

# 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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#### November 10, 2020

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, November 10, 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

**Mayor Wells requested a moment of silence to celebrate Veterans' Day and led the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG** (The Courts have concluded that sectarian prayer, as part of City Council Meetings, is not permitted under the Constitution).

Councilmember McClellan shared about his 28 years of service to the City of El Cajon.

**POSTINGS:** The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the October 27, 2020, meeting and the Agenda of the November 10, 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 – 9)**

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

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

Approves Minutes of the October 27, 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. Approve a Temporary Reduction in the Franchise Fees Charged to Commercial Accounts as Provided in the Collection Services Agreement and Franchise for the Provision of Residential and Commercial Garbage, Recyclable Materials, and Organic Waste Collection Services

Adopts Resolution No. 110-20 to:

1. Authorize a temporary reduction of the franchise fees charged to commercial accounts as provided in the Collection Services Agreement and Franchise for the Provision of Residential and Commercial Garbage, Recyclable Materials and Organic Waste Collection Services between the City of El Cajon and EDCO Disposal Corporation; and
2. Direct EDCO Disposal Corporation to make such adjustments as approved by the City Council.

**CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)**

5. July – September 2020 Quarterly Treasurer’s Reports

Receives the Treasurer’s Reports for the quarter ending September 30, 2020.

6. Reject and Re-Bid of Bid No. 012-21 – Debris Collection Services

Adopts Resolution No. 111-20 to reject all bids and authorize re-bidding the project with revised specifications, and Resolution No. 112-20 to extend the current agreement with the East County Transitional Living Center for three months in the amount of \$19,500.

7. Acceptance of Public Improvements for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 653; 619 and 623 South Lincoln Avenue.

Accepts the improvements and authorizes the City Clerk to release the security guaranteeing the improvements in accordance with the subdivision agreement, and requires the developer to maintain insurance in force until the release of all bonds for the project.

8. El Cajon Police Officers' Association Side Letter Agreement: Field Training Officer Incentive Pay

Adopts Resolution No. 113-20 to approve and authorize the terms and conditions of the Field Training Officer (FTO) Pay Side Letter Agreement between the City and the El Cajon Police Officers' Association (POA).

9. Acceptance of Improvements for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 502 - Park Avenue Subdivision.

Accepts the improvements and authorizes the City Clerk to release the security guaranteeing the improvements in accordance with the subdivision agreement, and requires the developer to maintain insurance in force until the release of all bonds for the project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Fadya Gorgees submitted an online comment to express concern for school-aged children as the county moves into the most restrictive level during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Gorgees also asked for the meaning of American Academy of social work and welfare.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

10. First Amendment to FY 2020-21 One-Year Action Plan to Reallocate Available CDBG Funds (Crisis House, Inc.)

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council:

1. Opens the public hearing and accepts public testimony for the 1st Amendment to the FY 2020-21 One-Year Action Plan;
2. Closes the public hearing; and
3. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, Amending the FY 2020-21 One-Year Action Plan to:
  - a. Re-allocate and appropriate \$700,000 in identified Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to Crisis House, Inc., for assistance with property acquisition to provide CDBG-eligible services to East County residents; and
  - b. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with Crisis House, Inc., for the use of funds for real property acquisition, make the necessary changes to the One-Year Action Plan, and submit all required documentation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**DISCUSSION**

Housing Manager, Jamie Van Ravesteyn, provided detailed information of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received for the item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the time line for the Crisis House to move out of their current location.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to CLOSE the Public Hearing.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

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**PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 10 – Continued)**

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to ADOPT Resolution No. 114-20 to amend the FY 2020-21 One-Year Action Plan; Re-allocate and appropriate \$700,000 in identified Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to Crisis House, Inc., for assistance with property acquisition to provide CDBG-eligible services to East County residents; and Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to enter into an agreement with Crisis House, Inc., for the use of funds for real property acquisition, make the necessary changes to the One-Year Action Plan, and submit all required documentation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

11. Approval of Pension Obligation Bonds

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to approve the Preliminary Official Statement prepared for the issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds, approve the issuance of the Pension Obligation Bonds, and approve associated documents.

**DISCUSSION**

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

Urban Futures, Inc., Managing Director, Julio Morales was available via Zoom to answer any questions from the Council.

No comments were received for the item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Effects of the current pandemic on investments;
- Historic low interest rates; and
- Consideration to use potential savings to make additional payments to CALPERS.

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 115-20 to approve the Preliminary Official Statement prepared for the issuance of Pension Obligation Bonds, approve the issuance of the Pension Obligation Bonds, and approve associated documents.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

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

### 12. Main Street Green Street – Project Update

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives the Main Street Green Street Project update and provides feedback on the proposed project.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Associate Engineer, Tony Mendoza, provided detailed information of the Item.

Patrick Grillot submitted an online comment to support the proposed project.

Fadya Gorgees submitted an online comment to inquire the benefit of the proposed project.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Funding by SANDAG for the proposed project;
- Popularity of bicycle lanes;
- Concern of reducing the amount of vehicle lanes;
- Should there be a need for additional lanes in the future, the project can easily be reversed;
- Project to appeal to new business for the City; and
- SANDAG restrictions on funding.

No Motion was required, as this was an informational Item only.

### 13. El Cajon Boulevard Streetscape Improvements - Project Update

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives the El Cajon Boulevard Streetscape Improvements project update and provides feedback on the proposed project.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Assistant Engineer, Senan Kachi, provided detailed information of the Item.

Patrick Grillot submitted an online comment to support the proposed project.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff on installing landscape that will deter homeless encampments on the proposed improvements to El Cajon Boulevard.

No Motion was required, as this was an informational Item only.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)**

14. Cal OES Type III Brush Engine Assignment

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to:

1. Authorize the City Manager or designee to accept assignment of vehicular equipment for the purpose of responding to incidents in furtherance of the California Fire Service Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan; and
2. To execute any documents and agreements necessary to obtain the vehicular equipment assignment.

**DISCUSSION**

Steve Swaney, Fire Chief provided detailed information of the Item.

No comments were received for the Item.

Mayor Wells advised that Councilmember Goble, due to a pressing engagement, left the meeting.

**MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to ADOPT Resolution No. 115-20 to Authorize the City Manager or designee to accept assignment of vehicular equipment for the purpose of responding to incidents in furtherance of the California Fire Service Rescue Emergency Mutual Aid Plan; and to execute any documents and agreements necessary to obtain the vehicular equipment assignment.**

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

15. COVID-19 Status Report

RECOMMENDATION: No action required.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

No comments were received for the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding availability of beds in the County for COVID-19 patient and new outbreaks.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)**

16. Extending COVID-19 Relief Measures

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council considers extending COVID-19 relief measures to businesses and residents.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff and it was decided to extend the current COVID-19 measures in the City of El Cajon through June 2021.

Belgica Santiago submitted an online comment asking for clarification of the COVID-19 measures, the answer was previous answered by the discussion amongst Council and Staff.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to extending COVID-19 relief measures to businesses and residents through June 2021.**

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

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**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; League of California Cities, San Diego Division; LAFCO.

17. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

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**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.

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.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

**JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

22. Regain Local Control from State Legislature

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council concurs to unite with California Cities for Local Control and directs staff to prepare a resolution expressing support to strengthen local democracy, authority, and control as related to land use, housing and zoning issues.

**DISCUSSION**

Deputy Mayor Ortiz provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Sentiments of the State over-reaching on many levels; and
- Affordable Housing limitations by State.

No comments were received for the Item.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to direct staff to prepare a resolution expressing support to strengthen local democracy, authority, and control as related to land use, housing and zoning issues.**

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

**GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** None

**ORDINANCES: FIRST READING:** None

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

**CLOSED SESSIONS:** None

**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 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020, at 5:43 p.m., to Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.**

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ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary