

CITY OF ESCONDIDO**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ESCONDIDO PLANNING COMMISSION****July 11, 2017**

The meeting of the Escondido Planning Commission Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Weber, in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.

Commissioners present: Jeffery Weber, Chairman; Don Romo, Vice-Chair; Michael Cohen, Commissioner; Joe Garcia, Commissioner; James McNair, Commissioner; James Spann, Commissioner; and Stan Weiler, Commissioner.

Commissioners absent: None.

Staff present: Bill Martin, Director of Community Development; Mike Strong, Assistant Planning Director; Owen Tunnell, Principal Engineer; Adam Phillips, Deputy City Attorney; and Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk.

MINUTES:

Moved by Commissioner Spann seconded by Commissioner Garcia, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2017, meeting. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

FUTURE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: – None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:**1. ZONING CODE AMENDMENT – AZ 17-0002:**

REQUEST A proposal to modify Article 57 of the Escondido Zoning Code (Miscellaneous Use Restrictions) to add Sec. 33-1124, which would establish an expedited, cost-effective permitting process for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations to meet current State law requirements. No development project is proposed.

PROPERTY SIZE AND LOCATION: Citywide

Mike Strong, Assistant Planning Director, referenced the staff report and noted staff recommended approval of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Code, for the following reason: 1) The purpose of the amendment was to bring the Escondido Zoning Code into compliance with State law to promote the State's goal to achieve a more sustainable transportation network.

ACTION:

Moved by Commissioner Spann, seconded by Chairman Weber, to approve staff's recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. (7-0)

CURRENT BUSINESS:

1. Overview of CEQA Requirements

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is one of the most important state laws affecting local planning decisions. Mike Strong, Assistant Planning Director, referenced the staff report and provided a presentation on CEQA and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) requirements.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing and costs associated with an EIR.

ORAL COMMUNATIONS: None.

PLANNING COMMISSIONERS: No comments.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Weber adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m. The next meeting was scheduled for August 8, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 201 North Broadway, Escondido, California.



Mike Strong, Secretary to the Escondido
Planning Commission



Ty Paulson, Minutes Clerk