



CITY of ESCONDIDO

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

5:00 PM Regular Session

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

City Council agendas allow an opportunity for a moment of silence and reflection at the beginning of the evening meeting. The City does not participate in the selection of speakers for this portion of the agenda, and does not endorse or sanction any remarks made by individuals during this time. If you wish to be recognized during this portion of the agenda, please notify the City Clerk in advance.

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

PROCLAMATIONS

Fire Prevention Awareness Week October 6-12, 2024

PRESENTATIONS

Nuisance Abatement Ordinances and Practices

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Stephen Wheeler – Requested that the City Council repeal the cannabis prohibition to generate revenue and address the budget deficit.

Cori Schumacher – Expressed support for the California Center for the Arts Escondido Foundation.

Nate Woods – Expressed support for the California Center for the Arts Escondido Foundation.

Amber Steinbeck – Expressed support for the California Center for the Arts Escondido Foundation.

Nate Harrenstein – Expressed support for the California Center for the Arts Escondido Foundation.



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Eileen Rodriguez – Expressed support for the California Center for the Arts Escondido Foundation.

Amanda Cohen – Expressed support for the California Center for the Arts Escondido Foundation.

John Barnett – Expressed support for the California Center for the Arts Escondido Foundation.

Jeff Bright – Expressed support for the California Center for the Arts Escondido Foundation.

Greg Suiz – Expressed support for the California Center for the Arts Escondido Foundation.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

None

CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion: White; Second: Morasco; Approved: 5-0

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

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

Request approval for City Council and Housing Successor Agency warrant numbers:

- 387634 – 387841 dated September 25, 2024

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Finance Department: Christina Holmes)

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Internal requirement per Municipal Code Section 10-49

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes of October 2, 2024**

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

5. **PL24-0254 – OUT-OF-AGENCY SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 1155 PINECREST AVENUE**

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-150, authorizing the Mayor to execute an Out-of-Agency Sewer Agreement (“Agreement”) for a property located at 1155 Pinecrest Avenue (APN 235-110-10-00).

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

Presenter: Alex Rangel, Assistant Planner I

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Sewer



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a) Resolution No. 2024-150

CURRENT BUSINESS

6. **INTERIM URGENCY ORDINANCE PROHIBITING NEW COMMERCIAL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO**

Request the City Council adopt Ordinance No. 2024-12 approving, as an urgency measure, an Interim Ordinance to prohibit new commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems within the City of Escondido.

Staff Recommendation: None (Development Services: Christopher W. McKinney Deputy City Manager and Interim Director of Development Services)

Presenter: Veronica Morones, City Planner

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Land Use/Development

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Improve Public Safety

a) Ordinance No. 2024-12

Cori Schumacher – Expressed opposition to the proposed urgency ordinance and requested the City focus on workforce standards to improve the safety of Battery Energy Storage Systems.

Lauren Cazares – Expressed opposition to the proposed urgency ordinance.

Motion to approve Urgency Ordinance No. 2024-12 with an amendment to page 5, paragraph 2 adding the following language: “add minimum workforce standards and develop an emergency response plan”: White; Second: Morasco; Approved: 5-0

10 day report

FUTURE AGENDA

7. **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: Zack Beck)



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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.gov.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

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Dane White
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Zack Beck
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