

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

January 28, 2020

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, January 28, 2020, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:07 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Goble and McClellan
Council/Agencymembers absent:	Kendrick
Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair present:	Ortiz
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 Sean Maher, Live Nation General Manager 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 January 14, 2020, Meeting and the Agenda of the January 28, 2020, Meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

Presentation: Live Nation & The Magnolia

Presentation: Meet Yara - Station Dog for Fire Department

AGENDA CHANGES: None

Councilmember McClellan invited students from Valhalla High School to introduce themselves.

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 9)

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

Approves Minutes of the January 14, 2020, Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

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 waives the reading in full of all Ordinances on the Agenda.

4. Cool Parks Funding

Approves to accept, appropriate and expend funds, per the terms of the agreement.

5. Target Corporation Youth Soccer Grant

Accepts a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from Target Corporation to purchase youth soccer equipment.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

6. Resolution Authorizing the City of San Diego Local Enforcement Agency to be the Lead Waste Agency for the Regional Tire Enforcement Program

Adopts Resolution No. 006-20, to authorize the City of San Diego Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) to apply for funds and administer the San Diego Regional Waste Tire Enforcement Program on behalf of the City of El Cajon.

7. Emergency Update for Storm Damage Repairs

Adopts Resolution No. 007-20, to establish a Declaration of Emergency, and determine that the public interest and necessity requires the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health, or property per Public Contract Code section 22050.

DISCUSSION

In answer to a question by Bonnie Price, City Manager Mitchell stated that old corrugated metal pipes created a sink hole. An emergency ordinance is required to expedite the repairs.

8. Award of RFQ No. 301378 – Water Feature Maintenance and Repair

Adopts Resolution No. 008-20, to award to the sole responsive, responsible bidder, California Waters Development, Inc., in the amount of \$47,020 for the initial one-year term, with up to four additional one-year renewal options.

9. Contract Amendment for Mechanical Door and Gate Repair

Adopts Resolution No. 009-20, to increase the contract for mechanical door and gate repair in the not-to-exceed amount of \$21,951.52.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 9.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sunshine Horton spoke about her absence from several council meetings, and encouraged love and non-discrimination.

Bonnie Price spoke in support of The Magnolia and recommended Susan Boyle for a show.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

10. Lexington Senior Apartments - Termination of Existing DDA and Sale of Leasehold Interest

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council/El Cajon Housing Authority continues the Public Hearing to the February 11, 2020 meeting at the request of the Developer/Operator.

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager, Vince DiMaggio and City Attorney Foley recommended that Mayor Wells open the public hearing and for the motion to be to continue the item to a future meeting.

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing.

No one came forward to speak.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY GOBLE, to CONTINUE the Public Hearing to the February 11, 2020 meeting.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

11. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2019, and Other Written Communication from the City's Independent Auditor

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives and accepts the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and other written communication from the independent accounting firm of Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

DISCUSSION

Director of Finance, Clay Schoen, provided a summary of the Item and introduced Luca Gonzales, Senior Accountant, who provided detailed information of the Item.

Laura Arvizu and Louis Fernandez, auditors of the Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP firm, explained the audit process.

Discussion ensued among the City Council, Staff and Ms. Arvizu in reference to the benefits to taxpayers from a transparent and positive audit.

No one came forward to speak.

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY GOBLE, to RECEIVE and accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and other written communication from the independent accounting firm of Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

12. Debris Collection Services with the East County Transitional Living Center

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to execute an agreement for debris collection services with the East County Transitional Living Center in the not-to-exceed amount of \$39,000.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

No one came forward to speak.

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ADOPT Resolution No. 010-20, to execute an agreement for debris collection services with the East County Transitional Living Center in the not-to-exceed amount of \$39,000.

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

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

13. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

14. Legislative Update: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

15. COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK
METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA; East County Advance Water Purification Joint Powers Authority Board.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

In addition to the submitted report, Councilmember McClellan spoke about adopting a street smart concept, which can help deter crimes and provide safer streets.

In response to Councilmember McClellan's recommendation, City Manager Mitchell advised that staff is currently reviewing a pilot program on smarter street lights and how to best utilize the technology to present to Council in a future meeting.

17. COUNCILMEMBER 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 Advance Water Purification Joint Powers Authority Board - Alternate.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

In addition to the submitted report, Councilmember Goble praised the work by all personnel, and stated that the City is moving in a positive direction.

18. DEPUTY MAYOR PHIL ORTIZ
East County Economic Development Council; League of California Cities, San Diego Division.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

19. El Cajon Animal Shelter Donations for December 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 December:

Anonymous Person - \$200

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

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:

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

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 4:14 p.m.

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 4:30 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

- City Council heard the report on the Item. The City reached a settlement with the media interveners and information is available for public review.

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 28th day of January, 2020, at 4:31 p.m., to Tuesday, February 11, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary