

# 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

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**May 14, 2019**

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, May 14, 2019, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 7:02 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

#### ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	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 Steve Lachman, Travel Coordinator – East County Chamber of Commerce, 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).

**AGENDA CHANGES: None**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**Abeel Taylor** spoke in favor of Phil Ortiz for El Cajon City Councilmember.

**Cameron Stewart** spoke in favor of Phil Ortiz for City Councilmember.

**Jim Cirigliano** spoke about having the moral fortitude to serve regardless of beliefs, and that the council needs a new, honest, and transparent face.

**Kevin Miller** spoke in support of Phil Ortiz.

**Aurora Cabrera** congratulated **Mayor Wells** on his invitation to attend the White House's National Day of Prayer. Ms. Cabrera asked the Council to vote with the right conscious, honesty and to not allow others to have an influence on their decision.

**Mohammed Tuama** congratulated the City for being a recipient of the Excellence Award for the Transit District Plan. Mr. Tauma spoke in favor of Humbert Cabrera, and Jo Alegria for the Council position.

**Mingo Villa**, League President for the Emerald Pony Youth Baseball League, spoke in support of Steven Wood for the open vacant Councilmember seat.

**George Ibarra**, representing the East County Justice Coalition, spoke in support of Estela De Los Rios.

**Stephanie Harper** stated she was withdrawing her application for the vacant Councilmember seat position.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

100. City Council Appointment

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council appoints an eligible candidate to fill an "at-large" vacancy on the City Council with a term through November 2020.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Continued)**

**City Manager Mitchell**, provided detailed information of the Item and outlined the procedure for the interviews, previously determined at the 3:00 p.m. meeting.

Applicants gave a two (2) minute presentation in the following order:

**LIST OF APPLICANTS**  
(Order determined by a random drawing)

<b>1</b>	<b>Michelle M. Metschel</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>James Elia</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Richard Agundez</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>John Richard Campbell</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Mark Jamil</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Abraham Muheize</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>David Phillip 'Phil' Ortiz</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Mark Lewis</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Jo (Gladys) Alegria</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Humbert Cabrera</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Estela De Los Rios</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Juan Carlos Mercado</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Amanda McGimpsey</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>Margaret Carlson</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>Steven Wood</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>Anthony Sottile</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>Juan Barajas</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>Nancy Wilson</b>

**DISCUSSION**

**Mayor Wells** opened the public hearing.

**Laura Koval** spoke in support of Phil Ortiz.

**Lu Tejada** spoke in support of Steven Wood.

*Recess called at 8:16 p.m.  
Meeting called back to order at 8:29 p.m.*

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Continued)**

Consideration interviews were conducted with the following applicants:

**Richard Agundez, Jr.**

**Humbert Cabrera**

**Phil Ortiz**

**Anthony Sottile**

Discussion ensued amongst **Council** regarding the candidates.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPOINT PHIL ORTIZ to fill the vacant Councilmember seat for a term to expire November 2020.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO PHIL ORTIZ.**

**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 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2019, at 9:22 p.m., to Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.**

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Angela Cortez  
City Clerk/Secretary