

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 26, 2019

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, March 26, 2019, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:03 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Kendrick and McClellan
Council/Agencymembers absent:	Kalasho
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 **Miss Teen El Cajon, Katie Crawley**, and **Miss El Cajon, Alexandria De Mars**, 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 March 12, 2019, meeting and the Agenda of the March 26, 2019, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **April Pool's Day**

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 OF THOSE PRESENT
(KALASHO – Absent).**

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

Approves Minutes of the March 12, 2019, Meeting 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. City of El Cajon Public Works Parks Division Donation

In accordance with City Council policy, staff informs the City Council about receiving the following donation for the Public Works Department Parks Division: El Cajon Lions Club - \$3,000 for the purchase of a park bench and plaque.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

5. Travel Expenses for the League of California Cities Planning Commissioners Academy – Ortiz

Reviews and approves the attached claims for advance/reimbursement of travel expense form for Planning Commissioner Phil Ortiz submitted in accordance with City Council Policy G-1.

6. Acceptance of the Cajon Valley Union School District-Safe Routes to School-Active Transportation Project, PW3544-ATPLNI 5211(034)

Accepts the Cajon Valley Union School District-Safe Routes to School-Active Transportation Project, PW3544-ATPLNI 5211(034), and authorizes the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion.

7. Community Event in the Right-of-Way – Chaldean New Year

Reviews and approves the submitted road closures and traffic control plan for the Chaldean New Year Community Event.

8. 2018 General Plan Annual Report

Accepts the annual progress report required by the State of California; and Directs staff to forward the report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kelli Studebaker, representing the Miss El Cajon Pageant, spoke about the program, and at the request of **Mayor Wells** advised of the orientation on April 13th at Parkway Plaza, and the 56th Annual Pageant at the El Cajon Marriott on June 15th.

Ruth Thornton stated that in her opinion, the City does not offer sufficient programs to help the homeless population.

Jim Cirigliano spoke about his dissatisfaction of the Town Hall meeting and provided suggestions. He shared his point of view regarding the homeless community. He stated, he will contact City Manager Mitchell in reference to the rent mediation process for Villa Novia Mobile Home Park.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

Stephanie Harper expressed dissatisfaction regarding the name change of the East County Performance Arts Center (ECPAC) to Magnolia Performing Arts Center without public input. She inquired on the status of her request for a time change to the Council meetings and shared her concern regarding parking at the new Hampton Inn.

In response to Ms. Harper's concern in reference to a name change to ECPAC, **City Manager Mitchell** advised that if Council desired, it can be placed on the Agenda for discussion. He also invited Ms. Harper to review the plans for the new hotel.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

9. Municipal Code Exemption - Amendment to Zoning Code No. 438

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the public hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the public hearing; and
3. Moves to INTRODUCE the next ORDINANCE, in order, APPROVING the amendment to the Zoning Code (Title 17) that adds a new section exempting City projects from zoning regulations, processing, and any applicable specific plan.

DISCUSSION

Director of Community Development, Anthony Shute, provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing.

No speakers came forward to speak.

Discussion ensued among **Council** and **Staff** concerning the monetary trigger for City Council approval and discretion on City projects.

Darrin Mroz expressed concern of not notifying the public of certain projects. He stated the City would be playing from two sets of rules with no oversight, and that he opposes the proposed amendment.

Paul Circo spoke in opposition of the Item. He stated that the proposal would erase the zoning ordinances.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 9 - Continued)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT
(KALASHO – Absent).**

Conversation continued among **Council** and **Staff** regarding:

- Planning Commission being omitted from decision making; and
- Value of transparency.

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY GOBLE, to DENY the Amendment to Zoning Code (Title 17), exempting City projects from zoning regulations, processing, and any applicable specific plan.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT
(KALASHO – Absent).**

10. Amendment of Specific Plan No. 182 – Freestanding Signs.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the public hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the public hearing; and
3. Moves to INTRODUCE the next ORDINANCE in order APPROVING the amendment to Specific Plan No. 182.

DISCUSSION

Director of Community Development, Anthony Shute, provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing.

No speakers came forward to speak.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT
(KALASHO – Absent).**

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 10 – Continued)

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

- New signs would be sensible and safe; and
- Lights would project internally and from ground level, so lighting at night would pose no issue.

MOTION BY KENDRICKS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to MOVE to introduce the Ordinance, and directs the City Clerk to read the title of the Ordinance.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT
(KALASHO – Absent).**

The **City Clerk** recited the title of the Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SPECIFIC PLAN NO. 182
TO ALLOW FOR FREE STANDING SIGNS UP TO
20 FEET HIGH ON QUALIFYING DEVELOPMENT SITES

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

11. Fiscal Year 2018-19 Mid-Year Report and Five-Year Business Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Receives and accepts the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Mid-Year Report and Five-Year Business Plan update;
2. Increases or modifies Fiscal Year 2018-19 appropriations in the net amount of \$245,000 for additional needs as detailed in this report; and
3. Authorizes the proposed capital expenditures detailed in this report.

DISCUSSION

Director of Finance, Clay Schoen, provided detailed information of the Item.

Stephanie Harper expressed concerns for expenses related to City vehicles and offered suggestions to save money. She spoke in opposition of executive staffs receiving raises.

In response to Ms. Harper's concern referencing expenditures related to City vehicles, **City Manager Mitchell**, clarified that those are expenses related to a million dollar Fire Department engine truck, which is in dire need of repairs.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

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

- Maintaining the Reserve Funds at 20%;
- CalPERS forecast to crest at the 10 year point; and
- City considering monetizing assets not previously considered.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to RECEIVE and ACCEPT the Fiscal Year 2018-19 Mid-Year Report and Five-Year Business Plan update; INCREASE or MODIFY Fiscal Year 2018-19 appropriations in the net amount of \$245,000; and AUTHORIZE the proposed capital expenditures detailed in the report.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT
(KALASHO – Absent).**

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

12. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

13. Legislative Update

Report: Bill Wells, Mayor

Mayor Wells provided information on AB 377 (Garcia), which authorizes microenterprise home kitchen operations.

The City will continue to monitor and provide updates in the future.

Mayor Wells provided information on SB 5 (Bell and McGuire) – Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program.

The City will continue to monitor and provide updates in the future.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

14. COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK
METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

16. COUNCILMEMBER BEN KALASHO

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

17. 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.

Report as stated.

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JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

18. Proposal for Rotational Night Shelters

That the City Council directs City staff to coordinate meetings among or with various stakeholders and return with a recommendation regarding rotational night shelters on or before the July 9, 2019 scheduled City Council meeting.

DISCUSSION

Deputy Mayor Goble provided detailed information of the Item.

Anna Marie Piconi Snyder representing the East County Homeless Task Force, introduced stakeholders, collaborators, and supporters from various shelter and housing organizations. Ms. Snyder spoke of creating a successful homeless program to partner with the City.

Mayor Wells expressed concern for those involved, who may get overwhelmed due to the dealings with patients issues. **Mayor Wells** discussed situations that could disqualify a person from the program.

In response to **Mayor Wells'** concerns, Ms. Snyder advised that each case needs to be addressed individually. She indicated those concerns will be considered and will be build into the program design.

Lindsey Dominguez representing the Urban Street Angels, spoke in support of Ms. Snyder and in support for the proposed Item.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY WELLS, to DIRECT staff to coordinate discussions between the stakeholders, and provide a recommendation by July 9, 2019.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT
(KALASHO – Absent).**

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

19. El Cajon Animal Shelter Donations for February 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

In accordance with City Council Policy B-2, staff informs the City Council about receiving the following donation for the El Cajon Animal Shelter for the month of February:

Clara Matloub - \$110

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING – None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

CLOSED SESSIONS:

20. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: El Cajon Police Officers Association vs. City of El Cajon
San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2019-00005450-CU-WM-CTL

21. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: Mike Murphy and Joshua Pittsley, et al. vs. City of El Cajon, et al.
United States District Court, Southern District of California Case No. 18-CV-0698-JM-NLS

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 4:36 P.M.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT
(KALASHO – Absent).**

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 5:14 P.M.

City Attorney Morgan Foley reported the following actions:

Item #20. City Council gave direction to its Legal Counsel.

Item #21. City Council gave direction to its Legal Counsel.

Adjournment: Mayor Wells adjourned the Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 26th day of March, 2019, at 5:15 p.m., to Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

Angela Cortez
City Clerk/Secretary