

# 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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**April 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, April 28, 2020, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:02 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Council/Agencymembers via virtual platform: Goble, Kendrick, and McClellan  
Council/Agencymembers absent: None  
Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair via virtual platform: Ortiz  
Mayor/Chair present via virtual platform: Wells  
Other Officers present via virtual platform: 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 April 14, 2020, Meeting and the Agenda of the April 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: April Pool’s Day

Presentation: Postponment of the America on Main Street Event, and Creation of 92020 Day

Councilmember Goble recognized Debbie Porter, Bev Cummins, Barb Maas, Ginger Causey, and Vanessa Allen, who provided face masks to City staff, Home Depot employees, and residents at the St. Paul’s PACE day center.

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

City Manager Mitchell requested that Item 16, Closed Session: Public Employee Performance Evaluation – City Manager, be postponed to a later date.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to REMOVE the Closed Session Item 16, Public Employee Performance Evaluation: City Manager.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 5)**

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 5.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

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

Approves Minutes of the April 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.

**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. Contract Amendment for Civil Engineering Services – Utility Billing

Adopts Resolution No. 034-20, to increase the Agreement for Professional Services with NV5, Inc., for civil engineering services for utility billing in the not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000.

5. Community Event in the Right-of-Way - July 4th Picnic

That the City Council approves the use of the public right-of-way for the July 4th picnic and fireworks display.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Chenoweth, submitted an online comment in reference to Mayor Wells' accident and inquired if Mayor Wells was in violation of the stay at home order and would he be held financially responsible for the emergency response expenses.

In response to Mr. Chenoweth's concern, City Manager Mitchell advised that Mayor Wells' incident is not considered a violation of the Governor's Order, and explained that the City does not privately bill anyone for emergency responses.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

6. FY 2020-21 One-Year Action Plan (CONTINUED TO MAY 12, 2020)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Public Hearing has been continued to May 12, 2020, at 3:00 pm.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing.

No comments were submitted for this Item.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to CONTINUE the  
FY 2020-21 One-Year Action Plan Public Hearing to May 12, 2020.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

7. Credit Card Processing Fees

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives the report, discusses, and directs staff, as necessary.

**DISCUSSION**

Director of Finance, Clay Schoen, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Impact to the Finance staff if consumers choose not to pay the credit card fee;
- Implement the sewer bill to the tax bill system to avoid additional fees; and
- Ability to handle Automated Clearing House (ACH) payments.

**MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to accept the report  
as recommended.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)**

8. Rescission of Final Environmental Impact Report and the El Cajon Climate Action Plan (CAP)

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to: Rescind Resolution No. 072-19, approving the 2019 CAP Final Environmental Impact Report, rescind Resolution No. 073-19, approving the 2019 Climate Action Plan; and
2. Request staff to continue to monitor recent and future developments related to the 2019 CAP; and at an appropriate time, recommend update of the 2019 CAP, and return to the City Council for consideration.

### **DISCUSSION**

City Attorney Foley provided summary of the Item.

**MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 035-20, to rescind Resolution No. 072-19, approving the 2019 CAP Final Environmental Impact Report, and rescind Resolution No. 073-19, approving the 2019 Climate Action Plan.**

### **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

9. Consider Options to Study the Formation of a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council considers options to study the formation of a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and provide direction to staff.

### **DISCUSSION**

Senior Management Analyst, David Richards, provided detailed information of the Item and introduced Gary Saleba, EES Consulting, Inc., and Mark Bozigian, Bayshore Consulting Group, who were available telephonically to answer questions from Council.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Cities currently utilizing CalChoice and their results;
- The City of Solana Beach's model features;
- Risks involved if the City does not consider the option due to the uncertainty of the City's financial future;
- Outlook on the availability of supply and demand;
- Justifiable purchases related to energy; and
- Clarification on the 'Waived Vote' proposal.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 9 - Continued)**

An online comment from Joe Britton, representing SDG&E, expressed support of the Item.

**MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to POSTPONE the creation of the Community Choice Aggregation.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**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.

16. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

An online comment submitted by David Chenoweth stated that the City Council Member Activity Reports do not comply with Government Code Section 53232.3(d).

In response to Mr. Chenoweth’s comment, City Attorney Foley advised that the current report justifies and meets the law; however, he will review the requirements of Code Section 53232.3(d) and recommend possible improvements to be considered.

17. Legislative Update - None

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:**

18. 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.

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)**

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

20. 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.

Report as stated.

21. 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:** None

**ORDINANCES: FIRST READING** – None

**ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION** – None

Closed Session removed by previous action taken under Agenda Changes.

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

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

16. Closed Session - Public Employee Performance Evaluation: City Manager

**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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020, at 4:17 p.m., to Tuesday, May 12, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.**

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ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary