

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

June 8, 2021

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, June 8, 2021, was called to order by Mayor Pro Tem Gary Kendrick 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 Absent:	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 Pro Tem Kendrick and MOMENT OF SILENCE. The meeting was dedicated to the Memory of Mr. Ed Burr, co-founder of EDCO Disposal Corporation. (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 25, 2021, meeting and the Agenda of the June 8, 2021, 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 – 3)

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 3.

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

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

Approves Minutes of the May 25, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

4. Evidence of Residency for Mayor and City Council Candidates

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council provides feedback on a proposed policy to collect evidence of residency for the offices of Mayor and City Council Candidates.

DISCUSSION

City Attorney Foley provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- City follows the State Election Code for Election Requirements;
- Difference between residence and domicile;
- Council preference to request documents to prove residency; and
- Suggestion to request an affidavit from candidates.

Stephanie Harper submitted an online comment to support the proposed policy.

A list of documents to be considered by the City Council will be provided by staff in a future meeting.

5. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Preliminary Annual Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council, Housing Authority, and the City of El Cajon as Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency receives information related to the proposed Fiscal Year 2021-22 Preliminary Annual Budget.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell introduced Director of Finance, Clay Schoen, who provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Request to increase the Police budget by \$100,000;
- De-escalation and non-lethal training for Police force;
- Request for more information on Pension Obligation Bonds (POB) and how POB's affect the budget; and
- Recommended figure to keep as budget reserves.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 5 - Continued)

Online comments were submitted to express support for the El Cajon Police Department from the following:

1. Ivan Andujar
2. Daniel Bickford
3. S. Osburn
4. Michael Mylar
5. Sharon Murphy
6. Johs Turchin
7. Mark Miller

Stephanie Harper submitted an online comment with questions on allocations for the Wells' park improvements.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for June 22, 2021 to adopt the proposed budget.

6. American Rescue Plan Act - Eligible Use of Funds & Current Programs Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council provides direction regarding possible uses of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff to find methods to provide information to the non-social media population, and consideration of the proposed ideas to provide relief from economic impact to households and business affected by the pandemic.

No comments were received for the Item.

7. COVID-19 Status Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council provides direction regarding the format of City Council and Planning Commission meetings after the June 15, 2021 "Beyond the Blueprint" direction from the State of California.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 7 - Continued)

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Hybrid meetings, with Brown Act limitations;
- Continue streaming with Facebook Live;
- Accepting comments via webmaster with a cut-off time;
- Limit of one councilmember to attend the meeting via Zoom; and
- Mask requirements to be determined by the California Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

8. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

9. Legislative Update

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio provided a comprehensive report on the Legislative Bills of interest to the City and highlighted the following bills:

- AB 333 – Participation in a criminal street gang: Enhanced sentence;
- AB 339 – Local government: Open and public meetings;
- AB 989 – Housing accountability act: appeals: Housing Accountability Committee;
- AB 1401 – Residential and commercial development: Parking requirements;
- SB 2 – Peace officers: Certification: Civil rights;
- SB 300 – Crimes: murder: punishment; and
- SB 519 – Controlled substances: decriminalization of certain hallucinogenic substances.

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ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

10. 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.

In addition to the submitted report, Councilmember Goble stated he participated on a call between the Elected Officials and the County Public Health Office on June 3, 2021; and on June 4, 2021, he attended the East County Water Purification meeting.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

13. 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.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

14. Remove Conditional Use Permit Requirement for Outdoor Dining on City Sidewalks

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mayor Wells requests the City Clerk to recite the title.

DISCUSSION

The City Clerk recited the title of the ordinance for a second reading.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 12.09.030 AND 12.09.060 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SIDEWALK DINING IN THE CITY.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5111, to amend sections 12.09.030 and 12.09.060 of the El Cajon Municipal Code to eliminate the need for a Conditional Use Permit for sidewalk dining in the City.

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

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 8th day of June, 2021, at 5:15 p.m., to Tuesday, June 22, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary