

JOINT MEETING OF THE EL CAJON CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY



MINUTES

CITY OF EL CAJON EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

March 13, 2018

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of El Cajon, California held Tuesday, March 13, 2018, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:01 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Goble, Kalasho and McClellan
Council/Agencymembers absent:	None
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair present:	Kendrick
Mayor/Chair present:	Wells
Other Officers present:	Aguirre, City Clerk/Secretary Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel Mitchell, Assistant City Manager Williford, City Manager/Executive Director

COUNCILMEMBER GOBLE led the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG and a MOMENT OF SILENCE. (The Courts have concluded that sectarian prayer as part of City Council Meetings is not permitted under the Constitution).

POSTINGS: The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the February 27, 2018, meetings and the Agenda of the March 13, 2018, meeting in accordance with State Law and Council/Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Proclamation: Frances Sebastian Bera**
- **Presentation: Rady Children's Hospital – High Risk Infant Program**

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1.1 – 1.7)

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE Consent Items 1.1 to 1.7.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

1.1 MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETINGS

Approve Minutes of the February 27, 2018 Meetings of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

1.2 WARRANTS

Approve payment of Warrants as submitted by the Finance Department.

1.3 APPROVAL OF READING BY TITLE AND WAIVER OF READING IN FULL OF ORDINANCES ON AGENDA

Approve the reading by title and waive the reading in full of all Ordinances on the Agenda.

**1.4 ACCEPTANCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS, TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP (TSM) 659, MAGNOLIA TRAILS RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (SOUTHEAST CORNER OF CHASE AVENUE AND MAGNOLIA AVENUE) ENGINEERING JOB NO. 3504.
(Report: Dirk Epperson, Director of Public Works)**

Accepts the improvements and authorizes the City Clerk to release the security guaranteeing the improvements in accordance with the subdivision agreement, and require the developer to maintain insurance in force until the release of all bonds for the project.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

**1.5 OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2017 QUARTERLY TREASURER’S REPORT
(Report: Clay Schoen, Director of Finance and Treasurer)**

Receives the Treasurer’s Report for quarter ending December 31, 2017.

**1.6 EXTENSION OF PROFESSIONAL AUDITING SERVICES
(Report: Clay Schoen, Director of Finance)**

Authorizes the City Manager to extend the existing Agreement for Professional Services with Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, for one additional year, increasing the contract by \$48,550.00, for a total contract amount of \$194,790.00.

**1.7 ACCEPTANCE OF PETSMAST CHARITIES, INC. GRANT
(Report: Dirk Epperson, Director of Public Works)**

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council ratifies a grant agreement with PetSmart Charities for \$50,000.00 and appropriates the grant for the purchase of spay and neuter equipment for the new El Cajon Animal Shelter, and authorizes related transfers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Debbrah Reeves spoke in support of Rent Control.

Jim Cirigliano provided Council with an update on the rent mediation efforts for Mobile Home Park – Villa Novia.

JC stated that his constitutional rights have been violated.

Carol Carroll, owner of Carol’s Daycare, stated that having a marijuana dispensary near her business is detrimental for her customers and neighborhood. She provided pictures for Council.

City Manager Williford stated that the store on Washington Avenue, near Ms. Carroll’s business should not be open much longer as the City has been going through the legal process to close it down.

Councilmembers spoke in support of closing the existing marijuana stores.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

Eric Lund praised the City Council and Staff for supporting the opening of the Marriott Hotel in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Kendrick stated that the combination of the new Marriott Hotel and the future opening of the East County Performance Arts Center (ECPAC)

Harold Brown spoke about a fundraiser scheduled for May 5, 2018. Monies will be used for new buildings at the East County Transitional Living Center (ECTLC).

Brenda Hammond spoke of the benefits of exercising to music.

Larry Schulte spoke about making sewer payments online. He thanked staff for helping to get the property at Main Street & Greenfield Ave. cleaned up. Mr. Schulte complimented the Recreation Guide, which included important numbers for the City. He suggested including non-emergency numbers for the Police Department and Fire Departments.

City Manager Williford gave credit to **Dave Richards** for leading the publication of the Recreation Department, along with people from the different City departments.

Bonnie Price suggested adopting an Ordinance to regulate rent control in Mobile Home Parks in the City.

Stephanie Parker spoke in support of rent control in the City, which could prevent homelessness.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

**4.1 PROACTIVE APARTMENT INSPECTION PROGRAM
(Report: Dan Pavao, Building Official/Fire Marshal)**

RECOMMENDATION: Informational only.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 4.1 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

City Manager Williford provided a summary of the Item, and introduced Dan Pavao, Building Official who gave a detailed report of the apartment inspection program.

Discussion ensued among **Council** and Inspector LC Wright concerning the following:

- Schedule for inspection on properties;
- The use of Sector Maps for inspections;
- Tenants calling to request inspections;
- Yearly reviews for recurring offenders.

4.2 UPDATE ON CITY OF EL CAJON'S HOMELESS STRATEGIES (Report: Graham Mitchell, Assistant City Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: That the **City Council** considers an update regarding the City's homeless programs implemented in 2017, and provide direction on any changes to those programs.

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager Graham Mitchell provided a summary of the Item and introduced **Karina Hernandez**, Housing Navigator for Crisis House, **Captain Sean Kelsey** from Salvation Army El Cajon Corps, and **Eric Lund** from the East County Chamber of Commerce. Each of them provided an update of the continued efforts on the homeless strategies.

Eric Lund introduced **Anna Marie Piconi Snyder**, new Coordinator Director for the East County Homeless Task Force. Ms. Piconi Snyder shared information on the East County Food Resources Programs.

Discussion ensued among **Council** and Inspector LC Wright concerning the following:

- Suggestion to add a sign below the current anti-panhandling sign, which would provide the homeless population information to get help;
- Suggestion to post larger anti-panhandling signs, when replacing by attrition;
- Request for data providing what the results of the current efforts have been;
- Suggestion to post signs near the freeway exits.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 4.2 – Continued)

David Chenoweth stated that sub-committees should have been formed to review homeless strategies. He stated that the strategic plan divides the community, and disagrees with signage that directs the homeless community to one non-profit group while excluding the rest of the non-profit opportunities. **Mr. Chenoweth** encouraged the City Council to create a sub-committee to avoid making haste mistakes in the future.

Stephanie Harper was not in the Council Chamber when called to the podium.

City Manager Williford clarified that a Motion and a Vote were required to incorporate the changes made by **Councilmember Goble** and **Mayor Pro Tem Kendrick** to Staff's Recommendation.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to DIRECT, and using Staff's discretion design a larger Anti-Panhandling sign with the additional sign as directed by Council.

Motion was postponed when further questions were raised by **Councilmember Kalasho**.

Councilmember Kalasho suggested adding a similar sign to Police Vehicles to provide information to the homeless population.

Mayor Wells suggested voting on the motion on the floor and then proceeding with discussion on the idea brought forward by **Councilmember Kalasho**.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to DIRECT, and using Staff's discretion, to design a larger Anti-Panhandling sign with the additional sign as directed by Council.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Mayor Wells suggested directing Staff to investigate the regulations of posting signs on Police cars.

City Manager Williford agreed with **Mayor Wells**, and he suggested bringing back information for City Council to consider.

Councilmember Kalasho stated that posting a removable sign on Police cars would reach more people than posting a sign.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 4.2 – Continued)

MOTION BY KALASHO, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to DIRECT Staff to perform study on adding temporary signs to Police Vehicles, and present findings to City Council.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

*Recess called at 4:56 p.m.
Meeting called back to order at 5:00 p.m.*

5. COMMISSION REPORTS: None

David Chenoweth praised **Councilmember Goble** for his work on behalf of the City Council. He suggested that the Council Activity reports include the amount of time spent on each event, and perhaps who **Councilmembers** are meeting with.

6. ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF MAYOR WELLS/COMMENTS

SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments); League of California Cities, San Diego Division; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate; Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee. LAFCO*

6.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

REPORT AS STATED.

6.2 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mayor Wells reported that at its last meeting, the City Council formally opposed Senate Bills 827 and 946. SB 827 strips the City of its local land use authority for housing projects proposed near transit centers. SB 946 restricts the City's ability to regulate sidewalk vendors. The City has prepared opposition letters on these two bills. As these bills move through the legislative process, Mayor Wells will update the City Council.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

7.

MAYOR PRO TEM GARY KENDRICK

Heartland Communications JPA; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

7.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

REPORT AS STATED.

8.

COUNCILMEMBER BOB MCCLELLAN

MTS (Metropolitan Transit System Board); Harry Griffen Park Joint Steering Committee; Heartland Communications JPA – Alternate.

8.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

REPORT AS STATED.

9.

COUNCILMEMBER BEN KALASHO

East County Economic Development Council – Alternate; METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee – Alternate.

9.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

REPORT AS STATED.

10.

COUNCILMEMBER STEVE GOBLE

SANDAG – Alternate; SANDAG Public Safety Committee – Alternate; Chamber of Commerce – Government Affairs; MTS (Metropolitan Transit System Board) – Alternate; East County Economic Development Council; METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA - Alternate.

10.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

REPORT AS STATED.

11. JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

**11.1 DONATION TO SALVATION ARMY FOR EL CAJON SENIORS
(Report: Councilmember McClellan, Mayor Pro Tem Kendrick)**

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council consider a \$10,000.00 grant to the Salvation Army to assist El Cajon seniors as part of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Pro Tem Kendrick spoke of the significant contribution the Salvation Army made to local seniors with the \$5,000.00 previously donated by the City, and proposed increasing the grant to \$10,000.00 as part of the 2018-19 Fiscal Year. He thanked **Stephanie Harper** for suggesting the grant increase to the Salvation Army.

Councilmember McClellan spoke in support of the increased budget request, and he suggested making the monies available when the 2018-19 budget is adopted to allow the Salvation Army to use throughout the year.

Councilmembers spoke in support of **Councilmember McClellan's** suggestion.

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to consider a \$10,000.00 grant to the Salvation Army to assist El Cajon seniors as part of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget. Grant Money would be available when Fiscal Year is adopted.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

13. ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

14. ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

15. CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency adjourns to Closed Session as follows:

15.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION –
pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9:

Name of Case: Cajon Valley Union School District, et al.

v.

Tracy Sandoval, et al.

Superior Court of California
County of San Diego
Case No. 37-2017-00051002-CU-WM-CTL

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 5:09 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

16. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 5:20 P.M.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

15.1 City Council as City Council and Successor Agency gave direction to the City Attorney on the Litigation Case.

Adjournment: Mayor Wells adjourned the Regular Joint Meeting of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency held this 13th day of March 2018, at 5:21 p.m. to Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

Angela Aguirre
City Clerk/Secretary