

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

January 25, 2022

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, January 25, 2022, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:04 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Goble, Kendrick, and Ortiz
Council/Agencymembers absent:	None
Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair present:	Metschel
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 January 11, 2022, meeting and the Agenda of the January 25, 2022, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS: None

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 5)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 5.

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 January 11, 2022, 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. Award of Bid No. 015-22 – Networking and Datacenter Equipment

Finds the second, third, and fourth apparent low bidders non-responsive for the reasons set forth in the agenda report; and adopts Resolution No. 007-22 to Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Quest Media & Supplies, Inc., in the amount of \$852,612.07.

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CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

5. CalRecycle Grant and Payment Programs

Adopts Resolution No. 008-22 to:

1. Authorize the City Manager, or such person designated by the City Manager, to apply for any CalRecycle grant or payment program applications for which the City is eligible;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or such person designated by the City Manager, to execute any related agreements and all such other documents necessary to accept the grants or payment programs; and
3. Authorize the City Manager, or such person designated by the City Manager, to execute contracts and contract amendments necessary to utilize any funds received per these grants or payment program guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ramah Awad, Jeanine Erikat and Yazmeen Obeid expressed disappointment in the outcome of the re-districting efforts as the current map was selected to be adopted by the City Council.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

6. 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 Specialist, Yani Pelayo-Brito, provided detailed information of the Item.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 6 – Continued)

Discussion ensued among Council and staff concerning the following:

- Exploring ideas for non-allocated CDBG-CV3 funds
- Sleeping cabins for the homeless;
- Safe Parking Programs; and
- Memorandum of Understanding between neighboring cities to address homeless problems.

Kay LeMenager, representing the East County Homeless Task Force (ECHTF), spoke in support of the Safe Parking Program.

Ivan Andujar, representing the East County Transitional Living Center (ECTLC), spoke about the remodeling efforts at the center, and the continued need for housing for the homeless population.

Kelly Spoon, representing Dreams for Change, provided detailed information of the Safe Parking Program they provide.

Discussion ensued among Council and Ms. Spoon concerning the following:

- Addressing neighborhood concerns when bringing a safe parking program to the area;
- Concern of attracting people from other cities to El Cajon with the parking program;
- Opposition to the idea of safe parking programs;
- Risks to community in regards to property values; and
- Statistics that the programs reduce the crime rate in the neighborhoods.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to DIRECT staff to provide recommendations to the City Council on homeless and CARES Act programming and funding, and safe parking program options within 30 days.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

7. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021, and Other Written Communication from the City's Independent Auditor

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives and accepts the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and other written communication from the independent accounting firm of Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 7 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

Finance Director, Clay Schoen, provided detailed information of the Item.

No comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to RECEIVE and accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and other written communication from the independent accounting firm of Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8. Update on Employee Mental Wellness Programs

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives a report on the City's Employee Mental Wellness Programs and provides direction for 2022.

DISCUSSION

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

Discussion ensued among Council and staff concerning the following:

- Support for the incentive programs for employees;
- Available resources for first responders who experience trauma during the course of their daily work duties; and
- Mental Wellness programs.

No comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to RECEIVE the report on the City's Employee Mental Wellness Programs

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

9. Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council accepts the report and directs staff to initiate a Zoning Code amendment to incorporate Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations performance standards.

DISCUSSION

Senior Planner, Michael Viglione, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and staff concerning the following:

- Enforcing code violations;
- Creating zoning definitions for MEHKO participants; and
- Reminder that the County of San Diego is the enforcing agency for procedures, not the City of El Cajon.

No comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ACCEPT the report and direct staff to initiate a Zoning Code amendment to incorporate Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations performance standards.

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.

10. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

11. 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 report submitted, Councilmember Goble requested that an agenda item be added to a future meeting, to oppose the Metropolitan Transit System recommendation to reduce the TransNet sales tax.

12. COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK
METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

13. MAYOR PRO TEM MICHELLE METSCHEL
Harry Griffen Park Joint Steering Committee; Heartland Communications – Alternate; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

14. 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: None

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 25th day of January, 2022, at 4:33 p.m., to Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary