

# 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

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**May 10, 2022**

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, May 10, 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**

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| 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<br>DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager<br>Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel<br>Cortez, City Clerk/Secretary |

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG led by Girl Scout Troop 5937 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 26, 2022, meeting and the Agenda of the May 10, 2022, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Presentation: El Cajon Library
- Presentation: TEDxKids@ElCajon
- Proclamation: National Public Works Week
- Bike to Work Day

**AGENDA CHANGES:** None

**CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 6)**

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 6.**

**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 26, 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. Termination of Emergency Storm Damage Repairs on Fanita Drive

Adopt Resolution No. 036-22, proclaiming the Termination of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs in the City of El Cajon.

**CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)**

5. Purchase of Microsoft Licenses and Software Assurance Enterprise Agreement

Adopt Resolution No. 037-22 to authorize the Purchasing Agent to waive bidding requirements in accordance with Municipal Code 3.20.010(C)(5) to execute a new Microsoft License and Software Assurance Enterprise Agreement with Software One, Inc., (SOI) for a three-year agreement in the estimated amount of \$331,863.84.

6. Approval of Title Change and Revisions to the Engineering Technician Classification Specification

Approve the title change and classification specification revisions as described the report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

John Moore, City of San Diego Resident, spoke about the ban on Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ), and the Covid-19 vaccines.

Stacia Weisdæ spoke about harassment from the Home Owner Association (HOA) in her condominium.

City Manager Mitchell stated the City has no jurisdiction on HOA's and added that staff will reach out to Ms. Weisdæ in regards to other City regulations mentioned.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

7. Delinquent Refuse/Recycling Collection Charges

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives public testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing;
3. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, confirming the list of property owners as delinquent in the payment of their mandatory refuse/recycling service bills; and
4. Authorizes the City Clerk to record the amount owed as a lien on the property and forward the list to the County Tax Assessor for billing on the next property tax bill.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 7 – Continued)**

**DISCUSSION**

Deputy Director of Public Works, Michael James, 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 following:

- Accounts listed for liens are residential accounts only; and
- Possibility of utility assistance.

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

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 038-22 A-B, confirming the list of property owners as delinquent in the payment of their mandatory refuse/recycling service bills; and Authorizing the City Clerk to record the amount owed as a lien on the property and forward the list to the County Tax Assessor for billing on the next property tax bill.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

8. Adoption of the Proposed 2023 Five-Year Program of Projects for the SANDAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

**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, for the adoption of the Proposed 2023 Five-Year Program of Projects for the SANDAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).

**PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 8 – Continued)**

**DISCUSSION**

Deputy Director of Public Works, Mario Sanchez, provided a summary of 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 ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 039-22 for the adoption of the Proposed 2023 Five-Year Program of Projects for the SANDAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP).**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

9. East County Advanced Water Purification Program Informational Update

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives the East County Advanced Water Purification Program Update.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell introduced, Allen Carlisle, Padre Dam Executive Director, David Moore, Managing Director and CEO of Clean Energy Capital, Ken Weinber from Water Resources Consulting, LLC., and Carlos Lugo, General Manager at Helix Water District, who provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff and the above listed concerning the following:

- Life span of the project;
- Potential savings for City residents;
- Revenue from water sales to offset waste water needs; and
- Project successfully implemented in other counties.

John Moore requested information on water rates.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 9 – Continued)**

Informational Item only.

Councilmember Goble congratulated Mr. Carlisle and Mr. Lugo on their upcoming retirements.

Recess called at 4:45 p.m.  
Meeting called back to order at 4:51 p.m.

### 10. Support for Governor Newsom's Proposed CARE Court Legislation

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, supporting SB-1338, Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program.

#### **DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Details of SB-1338;
- Conditions for conservatorship; and
- Drug addiction wording removed from bill.

**MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADOPT Resolution No. 040-22 supporting SB-1338, Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

### 11. Fourth Amendment to City Manager Employment Agreement

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Mayor provides an oral report summarizing the recommended change in compensation for the City Manager and, following the report, that the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving the amendment to the employment contract with the City Manager and authorizing the Mayor to execute the amendment, substantially in the form as presented.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 11 – Continued)**

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell stated a conflict of interest on Item 11 and left the Chamber at 5:01 pm.

Mayor Wells provided an oral report summarizing the recommended changes.

No public comment was received.

**MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 041-22 approving the amendment to the employment contract with the City Manager and authorizing the Mayor to execute the amendment, substantially in the form as presented.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

City Manager Mitchell returned to the Chamber at 5:03 pm.

12. Update on Expenditures Related to the American Rescue Plan Act

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council:

1. Receives the report and provides feedback, and
2. Accepts the adjustment to the total American Rescue Plan Act appropriations to align with the total allocated amount to the City by the U.S. Treasury.

**DISCUSSION**

Management Analyst, Ryan Villegas, provided detailed information on the Item. Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Using unappropriated funds for recreation projects would incur on-going cost not covered by ARPA; and
- Concern of not spending funds on time.

No public comment was received.

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ACCEPT the adjustment to the total American Rescue Plan Act appropriations to align with the total allocated amount to the City by the U.S. Treasury.**

**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.

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.

In addition to the submitted report, Councilmember Goble praised the Police Department's, Citizens' Academy, which he considers a valuable program. He complimented the Public Works staff for resolving an illegal lodging encampment issue submitted, on a timely matter.

15. COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK

METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

16. 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.



**ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)**

**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.

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 Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 10th day of May, 2022, at 5:21 p.m., to Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

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ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary