

**ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 19, 2024
REGULAR MEETING/ELECTRONIC MEETING - 6:00 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING/ELECTRONIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.
WORK MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
ESCALANTE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 56 NORTH 100 WEST**

Mayor Melani Torgersen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Escalante City Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Blaine Porter, Sally Orme, Marlene Stowe, City Attorney Barry Huntington and City Recorder Stephanie Steed. Council member Lenza Wilson arrived at 6:03. Council member Chad Lyman arrived at 6:05.

Also present were Richard White, Lawrence Barnes, Bill Weppner, Kevin Smedley, City Treasurer Nancy Porter, Mark Austin, David Bird, Fred Spencer, Marcie Hoffman, Ian Marynowski, Kaitlin Martin, Morgan Flynn and Terence Tontlewicz.

Ashley Coombs joined electronically.

Mayor Torgersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Council member Porter moved to adopt the agenda as written. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Orme and Porter voting aye.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MARCH 5, 2024 MEETING

Council member Orme moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2024 meeting as written. Council member Stowe seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Stowe and Porter voting aye.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Council member Stowe moved to open the public hearing at 6:02 p.m. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Orme, Stowe and Porter voting aye.

ORDINANCE 2024-09 AMENDING ORDINANCE 8.04.050 3 (E) AND 8.04.050 4 (A) REQUIRING A COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT.

Council member Wilson arrived at this time. City Recorder Steed explained Ordinance 2024-09. Mayor Torgersen asked if there were any questions or comments from the public.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Council member Porter moved to close the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Wilson, Orme and Porter voting aye.

DECISION ON ORDINANCE 2024-09 AMENDING ORDINANCE 8.04.050 3 (E) AND 8.04.050 4 (A) REQUIRING A COUNTY BUILDING PERMIT.

Mayor Torgersen asked the Council if any discussion was needed on this Ordinance. **Council member Stowe moved to approve Ordinance 2024-09. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Porter, Stowe, Wilson and Orme voting aye.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS

LAWRANCE BARNES

Council member Lyman arrived at this time. Mr. Barnes said this is regarding to the street on 100 North by the new Multi-Purpose Center. Mr. Barnes said there use to be a yield sign there but after the new Muti-Purpose Center was built it was not put back up. Mr. Barnes asked the Council to look at this issue and replace the sign.

MARCIE HOFFMAN

Ms. Hoffman asked if there is a possibility of painting a P for parking in front of her business on 210 West Main. Ms. Hoffman explained that where the bike lane has a bike logo on it people do not know if they can park in front of her business. Ms. Hoffman said customers will pull up and look around then leave due to not knowing if they are allowed to park there.

PLANNING AND ZONING ITEMS

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATES

Council member Stowe said last week Planning and Zoning had a public hearing on the General Plan modifications and Ordinance changes. Council member Stowe explained there were some concerns about public input on the General Plan modifications. Council member Stowe said someone asked about the survey only having four questions. Council member Stowe said the survey for the General Plan had sixteen questions and there were work meetings with public comments. Council member Stowe said there were also questions on the Ordinances that the Planning and Zoning addressed before they recommended them to the Council for approval.

GENERAL PLAN MODIFICATIONS

Kevin Smedley explained the process to update the General Plan. Mayor Torgersen thanked Mr. Smedley for all his help. **Council member Orme moved to adopt the General Plan. Council member Lyman seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Porter, Lyman, Wilson, Stowe and Orme voting aye.**

ORDINANCE 2024-06 AMENDING ORDINANCE 10.34.040 PROCEDURE FOR REZONING

Council member Stowe explained Ordinance 2024-06. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning had a public hearing and there were concerns with the definition of directly affected and what happens if a neighbor does not get a notification letter. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning added the definition of directly affected and recommends this ordinance for approval. **Council member Stowe moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-06. Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Lyman, Stowe, Porter, Orme and Wilson voting aye.**

ORDINANCE 2024-07 AMENDING ORDINANCE 10.54.270 LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS

Council member Stowe explained Ordinance 2024-07. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning had a public hearing and explained the concerns from the public. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning took into consideration the concerns and added them to the Ordinance. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning has recommended this Ordinance for approval. **Council member Stowe moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-07. Council member Orme seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Lyman, Wilson, Orme and Porter voting aye.**

ORDINANCE 2024-08 AMENDING ORDINANCE 10.54.280 SINGLE PARCEL SPLIT

Council member Stowe explained Ordinance 2024-08. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning had a public hearing and explained the concerns from the public. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning took into consideration the concerns and added them to the Ordinance. Council member Stowe said Planning and Zoning has recommended this Ordinance for approval. **Council member Stowe moved to adopt Ordinance 2024-08. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Orme, Lyman, Wilson and Porter voting aye.**

MARCIE HOFFMAN- LOT LINE ADJUSTMENT – 600 SOUTH 800 WEST – RR-1-10

Ms. Hoffman explained her project. Council member Stowe said this project meets all the requirements and Planning and Zoning has recommended it for approval. Council member Porter asked if there is a right-of-way to access this property. Ms. Hoffman said yes. Mayor Torgersen said the recorded right-of-way document is attached to Ms. Hoffmans application. **Council member Stowe moved to approve the Municipal Project Approval Form for Ms. Hoffman. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Wilson, Lyman, Porter, Orme and Stowe voting aye.**

SCHEDULED ITEMS

MORGAN FLYNN – NONPROFIT VETERINARY CLINIC

Ms. Flynn explained she is working on setting up a Nonprofit Veterinary Clinic in Escalante. Ms. Flynn said she works for a traveling Nonprofit Veterinary Clinic in Arizona. Ms. Flynn explained the program and process of opening a Nonprofit Veterinary Clinic.

RICHARD B. WHITE, PE, PLLC– FLOOD STUDY

Mr. White presented a presentation on the Flood Sturdy program he is working on. Mr. White said the next step would be to look at grants for flood control projects.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ADMINISTRATIVE

City Recorder Steed thanked Kevin Smedley and the Planning and Zoning Commission for all their work on the General Plan and the Ordinance amendments.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Public Works Department was not present at said meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

BILL WEPPNER

Mr. Weppner said since the last Council meeting the Fire Department has had four incidents. Mr. Weppner said one was having a field trip with the 4-H program, an assist for 506 and two false alarms at the interagency office. Mr. Weppner said with the City having an Ordinance in place for false alarms he would like to send the Interagency Office a letter letting them know if there is another false alarm they will be billed for it. Mayor Torgersen told Mr. Weppner to work with City Treasurer Porter on the billing.

Mr. Weppner explained the Fire Department has a 1991 pumper engine that needs to be replaced. Mr. Weppner said the pumper engine has valves leaking and they cannot find parts for it. Mr. Weppner said he would like to look into the FEMA Fire Department grants next year and apply to replace the pumper truck.

COUNCIL REPORTS

MAYOR MELANI TORGERSEN

Mayor Torgersen had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER CHAD LYMAN

Council member Lyman said he is working with the public work employees on getting some road base around the corners of the City Streets and hot mix to fix some potholes.

Council member Lyman said the road on 200 East behind Jerry Taylors property where McKenna Cook is going to build her home has issues with fire access and snow removal. Council member Lyman said the road is too narrow and there is a power pole in the way.

Council member Lyman said Garkane Energy has contacted him about replacing some power lines in Moqui Gardens. Council member Lyman said they are asking if the City would like them to go overhead or underground. Council member Wilson asked if he could contact Garkane about this issue. Council member Lyman said yes, just keep him in the loop.

COUNCIL MEMBER LENZA WILSON

Council member Wilson explained there is a problem with the electrical panel at the City Road Shed and he needs to install a new one.

COUNCIL MEMBER BLAINE PORTER

Council member Porter had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARLENE STOWE

Council member Stowe had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCIL MEMBER SALLY ORME

Council member Orme had nothing to report at this time.

UNPAID BILLS

Council member Stowe moved to pay the unpaid bills. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried with Council members Stowe, Orme, Lyman, Wilson and Porter voting aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no executive session needed at this time.

**Council member Orme moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m.
Council member Porter seconded the motion. Motion carried with all in favor.**

Mayor Torgersen opened the work meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Escalante City Council Chambers.

Present at said meeting were Mayor Torgersen, Council members Porter, Orme, Wilson, Stowe, Lyman, City Attorney Huntington and City Recorder Steed.

Also present were Mark Austin, David Bird and Lawrence Barnes.

The work meeting was to discuss Vacating City Streets, Right-of-Ways and Land with Mark Austin and his Attorney David Bird.

The work meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Stephanie Steed, MMC
City Recorder

Date minutes approved: 4/16/2024.