

**CITY OF ESCONDIDO  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
8:00 A.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2017  
CALIFORNIA CENTER FOR THE ARTS, ESCONDIDO  
STATE OF THE CITY  
MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Escondido, California, was called to order at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido with Mayor Abed presiding.

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES**

Craig Carter, Chief of Police, welcomed everyone to the annual State of the City Address and introduced Mayor Abed, Deputy Mayor John Masson, and Councilmembers Olga Diaz, Ed Gallo, and Michael Morasco.

**INVOCATION**

Pastor Dennis Keating led the Invocation.

**FLAG SALUTE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Escondido Police and Fire Color Guard led the Flag Salute and Pledge of Allegiance.

**NATIONAL ANTHEM**

Erica Champagne, STAR Repertory Theatre, performed the National Anthem.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REMARKS**

Linda Bailey, Board of Directors, reported on the Chamber of Commerce sponsored activities that were held in the City.

**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.

## CITY COUNCIL AWARDS

Escondido City Council Awards were presented by Mayor Abed and members of the City Council to the following:

| <u>Recipient</u>                       | <u>Category</u>                 |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Dan Forster and Heather Moe</i>     | <i>Business</i>                 |
| <i>Barbara Preston</i>                 | <i>Arts</i>                     |
| <i>Margie Ballard</i>                  | <i>Compassion</i>               |
| <i>Robert Barrientos</i>               | <i>Community</i>                |
| <i>Don Piller</i>                      | <i>Education</i>                |
| <i>Keith Roynon</i>                    | <i>Youth</i>                    |
| <i>Dominic Polito</i>                  | <i>Public Safety</i>            |
| <i>Escondido Charitable Foundation</i> | <i>Mayor's Leadership Award</i> |

## STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Abed noted the many achievements made in the past year in the areas of Economic Development, Financial Stability, Public Safety, and Neighborhood Improvement. Mayor Abed noted the challenges facing our city today: Poverty, Homelessness, and Pension Reform. Mayor Abed also shared the top priorities for 2017: Future Business Park, Neighborhood Improvement, Improved Water Infrastructure, and Smart City Innovation.

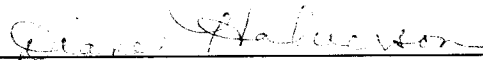
## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 9:14 A.M.



MAYOR



CITY CLERK



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**CITY OF ESCONDIDO**  
**February 22, 2017**  
**9:15 A.M. Meeting Minutes**  
**City Manager's Conference Room**

**Escondido City Council**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 in the City Manager's Conference Room 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.

City Manager Graham Mitchell, City Attorney Jeffrey Epp, and Assistant City Attorney Michael McGuinness were also present.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

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

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

**I. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT PERSONNEL MATTERS (Government Code §54957(b)(1))**

- a. City Manager
- b. City Attorney

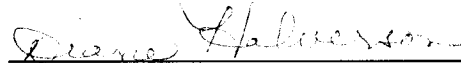
The Council announced the following actions taken during their closed session today: The City Council received notification from current City Manager Graham Mitchell of his resignation effective at the conclusion of the City Council meeting on March 8, 2017. The City Council appointed City Attorney Jeffrey Epp to serve as Interim City Manager while their recruitment process continues, and the City Council appointed Assistant City Attorney Michael McGuinness to serve as Interim City Attorney. Formal action on these appointments is expected to occur at the March 1, 2017 City Council meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 9:28 A.M.



MAYOR



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