

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 22, 2022

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, March 22, 2022, 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, 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 March 8, 2022, meeting and the Agenda of the March 22, 2022, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

AGENDA CHANGES:

City Manager Mitchell added a Commendation to honor Richard Ruis.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Commendation for Richard 'Dick' Ruis

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 6)

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

Approve Minutes of the March 8, 2022, Meeting 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.

4. Contract Change Order for Traffic Signal System Maintenance, Emergency Repairs, and Related Construction Services, Bid No. 001-20

Adopt Resolution No. 019-22 to approve the Contract Change Order in the amount of \$60,000 to Southwest Signal Service, Incorporated, for the Traffic Signal System Maintenance, Emergency Repairs, and Related Construction Services contract, Bid No. 001-20, for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

5. Contract Change Order for Street Light Maintenance, Emergency Repairs, and Related Construction Services, Bid No. 028-18

Adopt Resolution No. 020-22 to approve the Contract Change Order in the amount of \$60,000 to CTE, Incorporated, for the Street Light Maintenance, Emergency Repairs, and Related Construction Services contract, Bid No. 028-18, for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

6. Community Event in the Right-of-Way – Cajon Classic Cruise

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves the use of the public right-of-way for the 2022 “Cajon Classic Cruise” series, subject to conditions.

DISCUSSION

In response to a question by Councilmember Goble, City Attorney Foley and Assistant City Manager DiMaggio stated that the area for ‘free speech’ will not allow for sound amplifiers.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 TO 6.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jenn Petraglia, representing TEDxKids@EICajon, introduced Jose Sabedra, who invited the Council and the public to the Imagine – TEDxKids@EICajon event on April 30, 2022 at the Magnolia.

Moline Schrader spoke about issues with bike lanes in El Cajon.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

7. Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations - MEHKO

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the public hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the public hearing;
3. Moves to INTRODUCE the next ORDINANCE, in order, APPROVING Zoning Code Amendment No. 2022-0001, and amending Title 1; and
4. Requests that the City Clerk read the ORDINANCE by title only.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Continued)

DISCUSSION

Senior Planner, Michael Viglione, provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the sidewalk vending permits.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to CLOSE the Public Hearing.
MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to INTRODUCE the next ORDINANCE, in order, APPROVING Zoning Code Amendment No. 2022-0001, and amending Title 1; and Requests that the City Clerk read the ORDINANCE by title only.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1.16 OF TITLE 1 AND CHAPTERS 17.105 AND 17.140 OF TITLE 17, AND ADDING CHAPTER 17.225.250 OF TITLE 17 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING MICROENTERPRISE HOME KITCHEN OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

8. Draft Economic Development Strategic Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Provides feedback on the draft plan;
2. Directs staff to make any adjustments and finalize the plan; and
3. Directs staff to make the finalized plan available for public review and return the plan for adoption.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 8 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio provided a brief introduction, and called on Roger Dale from The Natelson Dale Group who provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Outcome in other participating cities;
- Creation of new jobs;
- Attracting new industries to the City;
- Need of upscale housing in the valley floor;
- Financial incentives;
- Marketing the City as a destination area;
- Mixed use opportunities for shopping malls;
- Concept ideas for repurposing the Court House/Chamber area; and
- Branding the City of El Cajon.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to DIRECT staff to make adjustments and finalize the plan; and direct staff to make the finalized plan available for public review and return the plan to the City Council for adoption.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

9. Dollar Days Analysis

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council accepts this report.

DISCUSSION

Director of Parks & Recreation, Frank Carson, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Reduced pricing allowed people to try new classes;
- Making swim classes for El Cajon youth a priority; and
- Returning to regular fee schedule.

The City Council congratulated Mr. Carson in being appointed the President of the California Park & Recreation Society.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 9 – Continued)

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ALLOCATE the remaining ARPA funding, approximately \$100,000 to train local youth to become lifeguards and swim instructors, and continue collaboration with the El Cajon Valley Union School District to provide free swim lessons.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10. 2021 General Plan Annual Progress Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Accepts the 2021 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
2. Directs staff to forward the report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

DISCUSSION

Deputy Director of Community Development, Noah Alvey, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning low income rentals and what the earning amount is to be considered for low income rentals.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ACCEPT the 2021 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and Direct staff to forward the report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

11. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Mid-Year Report and Five-Year Business Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Receives and accepts the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Mid-Year Report and Five-Year Business Plan update;
2. Authorizes the proposed personnel changes detailed in the report; and
3. Increases or modifies Fiscal Year 2021-22 appropriations in the net amount of \$610,000 for additional needs as detailed in the report.

DISCUSSION

Finance Director Clay Schoen, acknowledged Senior Management Analyst, Autumn Reberger, who worked on the report presented, and provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Managing reserves;
- Unfunded retirement obligations;
- Funds from Prop J;
- Personnel issues;
- Funding additional positions;
- Convalescent homes abusing the 911 system; and
- Citizen education regarding 911 calls.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to RECEIVE and accept the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Mid-Year Report and Five-Year Business Plan update; Authorize the proposed personnel changes detailed in the report; and Increases or modifies Fiscal Year 2021-22 appropriations in the net amount of \$610,000 for additional needs as detailed in the report.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12. One-Year Nurse Navigator Pilot Program

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council allocates \$300,000 of General Fund Reserves for a Nurse Navigator Pilot Program.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 12 - Continued)

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Liability to the City;
- Funding for program after the one year pilot program ends;
- Citizen education about the proposed program; and
- Request to provide the City Council with an update after program has been implemented.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ALLOCATE \$300,000 of General Fund Reserves for a Nurse Navigator Pilot Program.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

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 submitted.

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.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

In addition to the submitted report, Councilmember Goble stated he attended an Advanced Water Purification meeting on March 22, 2022.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

- 16. 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.

- 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.

In addition to the submitted report, Councilmember Ortiz mentioned the soccer match between City staff and community members, including the El Cajon Valley High School team.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

18. An Ordinance addressing the use of Electronic Signatures by the City of El Cajon

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mayor Wells requests the City Clerk to recite the title.

DISCUSSION

No public comment was received.

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

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

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5116, Approving an ordinance adding Chapter 2.50 to title 2 of the El Cajon Municipal Code authorizing the use of electronic and digital signatures.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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 22nd day of March, 2022, at 5:51 p.m., to Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary