

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



MINUTES

CITY OF EL CAJON EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

March 12, 2019

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 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:	Kalasho, Kendrick and McClellan
Council/Agencymembers absent:	None
Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair present:	Goble
Mayor/Chair present:	Wells
Other Officers present:	Mitchell, City Manager/Executive Director DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel Cortez, City Clerk/Secretary

Mayor Wells invited Dr. Bonnie Price, to lead the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG 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 February 26, 2019, Meetings and the Agenda of the March 12, 2019, Meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Update on Airport Development Plan**

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 8)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 8.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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

Approves Minutes of the February 26, 2019, Meetings of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

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. Termination of Emergency Declaration for Sewer Repairs on North Pierce Street

Adopts Resolution No. 023-19, proclaiming the termination of a local Emergency Declaration in the City of El Cajon.

5. Rejection of Bid No. 025-19 - Traffic Safety Calming 2019

Adopts Resolution No. 024-19, to reject the bid and authorize re-bidding the project with revised specifications.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

6. Modification of City Council Policy A-29 - Confidential Employee Designation of One Accounting Technician Position

Approves the modification of City Council Policy A-29 which incorporates the Accounting Technician classification assigned to Payroll.

7. Fourth Amended National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, San Diego Regional Stormwater Copermittees Memorandum of Understanding 2019

Approves the Fourth Amended National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, San Diego Regional Stormwater Copermittees Memorandum of Understanding 2019 ("MOU"), and authorizes the City Manager to execute the MOU on behalf of the City.

8. Contract Amendment to City Monument Signs

Adopts Resolution No. 025-19, in order, to increase the contract for city monument signs in the not-to-exceed amount of \$46,463.69.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dolores Landers spoke about the City's Standard Operating Procedures in regards to zoning. Ms. Landers presented **City Manager Mitchell** with documents referencing the use of an exterior corner lot, and requested a letter from the city stating that her case is closed.

Brenda Hammond stated that she met with homeless subjects at Wells Park. Ms. Hammond stated the City can avoid extra expenses on police resources if people were less scared of homeless citizens.

Bonnie Price commended the City for addressing the homeless situation and asked if the City grants money to East County Transitional Living Center (ECTLC), based on housing the homeless people in the sectarian section only, or by other determinations. Ms. Price requested a per person amount, contributed by the City toward the winter program.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

In response to Ms. Price's question, **Mayor Wells** advised that the Block Grant Program, which the City awards to ECTLC is for their winter shelter program. Approximately \$100,000, is granted and it is not religious based. **Mayor Wells** clarified that other private donors contribute to the religious portions of the program and that **City Manager Mitchell**, will provide Ms. Price the per person cost information she requested.

Ruth Thornton expressed concerns regarding the homeless population in the City. She indicated that Wells Park and the areas of Walter Way are improving, but is concerned as where they are relocating to. Ms. Thornton said the City needs to do more for the homeless, and credits Officer Stoller for her work with Neighborhood Watch and creating a safer community.

Mayor Wells asked Ms. Thornton for her input for those who do not want help. Ms. Thornton stated that resources should be used on individuals that want assistance. **Mayor Wells** stated that many homeless subjects, when asked, have said they do not want the help and want to stay on the streets.

Councilmember Kendrick suggested the non-secular community coming together to create a program to host people that do not want the religious influence.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

9. Service Request Application for Mobile Devices and Computers

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council considers directing the City Manager to include a budget allocation in the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 proposed budget for a new service request management platform for mobile devices and computers.

DISCUSSION

Director of Information Technology, Sara Diaz, provided detailed information on the Item.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item #9 – Continued)

Discussion ensued among **Council** and **Staff** concerning the following:

- Cost consideration for proposed application options;
- Usage statistics by neighboring cities: National City, Chula Vista and La Mesa;
- Staffing and commitment being essential to making the application useful;
- Staff recommendation to procure the Reporting Only option;
- Success not measured by the number of clicks but rather through navigation data;
- Consider a pilot program and expand after;
- Home page use on a mobile device does not offer the feature to 'Submit a Concern';
- Importance of maintaining workload and getting a status update back to users;
- Option to hire additional personnel or contract out, if application creates an increase in workload;
- Grouping together with another city would incur higher cost due to integration; and
- Ability to link and send information to any page that is mobile compliant.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to IMPLEMENT a mobile application for Service Requests reporting.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10. Resolution of Support for Efforts to Improve the Water Quality and Reduce Transboundary Flows of Trash in the Tijuana River Valley

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts a Resolution supporting the City of Imperial Beach and other participating agencies in their effort to improve the water quality and reduce the transboundary flows of trash and debris in the Tijuana River Valley.

DISCUSSION

City Manager, Graham Mitchell, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among **Council** and **Staff** regarding the Regional Problem. **Councilmembers** spoke in support of the Item.

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 026-19, supporting the City of Imperial Beach and other participating agencies in their effort to improve the water quality and reduce the transboundary flow of trash and debris in the Tijuana River Valley.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) Board of Directors; SANDAG – Public Relations Selection Committee; League of California Cities, San Diego Division; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate; LAFCO.

11. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

12. Legislative Update – None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

13. COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK

METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

14. COUNCILMEMBER BOB MCCLELLAN

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

15. COUNCILMEMBER BEN KALASHO

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

16. DEPUTY MAYOR STEVE GOBLE

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

In addition to the report submitted, **Mayor Deputy Goble** praised the publication of El Cajon Gateway. He stated it is an efficient method to provide citizens with helpful information.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

CLOSED SESSIONS: None

Mayor Wells acknowledged the passing of George Bailey, and spoke about his achievements and contribution to San Diego politics.

Adjournment: Mayor Wells adjourned the Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 12th day of March, 2019, at 4:46 p.m., to Tuesday, March 26, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

Angela Cortez
City Clerk/Secretary