

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

July 13, 2021

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, July 13, 2021, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:02 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Goble, and Ortiz
Council/Agencymembers absent:	Metschel
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 June 22, 2021, meeting and the Agenda of the July 13, 2021, meetings in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Parks and Recreation Month**

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 7)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 7.

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

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

Approves Minutes of the June 22, 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. FY2020 State Homeland Security Grant - Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Funding

Adopts Resolution No. 056-21 authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept and appropriate the FY2020 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant funding in the amount of \$621,448 and execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.

5. FY20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) - Request for Reallocation of Grant Funding

Authorizes the reallocation of \$19,500 of FY20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) grant funds to purchase the SPIDR Tech Software application detailed in the report.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

6. Subdivision Agreement and Final Map for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 666; South Mollison Avenue; Engineering Job No. 3574.
 1. Approves the Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Public Improvements for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 666, Skyridge, Engineering Job No. 3574;
 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.

7. El Cajon Municipal Employees' Association: Side Letter Limited to Clean-up

That the City Council approves and authorizes the terms and conditions of the Limited Clean-up Side Letter Agreement between the City and the El Cajon Municipal Employees' Association (ECMEA).

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. City of El Cajon Sewer Tax Roll Fees Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing;
3. Determines if a majority protest has been received; and (if not)
4. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, to:
 - Determine the lack of majority protest;
 - Overrule objections to the report;
 - Accept the City of El Cajon Sewer Tax Roll Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Fees report, which identifies by parcel number, each parcel of real property receiving sewer services, and the amount of sewer charges for each parcel for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, as required by the California Health and Safety Code section 5473, et seq., pertaining to collection of sewer charges on the tax roll;
 - Direct the City Clerk to file the reports with the San Diego County Auditor; and
 - Direct the City Finance Department to file a certification of the sewer service charges with the San Diego County Auditor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 8 Continued)

DISCUSSION

Associate Engineer, Blake Behringer, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Clarification of fixed v. variable portion of the sewer charges;
- Sewer revenue reserve funds for catastrophic sewer emergencies; and
- Maintenance of sewer pipes.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received for the Item.

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

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

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADOPT Resolution No. 057-21, to determine the lack of majority protest; Overrule objections to the report; Accept the City of El Cajon Sewer Tax Roll Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Fees report, which identifies by parcel number, each parcel of real property receiving sewer services, and the amount of sewer charges for each parcel for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, as required by the California Health and Safety Code section 5473, et seq., pertaining to collection of sewer charges on the tax roll; Direct the City Clerk to file the reports with the San Diego County Auditor; and Direct the City Finance Department to file a certification of the sewer service charges with the San Diego County Auditor.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

9. Mother Goose Parade Association Sponsorship and In-Kind Support

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves the request from the Mother Goose Parade Association to participate as a sponsor and provide in-kind support for the 2021 Mother Goose Parade.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 9 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

Director of Parks and Recreation, Frank Carson, provided detailed information of the Item.

President of the Mother Goose Parade Association, Daryl Priest, spoke in support of the item.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to approve the request from the Mother Goose Parade Association to participate as a sponsor and provide in-kind support for the 2021 Mother Goose Parade.

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

Mayor Wells accepted the Public Comment statement of Pamela Ciborowski, who spoke at length regarding the high prices for water and sewer bills. Mrs. Ciborowski considers the increases to sewer rates a financial burden for those on a fixed income.

10. American Rescue Plan Act Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the report and provides feedback/direction.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided an update on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Continued outreach to small businesses to apply for ARPA funds;
- Possibility of extending the application deadline;
- Business Grant for new employees extension to October; and
- Consideration of Jan. 1, 2020 retroactive funds for business grants.

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.

11. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

12. 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.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

In addition to the submitted report, Mayor Pro Tem Kendrick stated he attended the Heartland Fire Training on July 8, 2021.

14. 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)

15. 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

16. Amendment to Municipal Code Title 2 Administration and Personnel.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves the introduction of the Ordinance, amending various chapters of Title 2 of the El Cajon Municipal Code, and, if approved, requests the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title.

DISCUSSION

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

No comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to INTRODUCE the Ordinance.

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

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 2.24.100 of CHAPTER 2.24, AND SECTIONS 2.64.030, 2.64.050, AND 2.64.060 OF CHAPTER 2.64 OF TITLE 2 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE TO AMEND THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION POWERS AND DUTIES AND TO AMEND THE LIST OF EXCEPTIONS TO THE CITY'S PERSONNEL SYSTEM

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 13th day of July, 2021, at 4:06 p.m., to Tuesday, July 13, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary