

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05R

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ESCONDIDO, CALIFORNIA,
AMENDING SECTIONS 2-21 AND 2-24 OF
THE ESCONDIDO MUNICIPAL CODE
PERTAINING TO THE TIME OF REGULAR
CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SELECTION
OF A DEPUTY MAYOR

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 36813 authorizes a City Council to adopt rules of procedure to govern its meetings; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 54954 allows the City Council to provide the time and place for holding regular meetings; and

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 36801 also provides authority for the City Council to select one of its members to serve as a Deputy Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Sections 2-21 and 2-24 of the Escondido Municipal Code provides for the regular meeting times and the selection of a Deputy Mayor.

The City Council of the City of Escondido, California, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN as follows:

SECTION 1. That Section 2-21 of the Escondido Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-21. Time, location of meetings.

(a) The City Council shall hold regular meetings commencing with closed

session items at 3:30 p.m. and regular public meetings at 4:30 p.m. on each of the first four (4) Wednesdays of each calendar month at the Escondido City Hall or such other location as the City Council may designate from time to time.

- (b) If any regular City Council meeting falls on a holiday, such meeting shall be held on the next business day or on such other day as the City Council may designate.

SECTION 2. That Section 2-24 of the Escondido Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2-24. Selection of Deputy Mayor.

- (a) The City Council shall meet on the first Wednesday following certification of the results of the general municipal election and select a Deputy Mayor by appointment from among the Council members.
- (b) Selection of the Deputy Mayor will be done on a rotating basis with priority given to the most senior Council member who has never served as Deputy Mayor. If two new Council members are elected at the same time, the one with the highest votes shall have first preference in the selection. After all Council members serve one term as Deputy Mayor, the selection shall revert to a normal rotation process.
- (c) The Deputy Mayor shall serve until a new appointment is made in accordance with this section.

SECTION 3. SEPARABILITY. If any section, subsection sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is held invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

SECTION 4. That as of the effective date of this ordinance, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to certify to the passage of this ordinance and to cause the same or a summary to be published one time within 15 days of its passage in a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Escondido.