

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

September 28, 2021

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, September 28, 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

Council/Agencymembers present:	Goble, Metschel, and Ortiz
Council/Agencymembers absent:	None
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 September 14, 2021, Meeting and the Agenda of the September 28 Meetings in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Commendation for Fire Rescue
- Proclamation for Fire Prevention Week
- Proclamation for Manufacturing Week

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 7)

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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

Approves Minutes of the Re-Districting Meeting of September 8, 2021 and the September 14, 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. City of El Cajon Youth Sports Sponsorship

Accepts, appropriates, and expends a sponsorship in the amount of \$7,500 from Raising Cane's for the Youth Sports Programs.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

5. 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program Funding

Adopts Resolution No. 072-21 authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept and appropriate the FY 2020 State Homeland Security Grant funds in the amount of \$81,968, and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.

6. 2021 Investment Policy Update

Adopts Resolution No. 073-21 adopting the City of El Cajon Investment Policy and delegating investment authorities to the Director of Finance/Authority Treasurer.

7. El Cajon Housing Authority Annual Report (Fiscal Year 2020-2021)

Approves the attached Annual Report; and Authorizes the Executive Director to transmit it, in a form substantially as presented, to the California Department of Housing and Community Development as required by State law.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Anderson and ambassadors, representing the German American Society, spoke of El Cajon Oktoberfest.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. Public Hearing for the Consideration to Vacate a Walkway Easement on Mona Place

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing; and
3. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, to approve the vacation of a walkway easement between Mona Place and Benjamin Place, established by Council Resolution No. 7724 and recorded on May 23, 1966, Map No. 5738.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 8 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

Traffic Engineer, Mario Sanchez provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

The following people spoke or submitted online comments in support of vacating the walkway easement:

1. Peggy Bailey
2. Juan Silva Barrera

The following people spoke or submitted online comments in opposition of vacating the walkway easement:

1. Jeanette Malanga
2. Lynne Stark
3. Howard Stark
4. James G. Renzi
5. Deborah McGlennon
6. Corey Klassen
7. Reverend Edith Washington-Woods
8. Tim Pilot
9. Kris Klassen
10. Krissenda Leigh-Pink
11. Dana Fennessy
12. Rachel Klassen
13. Kathleen Castillo

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Liability issues for the owners of the easement;
- Release of liability request from Peggy Bailey to users of the easement;
- Consideration to review traffic issues on Chase;
- Easement is a neighborhood benefit but not a benefit for the City; and
- Public Hearing notice was done appropriately.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 8 – Continued)

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 074-21, to approve the vacation of a walkway easement between Mona Place and Benjamin Place, established by Council Resolution No. 7724 and recorded on May 23, 1966, Map No. 5738.

MOTION CARRIED BY 4-1 VOTE (KENDRICK – NO).

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

9. Youth League Utility Support Fiscal Year 2021/2022

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves the Recreation Council recommendation to provide utility support, in the amount of \$2,100 per league, to eight Executive Member youth leagues.

DISCUSSION

Director of Parks & Recreation, Frank Carson and Recreation Services Manager, Julie Alon provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff in regards to City of El Cajon parks welcoming people from other cities.

No comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to provide utility support, in the amount of \$2,100 per league, to eight Executive Member youth leagues.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10. Public Safety Center Project Update - Solar PV and Battery Storage

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the report from staff about the City's Solar Photovoltaic and Battery Storage Project as planned for the Public Safety Center.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 10 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

City Engineer, Jeffrey Manchester provided detailed information of the Item.

No comments were received for the Item.

11. Harry Griffen Park Joint Powers Authority

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the report and provides feedback and direction regarding Harry Griffen Park Joint Powers Authority.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell introduced Director of Parks & Recreation, Frank Carson, who provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff in regards to the following:

- Increase the contributions by the City of El Cajon;
- Withdraw from the Joint Power Authority (JPA);
- Continue funding at 15%; and
- JPA representative must consult with the City Council for fee increases.

No comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to MAINTAIN the current contribution of 15% to the JPA and request to update JPA By-Laws to include language that recommended increases be approved by the affected member agency's board.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12. Update on Expenditures Related to the American Rescue Plan Act

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the report and provides feedback.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 12 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff in regards to the following:

- Request for a list of business who have received grant funding;
- Number of applications pending approval;
- Continue to encourage businesses to apply; and
- New Hire Process incentives.

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.

13. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

14. 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.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

17. 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

CLOSED SESSIONS:

18. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: One potential case

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 5:38 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 5:53 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

- Directed Staff to obtain a pre-litigation analysis of land use, economic development and social impacts of the County of San Diego proposed 'Working Families Ordinance'

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 28th day of September, 2021, at 5:54 p.m., to Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary