

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



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CITY OF EL CAJON EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

JULY 24, 2018

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of El Cajon, California, held Tuesday, July 24, 2018, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 7:01 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California. This meeting was adjourned from the Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 24, 2018, by order of the City Council and Redevelopment Agency.

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, City Manager/Executive Director

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

AGENDA CHANGES: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

100 East County Crematorium - Appeal of Planning Commission Decision

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Opens the public hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the public hearing; and
3. Moves to ADOPT the next RESOLUTION, in order, AFFIRMING the decision of the El Cajon Planning Commission and DENYING the application of East County Crematorium for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 2247.

DISCUSSION

Deputy Director of Community Development, Anthony Shute, provided detailed information on the item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

Jan Thruston, owner of Crystal Cleaners, spoke against the decision made by the Planning commission.

Jan Kelley, Crisis Team Manager with the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP), spoke in support of Mr. Zakar's request.

Shawn Kelley, volunteer with Trauma Intervention Program, spoke in support of Mr. Zakar's request.

Alfred Atallah, a local attorney, spoke in support of Mr. Zakar's request.

Tim Yousif spoke in support of Mr. Zakar's request. Stated there is no detriment to the public's safety and health.

Robert Zakar, applicant for the East County Crematorium, provided detailed information on the proposed project.

John Ragget, with the American Crematory, offered information on the equipment to be utilized and answered questions in reference to its use. He advised that the equipment is regulated throughout the year by three different agencies to ensure optimal service.

Dured Zakar granted his time to Mr. Robert Zakar.

Elly Harris, representing La Mesa's City Hope, read a letter composed by her Executive Director, Daniel Wolmak, that supported Mr. Zakar.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Continued – 100)

Eddy Brikho granted his time to Mr. Zakar.

Teresa Topping spoke in support of Mr. Zakar.

Daryl Priest, President of the El Cajon Planned Business Improvement Development (PBID), stated that the proposed crematorium would not be in line with SP182, which protects the downtown Business District.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Concerns over the National City Mortuary's card box fire incident;
- Consideration of SP182.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to CLOSE Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY KALASHO, to UPHOLD the appeal and DENY the Planning Commission's decision.

**MOTION FAILED BY 4-1 VOTE
(WELLS, KENDRICK, McCLELLAN, AND GOBLE – NO).**

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN to ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 077-18, AFFIRMING the decision of the El Cajon Planning Commission and DENYING the application of East County Crematorium for Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 2247.

**MOTION CARRIED BY 4-1 VOTE
(KALASHO – NO).**

ADJOURNMENT: The Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/ El Cajon Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 24th day of July 2018, is adjourned to Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

Angela Aguirre
City Clerk/Secretary