

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

August 10, 2021

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, August 10, 2021, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

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| Council/Agencymembers present: | Goble, and Metschel |
| Council/Agencymembers absent: | 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 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 July 27, 2021, meetings and the Agenda of the August 10, 2021, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

Mayor Wells invited the public to the second re-districting Public Hearing on September 8, 2021, 6:30 p.m., at the Renette Recreation Center.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **MTS New Fare System - PRONTO & Free Rides In September Promotion**

AGENDA CHANGES:

City Manager Mitchell requested that the Closed Session, Item 21, be the first item reviewed during the August 10, 2021 meeting.

21. Closed Session - Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6:

Agency Designated Representatives

Graham Mitchell, City Manager
Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager
Clay Schoen, Director of Finance
Marisol Thorn, Director of Human Resources

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MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE moving Item 21, Closed Session to be the first Item for consideration and to Adjourn to Closed Session at 3:09 p.m.

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

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 3:25 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

- Direction was given to City Negotiator.

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 10)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 10.

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

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

Approves Minutes of the July 27, 2021, Meetings 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. New Classification Specification for Forensic Latent Print Examiner

Approves and authorizes the classification specification and pay range for Forensic Latent Print Examiner.

5. Time Extension of Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 659; 636 South Johnson Avenue, Engineering Job No. 3606

Grants a one-year extension for TPM 659 (636 South Johnson Avenue) and sets the new expiration date to August 14, 2022, in accordance with Municipal Code Section 16.12.110.

6. New Classification Specification for Fleet Specialist

Approves and authorizes the classification specification and salary range for Fleet Specialist.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

7. Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate to League of California Cities Annual Conference (September 22-24, 2021)

That the City Council designates Mayor Bill Wells as the Voting Delegate for the City of El Cajon and Councilmember Phil Ortiz as the Alternate, for the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

8. Revisions to the Police Dispatcher Job Family

That the City Council approves and authorizes the changes to the Police Dispatcher Job Family as stated in the staff report and described in the attached documents.

9. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the San Diego County Cal-ID Remote Access Network (RAN) Board and City of El Cajon Police Department for funding of one full-time Forensic Latent Print Examiner

That the City Council authorizes the City Manager or designee to accept and appropriate the Forensic Latent Print Examiner funding from the County of San Diego in the amount of \$107,536 for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and execute any agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.

10. Community Event in the Right of Way: Manufacturing Expo

That the City Council approves the use of alcohol for the East County Manufacturing Expo at Prescott Promenade on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

Mayor Wells left the Chamber at 3:27 p.m. to attend an educational conference.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dr. Andre' Evans, representing The Mission Church offered moral support to city staff.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

11. Public Hearing on Issuance of Tax-Exempt Bonds for the Broadway I & Broadway II Apartments Located at 1562 E. Main Street and 849 N. Third Street and Resolution Approving Issuance of Bonds

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Conducts a public hearing in consideration of the issuance of tax-exempt bond financing by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority for the benefit of Broadway I Preservation LP, to provide financing for the acquisition and rehabilitation of existing multifamily rental housing projects generally known as Broadway I Apartments and Broadway II Apartments; and
2. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving the issuance of Bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority not to exceed \$80,000,000, for the benefit of Broadway I Preservation LP, to provide financing for the acquisition and rehabilitation of existing multifamily rental housing projects generally known as Broadway I Apartments and Broadway II Apartments.

DISCUSSION

City Attorney Foley provided detailed information of the Item.

Housing Manager, Jamie van Ravesteyn was available for questions regarding the project.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning displacement of Broadway apartment residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Kendrick opened the Public Hearing.

No comments were received for the Item.

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

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

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 064-21, Approving the issuance of Bonds by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority not to exceed \$80,000,000, for the benefit of Broadway I Preservation LP, to provide financing for the acquisition and rehabilitation of existing multifamily rental housing projects generally known as Broadway I Apartments and Broadway II Apartments.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 11 – Continued)

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

12. Legislative Update

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio provided detailed information of the current Assembly and Senate bills of interest to the City.

No comments were received for the Item.

13. Update on Expenditures Related to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the report and provides feedback.

DISCUSSION

City Manager provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the following:

- Finding a list of items that could be approved as eligible purchases;
- Reimbursement for upgrades performed in 2020;
- ARPA funds for mobile and home based businesses;
- Outreach to local businesses for ARPA fund applications; and
- Outreach to non-profit local groups.

No comments were received for the Item.

City Manager Mitchell stated that a report will be provided to the City Council with proposals and updates of how ARPA funds can be spent.

14. Opposition to HR 127 (Sabika Sheikh Firearm Licensing and Registration Act)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council considers authorizing Mayor Wells to sign on behalf of the City Council a letter in opposition to HR 127.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 14 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

City Manager provided detailed information of the Item.

No comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY METSCHEL, SECOND BY GOBLE, to AUTHORIZE Mayor Wells to sign a letter in opposition on behalf of the City Council, to HR 127.

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

15. Year-End Update on Homeless Programs and CDBG CARES Act Programs

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the report and provides feedback and direction on homeless and CARES Act programming and funding.

DISCUSSION

Housing Manager, Jamie van Ravesteyn, introduced Housing Specialist Yani Pelayo-Brito, who provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding the following:

- County of San Diego rental assistant programs;
- Landlord's ability to apply for funding if tenants do not apply themselves;
- Consideration for a 'safe parking location' in the City of El Cajon;
- Reinstating the City's rental inspection program;
- Clarification that inspections can only pertain to building standards;
- Request for deep cleaning for sidewalks impacted by homeless encampments;
- and
- Motel stay program.

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.

In addition to the submitted report, Councilmember Metschel added that she attended the Home of Guiding Hands Community Partner of the Year ceremony.

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.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

Item 21 was reviewed at the beginning of the meeting, per actions approved under Agenda Changes.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency adjourned Closed Session as follows:

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Adjournment: Mayor Pro Tem Kendrick adjourned the Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 10th day of August, 2021, at 4:41 p.m., to Tuesday, September 14, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary