

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

May 26, 2020

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, May 26, 2020, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:01 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 May 12, 2020, Meeting and the Agenda of the May 26, 2020, Meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS: None

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 10)

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

Approves Minutes of the May 12, 2020, Meeting 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.

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. January - March 2020 Treasurer's Report

Receives the Treasurer's Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2020.

5. Whitsett Drive Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project Acceptance

1. Accepts the Whitsett Drive Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project; WW3588, RFP No. 022-19; and
2. Authorizes the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release the bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

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CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

6. FY20 U.S. Department of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Grant
 1. Authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to accept the FY20 U.S. Department of Justice CESF Grant in the amount of \$89,355 and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds; and
 2. Appropriates \$89,355 of the allocated FY20 CESF funding to purchase an Unmanned Aerial System (Drone) with a Forward Looking Infrared (FLIR) camera system and zoom capabilities, 50 First Aid Kits, and a Mobile High Definition Camera Trailer.

DISCUSSION

An online comment submitted by an anonymous person requested an explanation for the purchase of a drone, indicating that it would not benefit the current COVID crisis.

An online comment submitted by Amanda McGimpsey expressed concern for the purchase of a drone, and urged the Council to use the proposed funding for life saving sanitation items.

City Manager Mitchell explained that a drone is part of the personal protection equipment standard, which will be used to enhance public safety personnel's ability to respond to emergencies. Mr. Mitchell advised of a Health Ordinance, which requires that appropriate information reaches crowds and homeless encampments. Mr. Mitchell added that drones will minimize exposure and protect staff, while conducting these types of assignments.

Police Chief Moulton, spoke of several beneficial uses of drones in gatherings, dense foliage, and encampments, which will minimize unnecessary exposure, and allow officers to be available for high priority calls. Chief Moulton stated that drones are used in documenting crime scenes.

7. Contract Amendment for The Magnolia Loading Dock Security Gate

Approves an amendment to increase The Magnolia Loading Dock Gate contract to the not-to-exceed amount of \$12,040.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

8. Approval of Revisions to the Recreation Services Supervisor Classification Specification

Approves the revisions to the Recreation Services Supervisor classification specification.

9. New Classification Specification for Fire Inspector I/II

Approves the classification specification for Fire Inspector I/II.

10. Travel Expenses for the League of California Cities Planning Commissioners Academy – Cabrera

Reviews and approves the attached claims for advance/reimbursement of travel expense form for Planning Commissioner Humbert Cabrera submitted in accordance with City Council Policy G-1.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 10.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A comment submitted online by an unidentified person, spoke in regards to the funds allocated for the Wells Park playground modernization projects.

City Manager Mitchell explained how funds for the various development phase projects at Wells Park were allocated based on priorities, and advised that Phase 3 and Phase 4 projects were delayed due to the covid pandemic.

Councilmember McClellan suggested to postpone use of general funds, as it will be highly impacted due to delayed property tax payments.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

11. Public Hearing for the adoption of the Proposed 2020 Five-Year Program of Projects for the SANDAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing; and
3. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, for the adoption of the Proposed 2020 Five-Year Program of Projects for the SANDAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

DISCUSSION

City Traffic Engineer, Mario Sanchez, provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the public hearing.

No comments were received on this Item.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to ADOPT Resolution No. 052-20, for adoption of the Proposed 2020 Five-Year Program of Projects for the SANDAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

12. City Council Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council considers canceling one of the mid-summer meetings, as it has in past years. Staff recommends that the City Council discusses and considers canceling the August 25, 2020 meeting.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to CANCEL the August 25, 2020 meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

13. Update on Impacts of COVID-19

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council accepts and considers the information associated with this report.

DISCUSSION

Detailed information on the Item was provided by City Manager Mitchell, and Finance Director, Clay Schoen.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Assistance for restaurants by implementing new zoning codes;
- Waiver of temporary use permit fees;
- Businesses and car dealers steering into foreclosure;
- Methods to boost revenue and decrease costs;
- Accurate economic data will be produced three to six months later; and
- Consideration to adopt budget on a Special Meeting.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to ACCEPT the report and direct staff to present revenue and capital budget information at the June 9, 2020 meeting; and present expenditures and full budget information at the June 23, 2020 meeting.

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.

14. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

15. Legislative Update – None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

16. 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.

17. COUNCILMEMBER BOB MCCLELLAN

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

18. 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.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

19. 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:

20. Tiny House Pilot Zoning Amendment

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council directs staff to draft an amended City's zoning code, as a pilot project, to allow placement of tiny houses on suitable properties as potential homeless housing.

Councilmember Goble provided information on the Item and directed Staff to reconvene by August 11, 2020, with suggestions on the process to amend the City's zoning code.

DISCUSSION

The following people submitted comment cards in support of the Item.

Herbert Kelly, Amikas Board Member
Anonymous
George Kelly
President of Amikas
Lead Pastor of Meridian Baptist in El Cajon
Amanda McGimpsy
Secretary of Amikas

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Tiny House programs in Washington and Oregon;
- Eviction process will be established by the host;
- Amended zoning code will be inclusive to other interested parties; and
- City zoning application fee to be waived for the Meridian Baptist Church.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to DIRECT Staff to draft an amended City Zoning Code, as a pilot project to allow placement of tiny houses on suitable properties as potential homeless housing.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING – None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION – None

CLOSED SESSIONS: None

Mayor Wells adjourned the meeting in honor of Don Parent, Public Affairs Manager for San Diego Gas and Electric, who passed away on May 25, 2020.

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 26th day of May, 2020, at 4:35 p.m., to Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary