CITY OF ESCONDIDO

December 19, 2012
3:30 p.m. Meeting Minutes

Escondido City Council

CALL TO ORDER

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ATTENDANCE

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

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CLOSED SESSION: (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY/RRB)

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

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

a.

Property:	2120 Harmony Grove Road
Agency Negotiators:	Charles Grimm, Assistant City Manager
Negotiating parties:	SR Commercial
Under negotiation:	Price and terms of payment

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

MINUTES CLERK

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MOMENT OF REFLECTION

FLAG SALUTE

Mayor Abed led the flag salute.

ATTENDANCE

The following members were present: Deputy Mayor Olga Diaz, Councilmember Ed Gallo, Councilmember John Masson, Councilmember 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, Engineering Services Director; Diane Halverson, City Clerk; and Liane Uhl, Minutes Clerk.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Elisa Marrone, Utilities Department, presented an overview on the "Day Without a Bag Event", Thursday, December 20, 2012, which encourages the public to use reusable bags instead of single-use bags.

Thomas Cowan, Escondido, read a newspaper article and voiced concern with Council methods.

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORTS/BRIEFING

Deputy Mayor Diaz indicated that Northgate Market would be handing out gifts to customers with children from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. She attended a meeting with the Union Tribune and North County Times, who are reinstating their Latino Advisory Council; and met with the San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority. She stated the Escondido Creek Watershed Alliance would be meeting on January 8, 2013.

Councilmember Gallo requested the City work with the agriculture community before the water rate discussion returned. He played a Christmas carol on his tie and wished everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday.

Councilmember Morasco indicated that an open house was held for the opening of Fire Station No. 4 on December 15, 2012. He attended an Eagle Scout Court of Honor for an Eagle Scout project in Escondido at the Girl Scout facility in Kit Carson Park. He also attended the San Pasqual High School's annual Christmas Program December 17, 2012 which was held at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido.

Councilmember Masson thanked Council for appointing him and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Abed wished everyone a Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Councilmember Morasco removed items 4, 8 and 10 and Councilmember Diaz removed item 7 from the Consent Calendar for discussion.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Gallo and seconded by Councilmember Diaz that the following Consent Calendar items be approved with the exception of items 4, 7, 8 and 10. 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: Special Meeting of December 5, 2012**

4. **AMGEN TOUR OF CALIFORNIA CITY PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT** – Request Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with AEG Cycling, LLC to serve as the overall start host City for the 2013 Amgen Tour of California; and approve a budget adjustment in the amount of $100,000 from the General Fund Reserve Balance to provide seed funding for initial expenses. (File No. 0600-10 [A-3076])

   Staff Recommendation: Approval **(City Manager's Office: Joyce Masterson)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-188

Councilmember Morasco commented that the city had received a large donation for this event.

Joyce Masterson, Assistant to the City Manager, indicated they had received a pledge for $50,000 for the event.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Gallo to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with AEG Cycling, LLC to serve as the overall start host City for the 2013 Amgen Tour of California; and approve a budget adjustment in the amount of $100,000 from the General Fund Reserve Balance to provide seed funding for initial expenses and adopt Resolution No. 2012-188. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **OLDER ADULT SERVICES BUDGET ADJUSTMENT –** Request Council approve a transfer of $3,252 from the Joslyn Trust to the general fund for the purchase and installation of mirrors in room #3 at the Park Avenue Community Center; and authorize the City Manager and Director of Finance to make the necessary adjustments to the Older Adult Services Budget. (File No. 0430-80)

   Staff Recommendation: Approval **(Community Services: Jerry Van Leeuwen)**

6. **CALIFORNIA STATE LIBRARY - LIBRARY SERVICES TECHNOLOGY ACT FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 EUREKA LEADERSHIP GRANT –** Request Council approve a $5,000 grant from the California State Library. (File No. 0480-70)

   Staff Recommendation: Approval **(Community Services/Library: Jerry Van Leeuwen)**

7. **CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH GROUP 4 ARCHITECTURE, RESEARCH + PLANNING, INC. FOR CONCEPTUAL DESIGN OF THE LIBRARY AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER PLAN —** Request Council approve a consulting agreement with Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning, Inc. in the amount of $161,135 for the conceptual design for the Phase I expansion of the Escondido Public Library. (File No. 0600-10 [A-3075])

   Staff Recommendation: Approval **(Community Services/Library: Jerry Van Leeuwen)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-190

Councilmember Diaz asked for clarification of this project.

Joanne Greenberg, City Librarian, answered they had changed the original plans to be phased in and the Library Foundation had received substantial funds.

Jim Rady, Escondido, indicated this was a good starting point and urged Council to approve the plan.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Diaz and seconded by Councilmember Gallo to approve a consulting agreement with Group 4 Architecture, Research + Planning, Inc. in the amount of $161,135 for the conceptual design for the Phase I expansion of the Escondido Public Library and adopt Resolution No. 2012-190. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH J.P. WITHEROW ROOFING PROJECT FOR LIBRARY "LIFT & RESET" TILE ROOF PROJECT –** Request Council approve a contract agreement with J.P. Witherow Roofing Company in the amount of $124,348, plus a 5% contingency ($6,200), for a total of $130,548 for the Library "Lift & Reset" Tile Roof Project at the Escondido Pubic Library and Technology Center. (File No. 0600-10 [A-3067])

Councilmember Morasco asked what the time frame was on this project.

Joanne Greenberg, City Librarian, indicated the project would be started in February or March of next year.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Gallo to approve a contract agreement with J.P. Witherow Roofing Company in the amount of $124,348, plus a 5% contingency ($6,200), for a total of $130,548 for the Library "Lift & Reset" Tile Roof Project at the Escondido Pubic Library and Technology Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Staff Recommendation: Approval **(Community Services/Library: Jerry Van Leeuwen)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-189

9. **2013 CECO GRANT APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION** – Request Council authorize the Community Services Department to complete applications to the San Diego County Employees' Charitable Organization for capital items at the Escondido Senior Center and the East Valley Community Center; and if awarded, authorize the Interim Assistant Director of Community Services to accept the grant funds, complete grant documents on behalf of the City and approve necessary budget adjustments. (File No. 0480-70)

   Staff Recommendation: Approval **(Community Services: Jerry Van Leeuwen)**

10. **AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANTS** – Request Council authorize the Director of Engineering Services to complete two applications to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for Recreational Trails Program funds to complete the Escondido Creek Bike Trail between Beven Drive and East Valley Parkway and to complete trail rehabilitation at Dixon Lake and Daley Ranch; and if awarded, authorize the Director of Engineering Services to accept the grant funds and complete grant documents on behalf of the City and process necessary budget adjustments. (File No. 0480-70)

    Staff Recommendation: Approval **(Engineering Services: Ed Domingue)**

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-192

Councilmember Morasco commented on the importance of these grants to the city.

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Diaz and seconded by Councilmember Masson to authorize the Director of Engineering Services to complete two applications to the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for Recreational Trails Program funds to complete the Escondido Creek Bike Trail between Beven Drive and East Valley Parkway, to complete trail rehabilitation at Dixon Lake and Daley Ranch; and, if awarded, authorize the Director of Engineering Services to accept the grant funds and complete grant documents on behalf of the City and process necessary budget adjustments and adopt Resolution No. 2012-192. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **REORGANIZATION OF CITY SERVICES – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC WORKS** – Request Council approve an operating budget adjustment to support the reorganization of city services. (File No. 0430-80)

    Staff Recommendation: Approval **(City Manager: Clay Phillips)**

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.)

12. **REVISIONS TO SECTION 23 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS), ARTICLE 5 (PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION, PUBLIC DEDICATION AND MAPPED STREETS) OF THE ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE** – Approved on December 12 with a Vote of 4/0 (File No. 0680-50)

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-21 (Adoption and Second Reading)

CURRENT BUSINESS

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

Staff Recommendation: None **(Mayor Sam Abed)**

MOTION: Moved by Councilmember Morasco and seconded by Councilmember Diaz to appoint Councilmember Gallo to the North County Transit District, Councilmember Diaz as alternate; Mayor Abed to SANDAG, Councilmember Gallo as first alternate, Councilmember Masson as second alternate; Councilmember Diaz to the San Dieguito River Valley Regional Open Space Park JPA Board, Councilmember Morasco as alternate; Mayor Abed to ABAG; Mayor Abed to the Escondido-Chula Vista Joint Financing Authority; Councilmember Masson to the League of California Cities; Councilmember Morasco to the Regional Solid Waste Association Board; Councilmember Diaz to the Escondido Creek Watershed Alliance; Councilmembers Morasco and Masson to the Annual Award Selection Committee; Councilmembers Gallo and Morasco to the CCAE Committee; Mayor Abed and Councilmember Masson to the Economic Development Committee; Councilmembers Morasco and Diaz to the School Subcommittee; Councilmembers Gallo and Morasco to the Utilities Subcommittee; and Councilmembers Diaz and Gallo to the Downtown Parking Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE AGENDA

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - 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)**

Councilmember Diaz requested a staff report on the city's existing veteran hiring policies.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abed adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Sam Abed

MAYOR

Diane Halverson

CITY CLERK

Diane Wu

MINUTES CLERK