilmember Morasco to approve amendments to Zoning Code Articles 1, 16, 19, 26, 39, 55, 57, and 61; and approve the environmental determination and introduce Ordinance No. 2017-03R. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CURRENT BUSINESS**

5. **APPOINTMENTS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION, AND PERSONNEL BOARD OF REVIEW -**  
Request the City Council ratify the Mayor's recommendation to fill two regular vacancies on the Library Board of Trustees, each for a three-year term, terms to expire on March 31, 2020; one regular vacancy on the Community Services Commission for a youth member to serve a one-year term, term to expire March 31, 2018, and two vacancies on the Personnel Board of Review, terms to expire March 31, 2018. (File No. 0120-10)

Staff Recommendation: **Ratify the Mayor's Appointments (City Clerk's Office: Diane Halverson)**

**MOTION:** Moved by Mayor Abed and seconded by Deputy Mayor Masson to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Mirek Gorney and Ron Guiles to the Library Board of Trustees. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mayor Abed and seconded by Councilmember Gallo to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Maranda Hernandez to the Community Services Commission as a youth member. Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION:** Moved by Mayor Abed and seconded by Councilmember Morasco to ratify the Mayor's appointment of Erika Dion to the Personnel Board of Review. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO STANDARDIZED AGREEMENTS FOR PURCHASE AND SALE OF RECYCLED WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL USES -**

Request the City Council approve authorizing the Director of Utilities to enter into standardized agreements with Agricultural Customers for a transitional potable water rate until recycled water is available. (File No. 0600-10 [A-3214])

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Utilities Department: Christopher W. McKinney)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2017-41R**

Christopher W. McKinney, Director of Utilities, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Deputy Mayor Masson to approve authorizing the Director of Utilities to enter into standardized agreements with Agricultural Customers for a transitional potable water rate until recycled water is available and adopt Resolution No. 2017-41R. Motion carried unanimously.

**7. UNDERGROUNDING IN LIEU FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR CENTERPOINTE 78 PROJECT, ADM 13-027 -**

Request the City Council approve denying the waiver request based on the requirement of Escondido Municipal Code Section 23-48 and the need for funds to complete undergrounding projects. (File No. 0480-55)

Staff Recommendation: **Approve the Denial of the Waiver Request (Engineering Services Department: Julie Procopio)**

Homi Namdari, Assistant City Engineer, presented the staff report utilizing a PowerPoint presentation.

**Jim Simmons**, applicant, requested Council approve the request to waive the undergrounding in lieu fee for the Centerpointe 78 Project.

**MOTION:** Moved by Councilmember Diaz and seconded by Deputy Mayor Masson to approve denying the waiver request based on the requirement of Escondido Municipal Code Section 23-48 and the need for funds to complete undergrounding projects. Ayes: Abed, Diaz, Masson. Noes: Gallo and Morasco. Motion carried.

## **FUTURE AGENDA**

**8. 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: Diane Halverson)**

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS' SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

Councilmember Gallo provided information regarding a North County Transit District meeting on April 6, 2017 at the Escondido Public Library from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Maureen Stapleton, Executive Director of San Diego County Water Authority, will be presenting an update from the San Diego County Water Authority at the next City Council meeting.

Deputy Mayor Masson attended a local League of California Cities meeting and discussed potential legislation.

Mayor Abed attended a SANDAG Regional Planning Board meeting and shared information regarding SB 375; Escondido is in line with greenhouse gas reduction target rates.

### **CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE/BRIEFING**

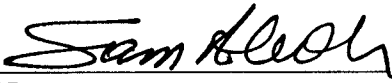
The most current information from the City Manager regarding Economic Development, Capital Improvement Projects, Public Safety and Community Development.

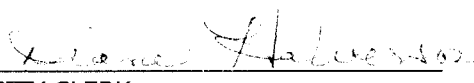
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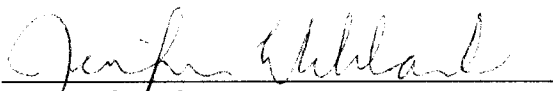
### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK

  
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