



CITY of ESCONDIDO

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

CLOSED SESSION 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call: C. Garcia, J. Garcia, Martinez, Morasco, White

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

CLOSED SESSION

1. **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (Government Code § 54956.8)**
 1. Property: 270 E Via Rancho Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 (APN 271-030-16-00)
 2. Agency Negotiator: Sean McGlynn, City Manager, or designee
 3. Negotiating Party: R1 Escondido Investment, LLC
 4. Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Lease
2. **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957(b)(1))**

Titles: City Manager and City Attorney

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.



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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

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PROCLAMATIONS

Native American Heritage Month

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

George Weir – Expressed support for the passage of Measure I

Deanna Smith – Expressed support for the passage of Measure I

Delores McQuiston – Expressed concern regarding a recent Rent Review Board Hearing decision.

Randy Valdez – Requested that his business be permitted to operate until a new location is identified by the Economic Development Department.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

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



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2. APPROVAL OF WARRANT REGISTER (COUNCIL)

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

- 388202 – 388431 dated October 16, 2024
- 388432 – 388632 dated October 23, 2024
- 388633 – 388810 dated October 30, 2024
- 388811 – 389015 dated November 06, 2024

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Finance Department: Christina Holmes, Director of Finance)

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Regular Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2024

4. WAIVER OF READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

5. CONTINUING THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF THE ESCONDIDO TRUNK SEWER MAIN

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-162, declaring that pursuant to the terms of Section 22050 of the California Public Contract Code, the City Council finds there is a need to continue the emergency repair of the Escondido Trunk Sewer Main.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Utilities: Angela Morrow, Director of Utilities)

Presenter: Stephanie Roman, Assistant Director of Utilities, Construction & Engineering

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Keep City Clean for Public Health and Safety; Sewer

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Improve Public Safety

a) Resolution No. 2024-162

6. TREASURER'S INVESTMENT REPORT FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

Request the City Council approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2024.

Staff Recommendation: Approve (Douglas Shultz, City Treasurer)

Presenter: Douglas Shultz, City Treasurer

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, City Operations



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7. AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE VALLEY PARKWAY SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-155 awarding construction of the Valley Parkway Sidewalk Improvement Project (“Project”) to Universal Construction and Engineering, determined to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Escondido (“City”), to execute a Public Improvement Agreement in the amount of \$606,591.70.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services: Chris McKinney, Deputy City Manager and Jonathan Schauble, City Engineer)

Presenter: Jonathan Schauble, City Engineer

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Infrastructure

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Increase Retention and Attraction of People and Businesses to Escondido and Improve Public Safety.

Resolution No. 2024-155

8. AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR FIRE STATION TRAINING TOWER REFURBISHMENT PROJECT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-157 awarding the Fire Station Training Tower Refurbishment Project (“Project”) to WRG Fire Training Simulations Systems, Inc. determined to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to execute a Public Services Agreement in the amount of \$323,900.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Fire Department: John Tenger, Fire Chief)

Presenter: Tyler Batson, Division Chief

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Maintenance of Infrastructure

Resolution No. 2024-157

9. FIRST AMENDMENT TO MATRIX CONSULTING GROUP, LTD. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$96,250 FOR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STREAMLINING PROJECT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-176 to approve the First Amendment to the Consulting Services Agreement with Matrix Consulting Group, Ltd. in the amount of \$96,250 for the Development Services Streamlining Project



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Staff Recommendation: Approval (Development Services: Christopher W. McKinney, Deputy City Manager)

Presenter: Megan Crooks, Management Analyst II

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, internal requirement in support of development services

a) Resolution No. 2024-176

10. AWARD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (“CDBG”) PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION PROJECT AT WASHINGTON PARK, JESMOND DENE PARK, AND WESTSIDE PARK

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-169 awarding a construction contract to Western State Builders, Inc., determined to be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, and authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the City, to execute a Public Improvement Agreement in the amount of \$559,311 to complete base bid work items and additive alternate items No. 8, 9 & 10.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Christopher W. McKinney, Deputy City Manager and Jonathan Schauble, City Engineer)

Presenter: Ed Vasquez, Project Manager

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Parks Facilities/Open Spaces

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Increase Retention and Attraction of People and Businesses to Escondido

a) Resolution No. 2024-169

11. FY 2023-24 REGIONAL REALIGNMENT RESPONSE GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-172 authorizing the Chief of Police to accept a FY 2023-24 Regional Realignment Response Grant in the amount of \$80,000 from the State of California Board of Community Corrections; authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. Funding was provided by Assembly Bill 118 and Senate Bill 89, initiatives to reduce state prison overcrowding and support local law enforcement efforts to efficiently manage offenders and parole-violators. Escondido’s allocation is used to support regional and local enforcement operations. Funds must be used for police officer overtime and associated overhead.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Edward Varso, Chief of Police)



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Presenter: Edward Varso, Chief of Police

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, internal requirement in support of Police Services

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Improve Public Safety; Increase Retention and Attraction of People and Businesses to Escondido.

a) Resolution No. 2024-172

12. FY 2023-24 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT – LOCAL SOLICITATION AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-171 to authorize the Police Department to accept a \$37,697 FY 2023-24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG”); authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. Grant funds will cover salary expenses for part-time patrol technicians.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Edward Varso, Chief of Police)

Presenter: Edward Varso, Chief of Police

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, internal requirement in support of Police Services

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Improve Public Safety; Increase Retention and Attraction of People and Businesses to Escondido.

a) Resolution No. 2024-171

13. FY 2024-25 STATE OF CALIFORNIA CITIZEN’S OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM GRANT AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-170 authorizing the Escondido Police Department to accept a FY 2024-25 Citizens’ Option for Public Safety Program Grant in the amount of \$231,644; approving grant expenditures consistent with guidelines in AB1913; authorizing the Chief of Police or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approving budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds. Grand Funds will cover salary expenses for part-time Police Department employees.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Police Department: Edward Varso, Chief of Police)

Presenter: Edward Varso, Chief of Police

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, internal requirement in support of police services



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COUNCIL PRIORITY – Improve Public Safety; Increase Retention and Attraction of People and Businesses to Escondido.

a) Resolution No. 2024-170

14. ESCONDIDO WILDFIRE PREVENTION PROJECT GRANT ACCEPTANCE

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-173 to authorize the Escondido Fire Department to accept CAL FIRE Escondido Wildfire Prevention Project Grant funds; authorize the Fire Chief or his designee to execute grant documents on behalf of the City; and approve budget adjustments needed to spend grant funds

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Fire Department: John Tenger, Fire Chief)

Presenter: La Vona Koretke, Deputy Fire Marshall

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Fire/EMS

COUNCIL PRIORITY –Improve Public Safety

a) Resolution No. 2024-173

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE RATE INCREASE

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-143, approving the annual residential and commercial solid waste and recycling rate adjustments pursuant to the terms of the City of Escondido’s (“City’s”) adopted Solid Waste and Recycling Franchise Agreement with Escondido Disposal, Inc. (“EDI”) Upon approval by the City Council, the proposed rate adjustments will become effective January 1, 2025.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Utilities: Angela Morrow, Director of Utilities)

Presenter: Angela Morrow, Director of Utilities

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Keep City Clean for Public Health and Safety; Recycling and Waste Management

COUNCIL PRIORITY –Improve Public Safety and Increase Retention and Attraction of People and Businesses to Escondido

a) Resolution No. 2024-143

Motion: Morasco; Second: J. Garcia; Approved: 5-0



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16. SPECIFIC PLAN AMENDMENT, CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT, AND DESIGN REVIEW PERMIT- PL23-0296, PL23-0297 AND PL24-0217 – CHICK-FIL-A DRIVE THROUGH ESTABLISHMENT

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-160 for approval of a Specific Plan Amendment to the South Centre City Specific Plan to allow for “eating establishments with a drive-through” as a conditionally permitted use within the 13th Avenue Corners District, specifically on the subject site; a Conditional Use Permit to the permit the proposed drive-through use; and a Design Review Permit for construction of the drive-through facility. The project would demolish an existing 9,558 square-foot restaurant building. The new drive-through restaurant consists of a 3,124-gross square-foot, one-story building, with an outdoor dining area of approximately 1,026 square feet (48 outdoor seats). The Project also includes adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the Project.

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

Presenter: Veronica Morones, City Planner / Greg Mattson, AICP, Contract Planner

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Land Use/Development Services

COUNCIL PRIORITY - Increase Retention and Attraction of People and Businesses to Escondido

a) Resolution No. 2024-160

Motion: Morasco; Second: White; Approved: 4-1 (Martinez – No)

17. TENTATIVE PARCEL MAP, NON-EMERGENCY DEMOLITION PERMIT, CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS, AND A DESIGN REVIEW PERMIT – MISSION/CCP TPM & DRIVE THROUGH FACILITIES – PL24-0057/PL22-0396/PL22-0397/PL22-0398/PL24-0198

Request the City Council adopt the following Resolutions approving the Project:

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-163, approving a Grant of Access on Centre City Parkway for the Project Site.

Adopt Resolution No. 2024-164, approving a Tentative Parcel Map, Design Review Permit, a Non-Emergency Demolition Permit, three Conditional Use Permits for operation of three distinct drive-through uses and to reduce the amount of required off-street parking spaces (for Parcel 4), and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program prepared for the Project.

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

Presenter: Ivan Flores, AICP, Senior Planner



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ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Land Use/Development

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Increase Retention and Attraction of People and Businesses to Escondido

a) Resolution No. 2024-163

b) Resolution No. 2024-164

Motion: White; Second: Morasco; Approved: 3-1 (Martinez – No; C. Garcia – Recuse)

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

Request the City Council adopt Interim Ordinance No. 2024-14 extending Urgency Ordinance No. 2024-12R prohibiting new commercial Battery Energy Storage Systems within the City of Escondido, including the Report Regarding Measures Taken to Alleviate Conditions which Led to Adoption of Urgency Ordinance No. 2024-12R.

Staff Recommendation: None (Development Services: Christopher W. McKinney, Deputy City Manager)

Presenter: Veronica Morones, City Planner

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes, Land Use/Development

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Improve Public Safety

a) Ordinance No. 2024-14

Cori Schumacher – Expressed opposition to the maximum extension of the moratorium and requested the addition of minimum workforce safety standards for Battery Energy Storage Systems.

Dan Harmon – Expressed opposition to the maximum extension of the moratorium and offered to participate in a working group to establish regulations that align with Clean Energy Goals.

Cristina Marquez – Expressed opposition to the maximum extension of the moratorium and requested the addition of minimum workforce safety standards for Battery Energy Storage Systems.

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

CURRENT BUSINESS



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19. ADOPTION OF THE 2024 EMERGENCY OPERATONS PLAN

Request the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2024-159, approving the updated City of Escondido Emergency Operations Plan 2024.

Staff Recommendation: Approval and File (Fire Department: John Tenger, Fire Chief)

Presenter: Jeff Murdock, Emergency/Disaster Preparedness Manager

ESSENTIAL SERVICE – Yes - Police Services; Fire/EMS Services; Public Works/Infrastructure

COUNCIL PRIORITY – Improve Public Safety

a) Resolution No. 2024-159

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

FUTURE AGENDA

20. 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)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor White adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

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Dane White
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MAYOR

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Zack Beck
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