

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EL CAJON CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE EL CAJON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY



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CITY OF EL CAJON EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

March 16, 2020

A Joint Special Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Monday, March 16, 2020, was called to order by Mayor Bill Wells at 11:30 a.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers via Skype:	Goble, Kendrick and McClellan
Council/Agencymembers absent:	None
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 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).

1. Ratification of Proclamation of the Existence of a Local Emergency

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt the next Resolution, in order, to ratify the proclamation to ratify the City Manager's declaration of an emergency as a result of the world-wide pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus.

DISCUSSION

At the request of City Attorney Foley, Mayor Wells roll called the Councilmembers attending remotely. All were present.

City Manager Mitchell stated that on March 13, 2020, he declared the existence of a local emergency, in order to seek reimbursement from the State of California or Federal Government in the event of incurring expenses while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the adoption of the next Resolution in order, provides staff additional authority relating to responding to the current emergency.

Mayor Wells stated that the public was invited to send questions via email to: cityclerk@cityofelcajon.us.

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to ADOPT Resolution No. 023-20 to ratify the proclamation to ratify the City Manager's declaration of an emergency as a result of the world-wide pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

City Manager Mitchell recommended that the March 24, 2020 meeting be held in similar format as the current meeting to limit the number of people in attendance at the Council Chamber.

City Clerk Cortez read a question submitted via email from Jessica Brodtkin Webb: "Does ratifying this state of emergency open up funding to be distributed from state or federal levels of government, or does it just allow for reimbursement?"

City Manager Mitchell re-stated that declaring a state of emergency allows the City to seek funding and reimbursement from the Federal Government for expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

No further comments were offered.

Mayor Wells shared a personal thought, wishing everyone to stay healthy and encouraged citizens to help the elderly stay safe and well cared for.

Adjournment: The Joint Special Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/El Cajon Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 16th day of March 2020 was adjourned at 11:39 a.m., to Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary