

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

April 26, 2022

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, April 26, 2022, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:02 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 April 12, 2022, meeting and the Agenda of the April 26, 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 informed the City Council that the TEDxKids@EICajon has been postponed to a future Council Meeting.

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to POSTPONE the presentation by TEDxKids@EICajon.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Presentation: Youth of the Year Award**
- **Presentation: TEDxKids@EICajon**

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 7)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, 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

Approve Minutes of the April 12, 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.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

4. Fire Engine Purchase WEAP Grant

Adopt Resolution No. 029-22 to:

1. Approve the capital expenditure of approximately \$770,000 to purchase a Fire Engine using the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Program (WEAP21) grant funding, including City Manager authority to approve increases of up to 25% if necessary.
2. Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute a purchase agreement with South Coast Fire Equipment Inc. (South Coast) for the acquisition of a Pierce Triple Combination Pumper for approximately \$770,000.

5. Purchase of Factory Loaded Ammunition

Adopt Resolution No. 030-22 to authorize the Purchasing Agent to waive bidding requirements in accordance with El Cajon Municipal Code (ECMC) section 3.20.010(C)(5), to execute a purchase agreement with Dooley Enterprises, Inc. for the purchase of factory loaded ammunition in the amount of \$24,784.30.

6. Acceptance of Public Improvements for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 661

Accept the improvements and authorizes the City Clerk to release the security guaranteeing the improvements in accordance with the subdivision agreement, and requires the developer to maintain insurance in force until the release of all bonds for the project.

7. Progress Report for Emergency Storm Damage Repairs

Determine that there continues to be a State of Emergency to facilitate repairs to a sinkhole on Fanita Drive, and that the necessity requires the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health, and property, per Public Contract Code section 22050.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. Adoption of FY 2022-2023 One-Year Action Plan (CDBG and HOME) and Fourth Amendment to FY 2019-2020 One-Year Action Plan (CDBG-CV)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the public hearing and accepts public testimony for the adoption of the FY 2022-2023 One-Year Action Plan and Fourth Amendment to FY 2019-2020 One-Year Action Plan;
2. Closes the public hearing;
3. Finalizes the allocations of CDBG and HOME funds as a part of the FY 2022-2023 One-Year Action Plan;
4. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving and adopting the FY 2022-2023 One-Year Action Plan in the form presented, with such monetary and non-monetary changes as approved by the City Manager, and authorizes the City Manager or designee to submit the Plan to HUD, to make any necessary or needed corrections or adjustments to allocations and to execute all affiliated documents; and
5. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, amending the FY 2019-2020 One-Year Action Plan to:
 - a) Re-allocate \$240,691 in available CDBG CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds from completed projects to Outreach Support Services, the expansion of the Emergency Shelter Program and the expansion of the Home-Delivered Meal Service to continue to address the ongoing and long-term effects of the coronavirus pandemic; and
 - b) Make the necessary changes to the One-Year Action Plan, and submit all required documentation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

DISCUSSION

Housing Specialist, Deyanira Pelayo-Brito, introduced Housing Manager, Jose Dorado, and provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

Ivan Andujar, representing the East County Transitional Living Center, shared that many people benefit from the continued support provided by the City.

In answer to a question by Mayor Wells, Ms. Pelayo-Brito clarified that the amounts presented for adoption are the same amounts previously approved by the City Council.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 8 – Continued)

Councilmember Goble mentioned the substantial increase to HOME funds for street light improvements to increase safety in the City.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to FINALIZE the allocations of CDBG and HOME funds as a part of the FY 2022-2023 One-Year Action Plan.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 031-22, to approve and adopt the FY 2022-2023 One-Year Action Plan in the form presented, with such monetary and non-monetary changes as approved by the City Manager, and authorize the City Manager or designee to submit the Plan to HUD, to make any necessary or needed corrections or adjustments to allocations and to execute all affiliated documents.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 032-22 to amend the FY 2019-2020 One-Year Action Plan to: a) Re-allocate \$240,691 in available CDBG CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds from completed projects to Outreach Support Services, the expansion of the Emergency Shelter Program and the expansion of the Home-Delivered Meal Service to continue to address the ongoing and long-term effects of the coronavirus pandemic, and b) Make the necessary changes to the One-Year Action Plan, and submit all required documentation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

9. Adoption of New Fees; Modification and Elimination of Existing Fees; and Amendment of Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing; and
3. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, to modify certain existing fees, add and delete certain fees, and amend the City's Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 9 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

City Attorney Foley provided detailed information on the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment was received.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 033-22 to modify certain existing fees, add and delete certain fees, and amend the City's Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

10. Homeless Services Memorandum of Understanding

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving a Memorandum of Understanding between cities in east San Diego County and the County of San Diego and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Memorandum of Understanding or other instrument substantially in the form as presented, with such changes as may be approved by the City Manager.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Most affordable housing available in the City of El Cajon;
- Showcase the City's efficiency to help the homeless population on the City's webpage; and
- Most State funding being allocated to the County, not the individual cities.

No public comment was received.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 10 – Continued)

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 034-22, approving a Memorandum of Understanding between cities in east San Diego County and the County of San Diego and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Memorandum of Understanding or other instrument substantially in the form as presented, with such changes as may be approved by the City Manager.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

11. New Classification Specification & Salary Setting for the Marketing & Engagement Manager Classification

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves the classification specification and salary setting for the Marketing & Engagement Manager classification.

DISCUSSION

Human Resources Analyst, Chelsea Pullen, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Proposed new position would help promote the City's image to the public;
- Graphic Designer qualifications are included in the job specifications; and
- Invest in the economic development of the City.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE the classification specification and salary setting for the Marketing & Engagement Manager classification.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12. Legislative Update

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding Assembly Bill 2237 (Friedman), an act to amend Section 65082 of, and to add Sections 65080.05 and 65082.5 to, the Government Code, relating to transportation planning.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 12 – Continued)

No public comment was received.

The City Council directed staff to submit a letter of opposition to AB2237 to Governor Newsom.

13. Approve the 2022 El Cajon Active Transportation Plan Final Report

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving the 2022 El Cajon Active Transportation Plan Final Report.

DISCUSSION

Deputy Director of Public Works, Mario Sanchez, introduced Andrew Prescott from CRA Associates who provided a summary of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council, Mr. Prescott and Staff concerning the following:

- Education phase for the public on the Active Transportation Plan (ATP);
- Timeline for implementing the ATP;
- Cars parked on bicycle lanes;
- Areas of the city without sidewalks and or bicycle lanes; and
- Opposition to converting public parking to bicycle lanes.

Moline Schrader acknowledged Mario Sanchez for taking her up on a bicycle challenge. She is pleased with the modifications made to the ATP and mentioned the numerous trucks that park on Broadway Street, blocking bicycle lanes.

Will Rhatigan, representing San Diego County Bicycle Coalition, stated that adding a parking lane between the street and the bicycle lane would make it safer for cyclists.

Discussion continued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Accidents occurring in city streets are mostly due to pedestrian negligence;
- Nighttime accidents; and
- Request for data that shows the number of accidents involving homeless population.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 035-22 approving the 2022 El Cajon Active Transportation Plan Final Report.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

14. Discussion - East County Advanced Water Purification Update Preparation

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council provides feedback on questions or topics to be researched by staff before the May 10, 2022 meeting.

DISCUSSION

Director of Public Works, Yazmin Arellano, provided a summary of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council, Mr. Prescott and Staff concerning the following:

- Concern of a timely completion of the water treatment facility;
- Cost of construction materials;
- Future water rates;
- Future water restriction;
- Padre Dam education efforts on water conservation; and
- Alternatives if the water treatment facility is not constructed.

No public comment was received.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) Board of Directors; SANDAG – Audit Committee; LAFCO.

15. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

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ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

16. 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 submitted.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

18. MAYOR PRO TEM 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 attended the Lemon Grove Task Force meeting.

19. 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

20. An Ordinance to Adopt a District Map for Councilmember Elections in 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 of the City Council of the City of El Cajon, California, Approving Four Council Districts Following the 2020 Decennial Federal Census, and Adopting a New Map Describing the Boundaries of Each of the Districts

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5118, An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of El Cajon, California, Approving Four Council Districts Following the 2020 Decennial Federal Census, and Adopting a New Map Describing the Boundaries of Each of the Districts.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

21. An Ordinance to Amend ECMC Ch. 3.20 – Bidding and Written Contracts

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.

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION (Continued)

An Ordinance to Amend Sections 3.20.005, 3.20.010, 3.20.020, 3.20.120 and 3.20.130 of Chapter 3.20 of Title 3 of the El Cajon Municipal Code to Restrict the City Manager's Powers and Duties Relating to Purchases of Military Equipment, Supplies, or Other Property for Law Enforcement Use

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5119, Amending Sections 3.20.005, 3.20.010, 3.20.020, 3.20.120 and 3.20.130 of Chapter 3.20 of Title 3 of the El Cajon Municipal Code to Restrict the City Manager's Powers and Duties Relating to Purchases of Military Equipment, Supplies, or Other Property for Law Enforcement Use.

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 26th day of April, 2022, at 5:12 p.m., to Tuesday, May 10, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary