

# 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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**July 9, 2019**

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, July 9, 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, McClellan and Ortiz
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

**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 COMMENT:**

George Glover spoke of constructing a Veterans' Memorial near City Hall.

William Walker spoke of the various parks and pools in the City.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

100. Granite Hills Drive Rezoning- Zone Reclassification No. 2330

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 Zone Reclassification No. 2330.

**DISCUSSION**

Alfonso Camacho, Assistant Planner, provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing.

No one came forward to speak.

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to INTRODUCE the next Ordinance, in order, approving Zone Reclassification No. 2330.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

The City Clerk recited the title of the Ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTIES LOCATED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF GRANITE HILLS DRIVE BETWEEN JAMACHA ROAD AND TERRACE CREST, FROM RS-9 (RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE-FAMILY, 9,000 SQUARE FEET) TO RS-6 (RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE-FAMILY, 6,000 SQUARE FEET) ZONE; APNS 514-013-14 AND -15; GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION: LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (LR)

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Continued)**

101. Monument Wireless Facility - Specific Plan (SP) No. 534

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing;
3. Moves to ADOPT the next RESOLUTION, in order, APPROVING the CEQA; and,
4. Moves to ADOPT the next RESOLUTION, in order, APPROVING Specific Plan No. 534.

### **DISCUSSION**

Spencer Hayes, Assistant Planner, provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing.

Shelly Kilbourn, representing Verizon Wireless, spoke in support of the proposed project.

David Shors expressed concern due to wave radiation emissions from the tower.

Council and staff discussed Federal Law, and clarified that if the wireless tower is within the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) guidelines, the City Council cannot deny the application.

Mark Honeck clarified that the generators will only run if power is lost, and spoke in support of the proposed project.

Shelly Kilbourn returned to the podium and clarified that there are no plans to add other wireless companies to the tower.

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Continued)**

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to ADOPT Resolution No. 070-19, Approving the CEQA Exemption.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to ADOPT Resolution No. 071-19, Approving Specific Plan No. 534.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

102. El Cajon Climate Action Plan

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing;
3. Moves to ADOPT the next RESOLUTION in order ADOPTING findings and CERTIFYING the Program Environmental Impact Report No. 91; and
4. Moves to ADOPT the next RESOLUTION in order APPROVING the Climate Action Plan.

**DISCUSSION**

Director of Community Development, Anthony Shute, introduced Lorena Cordova, Associate Planner, and Melissa Devine, Planning Manager, who provided a comprehensive report on the proposed Climate Action Plan (CAP).

Discussion amongst Council and Staff ensued regarding:

- Incentives and program assistance for businesses;
- Organic waste;
- Housing elements around the transit center; and
- Meeting CEQA requirements.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 102 - Continued)**

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing.

The following spoke in opposition of the proposed project:

- Hatem Mohtaseb
- Nora Abundadi
- Nadine Hassoun
- Carla Slater Kettrick
- John Bruner
- Maleeka Marsden
- Matthew Vasilakis
- Evlyn Andrade-Heymsfield
- Ravi Gopinathan
- Ryan Beal
- James Elia

The following spoke in support of the proposed project:

- Mike Aqrawi
- Mohammed Tuama
- Thabit Khalaf
- Dina Dolus

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Discussion amongst Council and Staff ensued regarding:

- CAP starting point, which can be changed or modified;
- Clarification between Housing Element and Climate Action Plan;
- State Requirements being met and exceeded; and
- Notices properly sent.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ADOPT Resolution No. 072-19, Adopting findings and Certifying the Program Environmental Impact Report No. 91.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ADOPT Resolution No. 073-19, Approving the Climate Action Plan.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 102 - Continued)**

*Recess called at 8:42 p.m.  
Meeting called back to order at 8:52 p.m.*

103. Interviews for Planning Commission Vacancy

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council conducts interviews for a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

**DISCUSSION**

Mayor Wells gave direction on how the interviews will be conducted.

Dr. Noori Barka spoke in support of Jaqueline Sana.

Keith Eshaki spoke in support of Jaqueline Sana.

Mohammed Tuama spoke in support of Mike Aqrabi and Humbert Cabrera.

Jill Barto spoke in support of Humbert Cabrera.

Applicants were interviewed in the following order:

1. Mike Aqrabi
2. Humbert Cabrera
3. Nathan Cornett
4. Amanda McGimpsey
5. Robert Pennoyer
6. Jaqueline Sana

Discussion ensued among Council regarding the qualifications of each applicant.

**MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY GOBLE, to APPOINT Humbert Cabrera to the Planning Commission, with a term to expire on January 31, 2023.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY A 3 - 2 VOTE  
(KENDRICK, ORTIZ – NO).**

**Adjournment: Mayor Wells adjourned the Adjourned Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 9th day of July 2019, at 9:57 p.m. to Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.**

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ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary