

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

November 9, 2021

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, November 9, 2021, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:06 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

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| 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).

Mayor Wells announced the upcoming State of City on December 14, 2021 at the Ronald Reagan Community Center. He stated more details will be available soon.

POSTINGS: The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the October 26, 2021, meetings and the Agenda of the November 9, 2021, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- New Station Dog: Jax
- EDCO Recycling Awards
- We Are One Committee

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 11)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 11.

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 October 26, 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.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

4. Accept County of San Diego CDBG Funds - Broadway Creek Phase B
 1. Authorizes the City Manager, or approved designee, to accept, appropriate, and expend \$482,713 from the County of San Diego's Community Development Block Grant program for Broadway Creek Restoration Phase B (WW3756); and
 2. Authorizes the City Manager to amend Agreement No. 565034, and any subsequent amendments, between the City of El Cajon and the County of San Diego, for cooperative work on the Broadway Creek Restoration Phase B (WW3756).

5. Reassignment of Funding Sources for ADA Concrete Improvement Projects

That the City Council transfers TransNet funds and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds between existing ADA Concrete Improvement Capital Projects (PW53020, PW53021).

6. New Classification Specification and Salary Setting for Management Assistant

That the City Council approves and authorizes the classification specification and salary setting for Management Assistant.

7. Wildfire Early Action Plan Grant Award

Adopts Resolution No. 086-21 to:

1. Authorize the City Manager, or approved designee, to accept grant funding as provided through the San Diego River Conservancy's Wildfire Early Action Plan Grant Program;
 2. Authorize the City Manager, or approved designee, to execute the grant agreement and such other documents necessary, with the San Diego River Conservancy to accept any awards of grants; and
 3. Accept, appropriate, and expend \$500,000 for the purposes of the Vegetation Management and Restoration Program.
8. Award of Bid No. 006-22 – Weed Abatement and Channel Clearing
 1. Adopts Resolution No. 087-21 to Approve Plans and Specifications for Weed Abatement and Channel Clearing, Bid No. 006-22; and
 2. Adopts Resolution No. 088-21 to Award the bid to the sole responsive, responsible bidder, Natures Image, Inc., in the amount of \$156,231.27 for the initial one-year term, with up to four additional one-year renewal options.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

9. Approval and Authorization of the Execution of a Caltrans Program Supplement Agreement for Madison Avenue Safety Improvements

Adopts Resolution No. 089-21 approving and authorizing the execution of Caltrans Program Supplement Agreement No. F056 Rev. 2 for the Madison Avenue Safety Improvements Project (Ref. HSIPL 5211(041)).

10. Event in the Right of Way - Holiday Lights on Main

Reviews and approves the submitted road closures and traffic control plan for the Holiday Lights on Main.

11. Disposal of Retired Property

Declares the listed property retired and authorizes disposal in accordance with policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

12. State Redistricting Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council provides direction on allocation of staff time, use of consulting services, and endorsement of alternative district maps.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Proposed maps not favorable to the City of El Cajon; and
- Request for a special meeting to adopt a Resolution to oppose the maps proposed by the State of California.

No comments were received for the Item.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

13. Relaxation of Certain Zoning Code Standards

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council considers whether to continue to relax certain zoning standards into 2022 and, if so, adopts the next Resolution, in order, affirming the continued relaxation of certain zoning code standards; the allowance of temporary signs; and allowing a no-fee temporary use permit; all until June 30, 2022.

DISCUSSION

Director of Community Development, Anthony Shute, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Unanimous support from City Council for the Item; and
- Signage and date considerations of when the relaxation of certain code standards would expire.

An email from Hacienda Casa Blanca Mexican Restaurant owners, Cindy and Tony Gomez was received and forwarded by the City Clerk to the City Council, in support of the Item.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 090-21 to affirm the continued relaxation of certain zoning code standards; the allowance of temporary signs; and allowing a no-fee temporary use permit; all until December 31, 2022, at which time the Item will return to Council for further consideration.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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 submitted.

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.

In addition to the submitted report, Councilmember Goble added that he and Director of Parks & Recreation, Frank Carson attended an event at Heritage Park where the County of San Diego recognized the City of El Cajon's Dollar Days Program. He also requested the support of the Council to add an opposition Item for SANDAG's Vehicle Mileage Tax (VMT), on a future Council meeting.

16. 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 an Afghan event. He added that he has received comments from local business owners on the success of Foodie Fest, and suggested hosting another event soon.

City Manager Mitchell stated that the City Council will soon receive a report on the Foodie Fest event, including the actual cost of the event. This will help determine if the City can support another similar event.

17. 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 stated she completed the Citizen's Police Academy and participated in a ride-along with the City of El Cajon Police Department.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

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 submitted.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

CLOSED SESSIONS:

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

19. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: National Prescription Opiate Litigation, 1:17-md-2804 (N.D. Ohio)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 4:28 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 4:46 p.m.

CLOSED SESSIONS: (Continued)

City Attorney Foley reported that Councilmember Goble disqualified himself and retired from Closed Session as a conflict of interest arose from owning more than \$2000 in stock in one of the defendants company, Johnson & Johnson.

Mr. Foley stated that a motion by Wells, Second by Ortiz, with a 4-0 Vote APPROVED to participate in a settlement of a Class Action matter involving three (3) distributor companies: McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health Inc., and AmerisourceBergen.

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 9th day of November, 2021, at 4:48 p.m., to Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary