

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



MINUTES

CITY OF EL CAJON EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

JULY 10, 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, July 10, 2018, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:02 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Goble and Kalasho
Council/Agencymembers absent:	McClellan
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair present:	Kendrick
Mayor/Chair present:	Wells
Other Officers present:	Aguirre, City Clerk/Secretary Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel Mitchell, City Manager/Executive Director

Mayor Wells acknowledged the presence of former **El Cajon Mayor Shoemaker** in the audience.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG led by former Mayor Shoemaker and 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 June 26, 2018 Meeting and the Agenda of the July 10, 2018 Meeting in accordance with State Law and Council/Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation: Parks & Recreation Month

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 7)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 7.

**MOTION CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE
(McCLELLAN – Absent).**

1. Minutes of City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency

Approves Minutes of the June 26, 2018 Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

2. Warrants

Approves payment of Warrants as submitted by the Finance Department.

3. Approval of Reading Ordinances by Title only

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

4. Accept Traffic Safety Calming – El Cajon Valley High School Project, PW3615, Bid No. 006-18

1. Accepts the Traffic Safety Calming – El Cajon Valley High School project, PW3615, Bid No. 006-18; and
2. Authorizes the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release the bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

5. Mother Goose Parade Association Sponsorship and Provide In-Kind Support

Approves the request from the Mother Goose Parade Association to participate as a sponsor and provide in-kind support for the 2018 Mother Goose Parade.

6. Staffing Changes in the City Clerk's Office

1. Deletes the Secretary position; and
2. Adds an Administrative Secretary position.

7. License Agreement for Wireless Installation on Public Structures with Crown Castle NG West LLC

Adopts RESOLUTION NO. 075-18, a resolution authorizing a License Agreement for Wireless Installation on Public Structures with Crown Castle NG West LLC.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Paul Kruze asked Councilmember Kalasho to resign now and to pay attention to his comments. Mr. Kruze stated Councilmember Kalasho posted insulting Tweets about him and deluded himself by thinking that he is going to be the next Mayor. He added that Councilmember Kalasho does not represent the good people of El Cajon.

Mariam Raftery, editor of the East County Magazine spoke of Councilmember Kalasho having an unethical conduct (i.e. making malicious comments via social media on her and Mr. Kruze). She stated, she felt compelled to put a statement on the record and encouraged others to speak up.

Sunshine Horton spoke of higher authority and being grateful to God. She read various religious phrases and ended her comment with "God takes care of good people and God will take care of you, Mr. Kalasho".

Zachary Wikholm, a local photographer, stated he recently read stories involving Councilmember Kalasho and people that felt threatened by someone in power, which made him very angry. He added that the City of El Cajon has always done the right thing when faced with trouble and is asking to continue the tradition.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

Bonnie Price expressed concern about the asylum seekers at 1160 Broadway. Ms. Price would like the City to take action against the facility by holding a public hearing to deal with the issues and send inspectors to check on the children's welfare.

In response to Ms. Price's concern, **City Manager Mitchell** advised that Southwest Keys is under federal government regulations. He added that the City has no authority over the property.

Mayor Wells advised Ms. Price to seek guidance from the federal government. He also suggested that Ms. Price speak to Congresswoman Susan Davis.

Taylor Abeel requested that Councilmember Kalasho step down. He called for a resignation, and stated Mr. Kalasho lacks ethics and moral integrity to make decisions on behalf of the citizens of the city.

Nathan Cornett discussed the unethical and illegal actions of Councilmember Kalasho and requested his resignation. Mr. Cornett spoke of Councilmember Kalasho's conduct, listing personal ethics and rules of the law, being a bully and sex predator, fraud, hidden assets, and not showing up for court appearances.

Heather Friedman stated Mr. Chenoweth invited her to participate in the council meeting. She spoke of children being taken away from their parents and stated the City must find a way to figure out if the children are properly cared for. Ms. Friedman expressed concern about comments made about Councilmember Kalasho.

Jim Cirigliano spoke in support of rent control. Mr. Cirigliano suggested that the City makes Form 700 and Form 460 available on the city's website. He spoke in support of Councilmember Kalasho, indicating that he has always been supportive with the rent mediation situation.

David Chenoweth spoke of family separation and the Refugee and Resettlement Office at 1160 Broadway.

Phil Ortiz asked Councilmember Kalasho to resign. He stated Councilmember Kalasho is unfit for leadership, objectifies women, ruined business, and insulted elected officials. Mr. Ortiz also stated that the citizens of El Cajon disapprove of Councilmember Kalasho's leadership. Mr. Ortiz requested that the City create a Code of Conduct that each elected official will abide by if elected.

Justin Schlaefli spoke on behalf of his east county family and friends that could not be present. He demanded the resignation of Councilmember Kalasho and spoke of the conduct including bullying businesses, bogus filings, intimidation and coercion related to the Middle East Pageant among other abusive behaviors.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

Cristina Park, a business owner in El Cajon, spoke about suffering from problems related to the homeless situation and crimes in the City. She stated she disapproves of the actions of Councilmember Kalasho. Ms. Park spoke about Councilmember Kalasho losing his non-profit tax status because he could not follow the rules of the state with the Middle East Pageant.

Tony Sottile asked that Councilmember Kalasho resign. He disapproves of Councilmember Kalasho's UTube videos. He added that Councilmember Kalasho was elected to be a trustee of the people and the trust no longer exists.

***Recess called at 3:59 p.m.
Meeting called back to order at 4:05 p.m.***

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

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*

8. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

9. Legislative Update - No Report

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

10. MAYOR PRO TEM GARY KENDRICK

Heartland Communications JPA; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

11. COUNCILMEMBER BOB MCCLELLAN

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

Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

12. COUNCILMEMBER BEN KALASHO

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

Council Activities Report/Comments

Councilmember Kalasho, made an invitation to the Ms. Middle Eastern Beauty Pageant and acknowledged the people in the audience carrying signs.

13. 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.

Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

CLOSED SESSION: None

Adjournment: Mayor Wells adjourned the Regular Joint Meeting of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency held this 10th day of July 2018, at 4:05 p.m. to Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

Angela Aguirre
City Clerk/Secretary