

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 27, 2021

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, July 27, 2021, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 7:05 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California. This meeting was adjourned from the Regular Joint Meeting held at 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 27, 2021, by order of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Metschel
Council/Agencymembers absent:	Goble and Ortiz
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 Sangsanoy-Heng, Deputy 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).

AGENDA CHANGES: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

100. General Plan Amendment to update the Housing and Safety Elements and establish a new Environmental Justice Element

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing;
3. Moves to ADOPT the next Resolution, in order, ADOPTING the Initial Study and Negative Declaration; and
4. Moves to ADOPT the next Resolution, in order, APPROVING the General Plan Amendment.

DISCUSSION

Planning Manager, Melissa Devine, provided detailed information of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

Stephanie Harper submitted an online comment against the proposed project and provided suggestions to the City.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (GOBLE AND ORTIZ – Absent).

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Future plans for communities outlined in the project;
- Housing Element Policy on preserving existing homes;
- No policy restricting 3D printed housing if code requirement is met; and
- General plans to introduce green zones.

In response to specific plans proposed by Councilmember Metschel, City Manager Mitchell advised to place those ideas on a future agenda or bring forward at a goal setting session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 100 – Continued)

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 062-21, Adopting the Initial Study and Negative Declaration; and ADOPT Resolution No. 063-21, Approving the General Plan Amendment.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (GOBLE AND ORTIZ – Absent).

Director of Community Development, Anthony Shute, praised Planning Manager, Melissa Devine, and city staff, Spencer Hayes and Alfonso Camacho, in concert with the consultants for their work on the update to the General Plan Amendment. Mr. Shute stated that Mrs. Devine has resigned her position with the city, and praised her work as a Planning Manager.

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 27th day of July, 2021, at 7:31 p.m., to August 10, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary