

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 11, 2021

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 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 present:	Goble, Metschel, and Ortiz
Council/Agencymembers absent:	None
Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair present:	Kendrick
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

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 27, 2021, meeting and the Agenda of the May 11, 2021, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

Police Department Drone

AGENDA CHANGES:

City Manager Mitchell requested that Item 23, Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: One (1) potential case, be removed from the agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 11)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 11.

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 April 27, 2021, 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. Adoption of the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) List of Proposed Projects for FY 2021-22

Adopts Resolution No. 039-21 to adopt the proposed List of Projects to be funded from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Local Streets and Roads Funding Program for Fiscal Year 2021-22; and Directs City staff to submit to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) a list of proposed projects to receive RMRA funding for Fiscal Year 2021-22.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

5. Approval of Revisions to the Purchasing Agent Classification Specification

Approves the proposed revisions to the Purchasing Agent classification specification.

6. Approval of Revisions to the Fire Battalion Chief Classification Specification

Approves the proposed revisions to the Fire Battalion Chief classification specification.

7. Broadway Creek Project - Approval of Environmental Documents

Adopts Resolution No. 040-21 approving the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation, Monitoring & Reporting Plan.

8. 2020 Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) - Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Award

1. Authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to accept the 2020 Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant in the amount of \$51,345, and execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds; and
2. Appropriates funding to purchase a Foster & Freeman Crime-lite MLD UVIR with Dual CAM System and 32" monitor for \$28,596, an Image Pro Analyzer for the DCS4/IPA for \$6,806, the Mideo TrainingWorks Fingerprint Comparison software training course for \$11,780, and overtime funding of \$4,163 for the three Forensic Evidence Technicians.

9. Event in the Right-of-Way - July 4th Fireworks

Approves the use of the public right-of-way for the July 4th fireworks display.

10. SANDAG Shared Streets 2.0 Pilot Program

Authorizes the City Manager to execute an agreement, appropriate, and expend \$5000 from the 2021 SANDAG Shared Streets 2.0 Pilot Program Grant.

11. Amendment of El Cajon City Council Policy E-2 (Fees and Guidelines Governing the Use of Parks and Recreation Facilities)

Amends City Council Policy E-2 (Fees and Guidelines Governing the Use of Parks and Recreation Facilities).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jeff Lashment stated he requested a change to his retirement status from service to disability retirement and is going through the process.

City Manager Mitchell clarified that the City Council cannot give direction to staff as the item is not on the agenda. He added that Mr. Lashment’s case is in review and no other information could be provided on the matter.

An anonymous comment submitted online to request all financial support be provided to relief aid for citizens of El Cajon.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

12. Interviews for Personnel Commissioner

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council selects one (1) applicant to serve on the Personnel Commission.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Applicants for the Personnel Commission were interviewed in the following order:

1. Megan Howell
2. Jason Martinez
3. Robert Yslas, Jr.

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY GOBLE, to APPOINT Jason Martinez to the Personnel Commission, with a term to expire on January 31, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

13. Consideration of Phase II of the Business Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving Phase II of the second round of the Business Grant Program.

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio provided detailed information of the Item.

Conversation ensued amongst Council and Staff regarding:

- Mobile businesses;
- Verification of costs and expenses submitted by qualifying businesses;
- Site improvements;
- Temporary land use considerations;
- Consideration of miscellaneous businesses to qualify for grant money; and
- Approval to include Franchise businesses.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 041-21 to approve Phase II of the American Rescue Plant Act of 2021 Business Grant Program.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

14. American Rescue Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council takes the following actions:

1. Provides feedback regarding proposed uses of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds; and
2. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, accepting approximately \$17 million in anticipated ARP funds, establishing an account for such funds, and authorizing the appropriation of these funds as defined by the Resolution.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Danielle, representing the East County BIPOC thanked Councilmember Goble for attending the East County Justice Coalition forum and provided feedback on the survey the City submitted regarding ideas on how to allocate some of the ARP funds.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 14 - Continued)

An anonymous comment, submitted online requested that ARP money be spent to raise and inspire the children of El Cajon.

Kar submitted an online comment to express support existing programs such as education, libraries and housing.

Kelci Ellis-Alvarez submitted an online comment to ask that ARP funds be spent to support programs such as the East County Transitional Living Center.

Alana submitted an online comment to ask that the ARP funds be spent on families and individuals struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Conversation ensued amongst Council and Staff regarding:

- Un-eligible programs previously considered;
- Small business incubator programs;
- Future vaccine sites to administer boosters;
- Non-religious providers for homeless programs;
- Rider reimbursement for vaccine appointments;
- Home vaccine opportunities; and
- Appropriation of funds for vaccine assistance.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADOPT Resolution No. 042-21 to appropriate approximately \$17 million in anticipated ARP funds, establishing an account for such funds, and authorizing the appropriation of these funds as defined by the Resolution.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

15. COVID-19 Status Report

RECOMMENDATION: No action required.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided information on the Item and answered questions by Council Members.

Councilmember Goble provided detailed information and comparisons of the COVID-19 v. seasonal flu. Information shared was gathered from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

No comments were received for the Item.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) Board of Directors; SANDAG – Audit Committee; LAFCO.

16. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

17. COUNCILMEMBER STEVE GOBLE
MTS (Metropolitan Transit System Board); East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority Board; Chamber of Commerce – Government Affairs Committee; SANDAG – Board of Directors – Alternate; SANDAG Public Safety Committee – Alternate; METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA – Alternate.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

18. MAYOR PRO TEM GARY KENDRICK
METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

19. COUNCILMEMBER MICHELLE METSCHEL
Harry Griffen Park Joint Steering Committee; Heartland Communications – Alternate; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

20. COUNCILMEMBER PHIL ORTIZ
League of California Cities, San Diego Division; East County Economic Development Council; MTS (Metropolitan Transit System Board) – Alternate; East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority Board – Alternate; Chamber of Commerce – Government Affairs Committee – Alternate.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

CLOSED SESSIONS:

21. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: Neighbors Against Noise and Traffic, etc. vs. City of El Cajon, et al. San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2021-00016823-CU-TT-CTL
22. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: One (1) potential case - Mercury Insurance Company as Subrogee of Colleen Murphy, has submitted a Claim for Damages alleging losses suffered following a rear-end collision involving a City vehicle and the claimant's insured

Item 23 removed by action taken under agenda changes:

23. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: One (1) potential case

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 5:24 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

CLOSED SESSIONS: (Continued)

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 5:48 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

21. Direction was given to Legal Counsel
22. Direction was given to Legal Counsel

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 11th day of May, 2021, at 5:49 p.m., to Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary