

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

September 10, 2019

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, September 10, 2019, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	McClellan and Ortiz
Council/Agencymembers absent:	Kendrick
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).

POSTINGS: The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the August 13, 2019, Meetings and the Agenda of the September 10, 2019, Meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation: Neighborhood Watch

Proclamation: National Preparedness Month

Proclamation: Importance of Gender Equity

Commendation: Retirement of Police Chief Jeff Davis

Councilmember McClellan greeted students from Valhalla High School present in the audience.

Mayor Wells congratulated City Manager Mitchell for receiving the designation of Credentialed Manager from the International City Management Association (ICMA). Mayor Wells added that Assistant City Manager DiMaggio received the same designation earlier in 2019. He added that the City of El Cajon has the unique distinction of being the only City in San Diego County to have both the City Manager and the Assistant City Manager as ICMA credentialed managers.

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 17)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 17.

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

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

Approves Minutes of the August 13, 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.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

3. Approval of Reading Ordinances by Title only

Approves the reading by title and waives the reading in full of all Ordinances on the Agenda.

4. Acceptance of the Sewer and Storm Drain Repair and Replacement (WW3519) Project

1. Accepts the Sewer and Storm Drain Repair and Replacement (WW3519), Bid No. 021-18; and
2. Authorizes the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion, and release the bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

5. Acceptance of the Washington Avenue Complete Streets Project, Federal-aid HSIP 5211(037), Job No. PW3617, Bid No. 020-19

1. Accepts the Washington Avenue Complete Streets Project, Federal-aid HSIP 5211(037), Job No. PW3617, Bid No. 020-19; and
2. Authorizes the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release the bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

6. Acceptance of the Traffic Signal Upgrades 2018, Bid No. 004-19, Job No. PW3616

1. Accepts the Traffic Signal Upgrades 2018, Bid No. 004-19, Job No. PW3616; and
2. Authorizes the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion, and release the bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

7. Fiscal Year 2019 U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Application

Receives the FY 2019 JAG application as an informational item at this time as required by the JAG application. If the Police Department is awarded the JAG grant funds, City Council action will be needed to accept and appropriate the grant.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

8. Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Youth League Utility Support Recommendation

Approves the Recreation Council recommendation to provide utility support, in the amount of \$2,100 per league, to eight (8) Executive Member youth leagues.

9. Community Event in the Right-of-Way – HauntFest

Approves the use of the public right-of-way for the 8th Annual HauntFest.

10. Authorization to Use Any Editions of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction (Greenbook), the San Diego County Regional Supplement to the Greenbook, and the San Diego Regional Standard Drawings, for Public Works Construction in the City of El Cajon

Adopts Resolution No. 086-19 authorizing the Director of Public Works to approve the use of any Editions of the Standard Specifications for Public Works Construction (Greenbook), the San Diego County Regional Supplement to the Greenbook, and the San Diego Regional Standard Drawings, for Public Works Construction in the City of El Cajon.

11. Board of Supervisors Appointment to Gillespie Field

That the City Council ratifies the Board of Supervisors appointment of James Sly to the Gillespie Field Development Council for a term to expire August 6, 2023.

12. 2019-2020 Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant

1. Authorizes the City Manager or his designee to accept the California Office of Traffic Safety STEP Grant in the amount of \$90,000 and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.
2. Appropriates the California Office of Traffic Safety STEP Grant funds in the amount of \$84,966 for overtime, \$2,787 for training and travel, \$2,247 for supplies, services and equipment for a total grant award of \$90,000.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

13. Disposal of Retired Property

That the City Council declares the listed property retired and authorizes disposal in accordance with policy.

14. KaBOOM! Refresh Grant at Wells Park

Authorizes the acceptance, appropriation, and expenditure for grant funds in the amount of \$9,750 from KaBOOM! to host a three-hour "Park & Playground Refresh at Wells Park."

15. January – March 2019 and April – June 2019 Quarterly Treasurer's Reports

Receives the Treasurer's Reports for the quarters ending March 31, 2019 and June 30, 2019.

16. Contract Amendment for Street Light Maintenance, Emergency Repairs, and Related Construction Services

Adopts Resolution No. 087-19 to increase the contract for Street Light Maintenance, Emergency Repairs, and Related Construction Services in the annual not-to-exceed amount of \$26,000.

17. Approval of Updates to City Council Policy A-28 Regarding Ticket Distribution

Approves amendments to City Council Policy A-28 and directs the City Manager to exercise his discretion in distributing complimentary tickets provided as part of the City's agreement with Live Nation.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hei-ock Kim, representing Kim Center for Social Balance, spoke of the importance of Workplace Equity Day.

Jim Cirigliano acknowledged the anniversary of the September 11 attacks. He shared the poem, "Skins".

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

18. Facility Rental Rates for Centennial Plaza

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopts the next Resolution in order, revising the facility rental rates for Centennial Plaza.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided a summary of the Item.

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

- Changes to the fee schedule may be modified by adopting a Resolution;
- Rental of Centennial plaza on concert days are to be approved by Live Nation.

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ADOPT Resolution No.088-19, revising the facility rental rates for Centennial Plaza.

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

19. Fire Station Dog Pilot Program, City of El Cajon Wellness Initiative

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receives a report regarding the Fire Station Dog Pilot Program, a City of El Cajon Wellness Initiative.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided a brief description of the item, and introduced Director of Human Resources, Marisol Thorn, who provided detailed information of the Item.

Fire Engineer, Travis Timmins, stated the City of El Cajon would be the sixth city in the nation to have a Fire Station dog, as part of a wellness initiative.

Councilmembers spoke in support of the proposed wellness program.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

20. Council Activities Report/Comments

In addition to the submitted report, Mayor Wells stated he visited the local immigrant children’s center. He was pleased to report that he witnessed the children being in a professional and safe environment. Mayor Wells also reported that he spoke with several children, and they seemed happy and well cared for.

21. Legislative Update

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio provided information on the following bills:

AB 392: Update on bill regarding Peace officers: deadly force. Bill was signed by Governor Newsom on August 19, 2019.

SB 5: Update on Affordable Housing and Community Development Investment Program, a more comprehensive report will be provided in the future.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

- 24. 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.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

In addition to the submitted report, Deputy Mayor Goble praised the Public Works Department for the cost savings on the Sewer and Storm Drain Replacement project, which was completed for less money than initially anticipated.

- 25. COUNCILMEMBER PHIL ORTIZ
East County Economic Development Council; League of California Cities, San Diego Division.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Councilmember Ortiz stated he did not attend the East County Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee meeting, as previously reported on his report.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 26. El Cajon Animal Shelter Donations for July 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

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

Diana Rouse	\$500.00
Christina Waara-Bogajczyk	\$500.00

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

27. Introduction of Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.24 of the El Cajon Municipal Code to Eliminate the Veterans' Commission, the Commission on Arts and Culture, and the Human Relations Commission

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council considers approving the attached ordinance amending Chapter 2.24 of the El Cajon Municipal Code ("ECMC") to eliminate the City of El Cajon Veterans' Commission, the Commission on Arts and Culture, and the Human Relations Commission; and, if approved, take the following actions:

1. By Motion, Second and Vote, moves to introduce the ordinance; and
2. Directs the City Clerk to read the title of the ordinance.

DISCUSSION

City Attorney Foley, provided information on the Item.

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY GOBLE, to INTRODUCE an Ordinance amending Chapter 2.24 of the El Cajon Municipal Code ("ECMC") to eliminate the City of El Cajon Veterans' Commission, the Commission on Arts and Culture, and the Human Relations Commission.

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

The **City Clerk** recited the title of the ordinance for a first reading.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2.24 OF
TITLE 2 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE
TO ELIMINATE THE VETERANS' COMMISSION,
COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE, AND
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: None

CLOSED SESSIONS:

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency adjourned Closed Session as follows:

28. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: Sean N. Vent vs. City of El Cajon, et al.

San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2019-00040676-CU-MC-CTL

29. Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiators - pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8:

Property

Lexington Avenue Senior Apartments
250 E. Lexington Avenue
APN 488-212-21-00

Negotiating Parties

Thomas Safran and Associates Development, Inc.

Authority Negotiators

Executive Director
Assistant Executive Director
General Legal Counsel
Housing Manager

Under negotiation: For the Housing Authority Board to provide instructions to its negotiators regarding the price and terms for an extension of a lease of the Authority's property.

30. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: Climate Action Campaign vs. City of El Cajon, et al.

San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2019-00041565-CU-TT-CTL

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 4:02 p.m.

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

CLOSED SESSIONS: (Continued)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 4:47 PM

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

- Item 28: City Council received report from City Attorney; No action taken.
- Item 29: City Council provided direction to Property Negotiator.
- Item 30: No action taken.

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 10th day of September, 2019, at 4:48 p.m., to Tuesday, September 24, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary