CITY OF ESCONDIDO

December 10, 2014
4:30 P.M. Meeting Minutes

Escondido City Council
Mobile Home Rent Review Board
and as Successor Agency to the CDC

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Escondido City Council was called to order at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 in the Council Chambers at City Hall with Mayor Abed presiding.

MOMENT OF REFLECTION:
Enrique Moreno led the Moment of Reflection.

FLAG SALUTE
Mayor Abed led the Flag Salute.

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

Also present were: Clay Phillips, City Manager; Jeffrey Epp, City Attorney; Barbara Redlitz, Community Development Director; Ed Domingue, Public Works Director; Diane Halverson, City Clerk; and Michael Thorne, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jerry Richardson, Escondido, requested the Council reconsider the denial of the community garden proposal.

Zoe Sanchez Richardson, Escondido, stated that parking is available at the proposed community garden site, and asked the Council to reconsider their decision to deny the project.

David Sichmeller, Escondido, noted that currently the proposed community garden lot is in poor condition and requested the Council reconsider their decision to deny the proposal.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Diaz removed items 6 and 7, Mayor Abed removed item 10 and Councilmember Masson removed item 12 from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Masson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Morasco that the following Consent Calendar items be approved with the exception of items 6, 7, 10 and 12. 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 November 19, 2014**

4. **NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR MAPLE STREET PEDESTRIAN PLAZA MODIFICATIONS -** Request Council approve and accept the public improvements and authorize staff to file a Notice of Completion for the Maple Street Pedestrian Plaza Modifications. (File No. 0600-10 [A-3123])

   Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Public Works Department/Engineering: Ed Domingue)**

5. **AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY USE OF FACILITIES WITH CALFIRE AT KIT CARSON PARK** Request Council approve authorizing the Real Property Manager to execute an Agreement for Emergency Use of Facilities with CALFIRE at Kit Carson Park. (File No. 0600-10 [A-3139])

   Staff Recommendation: **Approval (City Manager's Office: Debra Lundy)**

   RESOLUTION NO. 2014-177

6. **HIRE A REGULAR FULL-TIME FIRE DIVISION CHIEF TO OVERSEE TRAINING AND THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -** Request Council approve the hiring of a Fire Division Chief to oversee Training and the Emergency Medical Services Program ("EMS") by utilizing the savings from the revised Cooperative EMS Program, savings from restructuring the Fire Prevention Bureau and savings from converting the EMS delivery service from an alternating 12/24-hour shift schedule to a 24-hour schedule. (File No. 0430-80)

   Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Fire Department: Michael Lowry)**

   RESOLUTION NO. 2014-178

Councilmember Diaz requested information on the proposed changes.

Michael Lowry, Fire Chief, presented the staff report, utilizing a PowerPoint Presentation

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to approve the hiring of a Fire Division Chief to oversee Training and the Emergency Medical Services Program ("EMS") by utilizing the savings from the revised Cooperative EMS Program, savings from restructuring the Fire Prevention Bureau and savings from converting the EMS delivery service from an alternating 12/24-hour shift schedule to a 24-hour schedule and adopt Resolution No. 2014-178. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ON CAPITAL FUNDS FUNDED BY DEVELOPER FEES PER GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 66006 -** Request Council receive and file the Annual Financial Report on Capital Funds. (File No. 0430-20)

   Staff Recommendation: **Receive and File (Finance Department: Sheryl Bennett)**

Councilmember Diaz requested an explanation of the park development fund and questioned whether funds would be used to perform renovations to the Grape Day Park restrooms.

City Manager Phillips explained that development funding is used on new construction for facilities.

Councilmember Masson requested clarification about Public Facility Fees being used for road and bridge improvements.

City Manager Phillips stated that fees are appropriated for facilities and not roadways.

MOTION: NO ACTION, INFORMATION ONLY

8. TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 -
Request Council receive and file the Quarterly Investment Report. (File No. 0490-55)

Staff Recommendation: **Receive and File (City Treasurer's Office: Kenneth C. Hugins)**

9. FISCAL YEAR 2014 URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE GRANT - SECURITY ENHANCEMENT GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -
Request Council approve accepting a FY 2014 UASI Grant in the amount of $59,865 from the City of San Diego Office of Homeland Security; authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute contract documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. (File No. 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Police Department: Craig Carter)**

10. FISCAL YEAR 2015 CALIFORNIA GANG REDUCTION, INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -
Request Council approve accepting a CalGrip Grant in the amount of $1,500,000 from the Board of State and Community Corrections; authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute contract documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. (File No. 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Police Department: Craig Carter)**

Mayor Abed recognized the partnership with the Escondido Education Compact and stated that the funds are used to help reduce gang violence.

Bob Benton, Assistant Chief of Police, presented the staff report

MOTION: Moved by Mayor Abed and seconded by Councilmember Masson to approve accepting a CalGrip Grant in the amount of $1,500,000 from the Board of State and Community Corrections; authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute contract documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. Motion approved unanimously.

11. CALHOME GRANT AWARD BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -
Request Council approve budget adjustments totaling $1,902,000 for owner occupied rehabilitation projects in conjunction with use of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) CalHOME program funds and authorize one grant-funded staff position to administer the program. (File No. 0480-70)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development Department: Barbara Redlitz)**

12. EXTENSION OF LOAN AGREEMENT FOR LAS CASITAS TRANSITIONAL HOUSING -
Request Council approve extending the loan period for a 1989 Community Development Commission loan for Las Casitas Transitional Housing at 1203 S. Maple Street for an additional 15 years to December 31, 2029; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Loan Agreement with all necessary supporting agreements in forms acceptable to the City Attorney; and authorize the forgiveness of the 2000 HOME loan for renovation of the Las Casitas units, in accordance with the agreement. (File No. 0875-12)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development Department: Barbara Redlitz)**
RESOLUTION NO. 2014-179

Councilmember Masson requested clarification about refinancing and the forgiving of debt on loans.

Karen Youel, Housing Department, presented the financial information on loans.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Masson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Morasco to approve extending the loan period for a 1989 Community Development Commission loan for Las Casitas Transitional Housing at 1203 S. Maple Street for an additional 15 years to December 31, 2029; authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Loan Agreement with all necessary supporting agreements in forms acceptable to the City Attorney; and authorize the forgiveness of the 2000 HOME loan for renovation of the Las Casitas units, in accordance with the agreement and adopt Resolution No. 2014-179. Motion carried unanimously.

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.)

13. UPDATE TO CHAPTER 7, LOCAL EMERGENCY, OF THE ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE -
Approved on November 19, 2014 with a vote of 5/0 (File No. 0680-50)

ORDINANCE 2014-16 (Second Reading and Adoption)

14. MODIFICATION TO THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE LOWE'S COMMERCIAL CENTER (PHG 14-0012) -
Approved on November 19, 2014 with a vote of 5/0 (File No. 0800-40)

ORDINANCE 2014-18 (Second Reading and Adoption)

15. MODIFICATION TO A MASTER AND PRECISE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR "THE POINT" OFFICE BUILDING LOCATED IN THE LA TERRAZA CORPORATE CENTER (PHG 14-0022) -
Approved on November 19, 2014 with a vote of 5/0 (File No. 0800-40)

ORDINANCE 2014-19(R) (Second Reading and Adoption)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

16. AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING CODE PERTAINING TO OUTDOOR LIGHTING (AZ 14-0002)
Request Council approve the amendments to the Zoning Code Article 35, Outdoor Lighting and certify the environmental determination. (File No. 0810-20)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development Department: Barbara Redlitz)**

ORDINANCE 2014-20 (Introduction and First Reading)

Barbara Redlitz, Director of Community Development, presented the staff report, utilizing a PowerPoint Presentation.

Gary Nelson Silverman III, North County San Diego, shared information about the importance of stars.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Masson to approve the amendments to the Zoning Code Article 35, Outdoor Lighting and certify the environmental determination and introduce Ordinance 2014-20. Motion carried unanimously.

17. SHORT-FORM RENT INCREASE APPLICATION FOR GREENCREST MOBILEHOME PARK -
Request Council approve the short-form rent increase application submitted by Greencrest Mobile Home Park and approve granting an increase of seventy-five percent (75%) of the change in the Consumer Price Index, or 1.823% (an average of $7.70) for the period of June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2014. (File No. 0697-20-10011)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Community Development Department: Barbara Redlitz)**

RRB RESOLUTION NO. 2014-09

Karen Youel, Housing Department, presented the staff report, utilizing a PowerPoint Presentation.

Jim Younce, Escondido, Park Owner Representative, was available to answer questions.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Masson to approve the short-form rent increase application submitted by Greencrest Mobile Home Park and approve granting an increase of seventy-five percent (75%) of the change in the Consumer Price Index, or 1.823% (an average of $7.70) for the period of June 30, 2013 to June 30, 2014 and to adopt RRB Resolution No. 2014-09. Motion carried unanimously.

CURRENT BUSINESS

18. FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014 AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT -
Request Council receive and file the annual financial status report for FY 2013/2014; approve the budget adjustment that recommends using the year end General Fund surplus of $2,297,000 to fund specific department funding request totaling $551,000, to transfer $1,000,000 to the General Liability Fund Reserve; and to adopt Resolution 2014-174 which recommends transferring the remaining balance of $746,000 to the General Fund Reserve bringing the year-end Reserve balance to $17,319,659. *(continued from November 19, 2014)* (File No. 0430-30)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (Finance Department: Sheryl Bennett)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-174

Sheryl Bennett, Director of Administrative Services; Joan Ryan, Assistant Finance Director; Scott Petersen, Finance Department; and Michelle LeFever, Finance Department, presented the staff report, utilizing a PowerPoint Presentation.

Karen Jovey, Chairman of the Board for the CA Center for the Arts, thanked the Council for a positive working relationship that has benefitted the Center.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Masson and seconded by Deputy Mayor Morasco to receive and file the annual financial status report for FY 2013/2014; approve the budget adjustment that recommends using the year end General Fund surplus of $2,297,000 to fund specific department funding request totaling $551,000, to transfer $1,000,000 to the General Liability Fund Reserve; and to adopt Resolution 2014-174 which recommends transferring the remaining balance of $746,000 to the General Fund Reserve bringing the year-end Reserve balance to $17,319,659 and adopt Resolution No. 2014-174. Motion carried unanimously.

19. AD HOC COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT -
Request Council approve the creation of a Mayoral appointed Ad Hoc Committee to assist and provide feedback to the City Manager related to the recruitment process of hiring an Assistant City Manager. (File No. 0610-55)

Staff Recommendation: **Approval (City Manager's Office: Clay Phillips)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-180

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Masson and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to approve the creation of a Mayoral appointed Ad Hoc Committee to assist and provide feedback to the City Manager related to the recruitment process of hiring an Assistant City Manager and adopt Resolution No. 2014-180. Motion carried unanimously.

20. REVIEW AND UPDATE OF CURRENT COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS -
Request Council make determinations and ratify members to serve on the Council/Mayoral appointed subcommittees per the attached listing. (File No. 0610-55)

Staff Recommendation: **None**

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to appoint Councilmember Ed Gallo to the North County Transit District, and Deputy Mayor Morasco as alternate; Mayor Abed to SANDAG, Councilmember Masson as first alternate, and Councilmember Gallo as second alternate; Councilmember Diaz to San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park JPA Board, and Deputy Mayor Morasco as alternate. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to appoint Mayor Abed to ABAG; Councilmember Masson to the League of California Cities; Deputy Mayor Morasco to the Regional Solid Waste Association Board; Councilmember Diaz to the Escondido Creek Watershed Alliance; and Councilmember Gallo to the San Diego County Water Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Moved by Deputy Mayor Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Masson to appoint Councilmember Masson and Deputy Mayor Morasco to the Annual Award Selection Subcommittee; Councilmember Gallo and Deputy Mayor Morasco to the CCAE Subcommittee; Mayor Abed and Councilmember Masson to the Economic Development Subcommittee; Deputy Mayor Morasco and Councilmember Diaz to the School Subcommittee; and Councilmember Gallo and Deputy Mayor Morasco to the Utilities Subcommittee. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Masson and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to appoint Councilmembers Diaz and Gallo to the Downtown Parking Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA

21. FUTURE AGENDA -
The purpose of this item is to identify issues presently known to staff or which members of the 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 Masson reported that the League of California Cities outlined strategic priorities for 2015.

Councilmember Gallo reported on the SANDAG Borders Committee indicating that the San Ysidro Border Crossing is the busiest in the western hemisphere.

Mayor Abed reported on the SANDAG Regional Transportation Plan (2050).

CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE/BRIEFING

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

- **CITY MANAGER'S UPDATE –**

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Sam Abed

MAYOR

Diane Halverson

CITY CLERK

MINUTES CLERK