

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

March 8, 2022

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, March 8, 2022, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:01 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 February 22, 2022, meetings and the Agenda of the March 8, 2022, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Annual Dance & Tumbling Recital at the Magnolia
- Human Trafficking Awareness

AGENDA CHANGES: None

Mayor Wells acknowledged National Women’s Day, and Deputy Mayor Metschel shared words of encouragement for all women.

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

Approve Minutes of the February 22, 2022, Meetings of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

2. Warrants

Approve payment of Warrants as submitted by the Finance Department.

3. Approval of Reading Ordinances by Title only

Approve the reading by title and waives the reading in full of all Ordinances on the Agenda.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

4. Award of Bid No. 016-22 – Fire Admin Offices at Public Safety Center Re-Bid
 1. Adopt Resolution No. 015-22 to Approve Plans and Specifications for the Fire Admin Offices at Public Safety Center Re-Bid project, Bid No. 016-22;
 2. Find the protest submitted by 13Zero3, Inc., dba 13Zero3 Construction (13Zero3) timely but without merit;
 3. Find the protests submitted by SAS Construction (SAS) and Firestone Builders, Inc. (FBI), to be untimely and without merit;
 4. Find the first through sixth low bidders non-responsive for the reasons set forth in the agenda report; and
 5. Adopt Resolution No. 016-22 to Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, SWCS, Inc., in the amount of \$444,470 contingent upon approval of funding.

5. Contract Amendment for Window Repair/Maintenance at City Hall

Adopt Resolution No. 017-22 to increase the contract for the Window Repair/Maintenance at City Hall contract in the not-to-exceed amount of \$14,075.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

6. Heartland Fire & Rescue Administrative Offices - Project Update

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Receives the Heartland Fire Administrative Offices (PS0012) project update;
2. Authorizes the appropriation of fund equity, and transfer, of \$220,364 in the City Capital Improvement Program Fund (501); and
3. Appropriates \$220,364 of additional funding in the Heartland Fire Administrative Offices (PS0012) project.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 6 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

Associate Engineer, Senan Kachi, provided detailed information of the Item.

No comments were received for the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Construction and contingency costs; and
- Clarification that the Joint Powers Agreement Cities each cover expenses for office space needed at their respective cities.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to RECEIVE the Heartland Fire Administrative Offices (PS0012) project update; Authorize the appropriation of fund equity, and transfer, of \$220,364 in the City Capital Improvement Program Fund (501); and Appropriate \$220,364 of additional funding in the Heartland Fire Administrative Offices (PS0012) project.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

7. Legislative Update

DISCUSSION

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

Councilmember Ortiz commented on AB 481 and how drones are classified as military vehicles.

Councilmember Kendrick expressed concern about SB 519, which legalizes the possession of hallucinogenic drugs, and requested staff to send a letter of opposition on behalf of the City Council to the Governor.

No public comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to SEND a letter to the Governor on behalf of the City Council, to oppose Senate Bill 519.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

8. Side Letter Agreement Between the City of El Cajon and the El Cajon Police Officers' Association

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving a side letter agreement (attached) between the City and the El Cajon Police Officers' Association temporarily modifying Article 5, Section B of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of El Cajon and the El Cajon Police Officers' Association.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

No comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADOPT Resolution No. 018-22, approving a side letter agreement between the City and the El Cajon Police Officers' Association temporarily modifying Article 5, Section B of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of El Cajon and the El Cajon Police Officers' Association.

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.

9. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

10. 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 shared that the Sleeping Cabin project at Meridian Baptist Church is near completion.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

In addition to the submitted report, Councilmember Kendrick spoke about the video, produced by the City, that clarifies that the homeless encampments on Magnolia Avenue are in the City of San Diego limits, and not within City of El Cajon boundaries.

12. DEPUTY MAYOR MICHELLE METSCHEL
Harry Griffen Park Joint Steering Committee; Heartland Communications – Alternate; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

13. 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

14. Introduction of Ordinance addressing the use of Electronic Signatures by the City of El Cajon

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council moves to introduce the next Ordinance, in order, and directs the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only.

DISCUSSION

No comments were received for the Item.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to INTRODUCE the Ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The City Clerk recited the title of the ordinance for a first reading.

AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 2.50 TO
TITLE 2 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE
AUTHORIZING THE USE OF
ELECTRONIC AND DIGITAL SIGNATURES

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

CLOSED SESSIONS:

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

15. Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiators - pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8:

Property: 31.7-acre vacant site at the northwest corner of Weld Boulevard and Cuyamaca Street

Negotiating Parties: Chesnut Properties, LLC; SGCLMC-Weld Investment Company, L.P.

CLOSED SESSIONS: (Continued)

City Negotiators: City Manager; Assistant City Manager; City Attorney

Under Negotiation: Price and terms for acquisition of leasehold interest, and for new lease-back to Negotiating Parties

ADJOURNED to Closed Session at 3:59 p.m.

RECONVENED To Open Session at 4:04 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following action:

- No reportable action taken

Councilmember Kendrick acknowledged the public defenders assisting the war against Ukraine.

Adjournment: Mayor Wells adjourned the Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 8th day of March, 2022, at 4:05 p.m., to Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary