

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 22, 2021

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, June 22, 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 and Metschel
Council/Agencymembers absent:	Ortiz
Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair absent:	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 June 8, 2021, Meeting and the Agenda of the June 22, 2021, Meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Fentanyl's Impact on our Community
- Redistricting Update

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 8)

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

Approves Minutes of the June 8, 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. Maintenance, Support, and Equipment Replacement Agreement for Cardiac Devices

Adopts Resolution No. 047-21 to authorize the City Manager, in accordance with Municipal Code section 3.20.010 (C) (5), to execute a ten-year equipment lease agreement with Flex Financial, a division of Stryker Sales, LLC, and a ten-year service agreement with Stryker Medical, a division of Stryker Corporation, in the combined annual amount of \$121,160.

DISCUSSION

In response to a question by Mayor Wells, Fire Division Chief, John Wojnowski clarified the type of equipment being acquired from Flex Financial.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

5. Purchase of Battery Energy Storage Systems for the Public Safety Center

Adopts Resolution No. 048-21 to authorize the City Manager to execute purchase and service agreements, including subsequent amendments, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$655,000, to support the procurement of battery energy storage systems (BESS) for the Public Safety Center.

6. 2019 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) - Funded by the Office of Homeland Security

That the City Council takes the following actions:

1. Authorize the City Manager or designee to accept the 2019 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) in the amount of \$30,000, and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds; and
2. Appropriate funding in the amount of \$30,000 to reimburse the El Cajon Police Department for overtime (\$28,340), fringe benefits (\$1,178), and mileage costs (\$482) while participating in OPSG coordinated operations.

7. Subdivision Agreement for Private Improvements for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 645R, 1075 East Washington Avenue, Rocky Hill Pointe

That the City Council:

1. Approves the Subdivision Agreement for Private Improvements between the City of El Cajon and Rocky Hill Partners, LLC;
2. Authorizes the City Manager to execute the agreement and related documentation; and
3. Authorizes the City Clerk to release bonds after completion of improvements.

8. Amendment to Resolution No. 042-21, adopted at the 05/11/2021 Meeting

Adopts Resolution No. 049-21 to amend Resolution No. 042-21 to include \$100,000 for COVID-19 vaccinations as approved by the City Council.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY GOBLE, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 8.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (KENDRICK, ORTIZ – Absent).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Weiland, representing Infill Development, praised John Phillips, Jaime Campos, Spencer Hayes, Mario Sanchez, Anthony Shute and Morgan Foley for the excellent customer service provided to his company.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

9. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual City, Housing Authority, and Successor Agency Budgets

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council, Housing Authority, and the City of El Cajon as Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency hold a joint public hearing to consider the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Proposed Budgets. After closing the public hearing, staff recommends the following:

1. Acting as the City Council, individually adopt the following:
 - a) Resolution of the City of El Cajon Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Budget.
 - b) Resolution Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2021-22.
 - c) Resolution Approving Designation of General Fund Balances.
2. Acting as the Housing Authority Board of Directors, adopt Resolution titled: Resolution of the El Cajon Housing Authority Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget.
3. Acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors, adopt Resolution titled: Resolution of the City Council of the City Of El Cajon as the Successor Agency to the former El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget.

DISCUSSION

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

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 9 – Continued)

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- General Fund increases capture the positions restored from the 2019 retirements or attrition;
- Reductions by outsourcing;
- Pension Obligation Bonds; and
- CALPERS obligations.

No comments were received for the Item.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (KENDRICK, ORTIZ – Absent).

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 050-21, to ADOPT the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Annual Budget; ADOPT Resolution No. 051-21, Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2021-22; and ADOPT Resolution No. 052-21, Approving Designation of General Fund Balances.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (KENDRICK, ORTIZ – Absent).

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to Acting as the Housing Authority Board of Directors, ADOPT Resolution No. ECHA-34 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (KENDRICK, ORTIZ – Absent).

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to Acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors, ADOPT Resolution No. SA 001-21, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (KENDRICK, ORTIZ – Absent).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

10. American Rescue Plan Act Funding Appropriations & Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to appropriate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for designated projects.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Invest the ARPA funds until expenses can be made;
- Utilize a social worker to reduce risks to city staff when dealing with homeless encampments;
- Clean-up efforts in the City and focus on the most problematic areas; and
- Effective ways to promote ARPA opportunities for local businesses.

No comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ADOPT Resolution No. 053-21 to appropriate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for designated projects.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (KENDRICK, ORTIZ – Absent).

11. Compensation for Executive and Unrepresented Employees (A-29), City Manager, and City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor provides an oral report summarizing recommended changes in compensation for the City's "local agency executives" and, following the report, that the City Council:

1. Approves the changes to City Council Policy A-29 described below and reflected in the attachment; and
2. Adopts the next Resolutions, in order, to approve the amendments to the employment contracts with the city manager and city attorney, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the amendments, substantially in the forms as presented.

DISCUSSION

Director of Human Resources, Marisol Thorn, provided detailed information of the Item.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 11 – Continued)

Mayor Wells provided an oral report summarizing the recommended changes.

No comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE the changes to City Council Policy A-29 described below and reflected in the attachment; and ADOPT Resolution No. 054-21, to approve the amendment to the employment contract with the city manager; and ADOPT Resolution No. 055-21, to approve the amendment to the employment contract with the city attorney, and authorize the Mayor to execute the amendments, substantially in the forms as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (KENDRICK, ORTIZ – Absent).

12. City of El Cajon Parks and Recreation Memorial Bench and Picnic Table Program

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves the City of El Cajon Parks and Recreation Memorial Bench and Picnic Table Program.

DISCUSSION

Director of Parks & Recreation, Frank Carson, introduced Parks & Recreation Manager, Adam Tronerud to provide detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the life span of the commemorative pieces, and the replacement process due to vandalism.

No comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY METSCHEL, SECOND BY GOBLE, to APPROVE the City of El Cajon Parks and Recreation Memorial Bench and Picnic Table Program.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (KENDRICK, ORTIZ – Absent).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

13. COVID-19 Status Report

RECOMMENDATION: No action required.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell recommended terminating the bi-weekly reports on COVID-19 pandemic. Reports will be provided on an as-needed basis.

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.

14. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

15. 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.

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ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

18. 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: None

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 22nd day of June, 2021, at 4:41 p.m., to Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary