

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

June 14, 2022

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, June 14, 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 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 May 24, 2022, meeting and the Agenda of the June 14, 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 – 12)

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

Approve Minutes of the May 24, 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.

PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

4. 2021 Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) - Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Award

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to accept the 2021 Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant in the amount of \$52,033 and execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds; and
2. Appropriates funding to purchase a Foster & Freeman Uniform Polarized Light Tunnel and CSU mounting plate for \$3,721, five (5) Microsoft Surface Pro 8 with Pen for \$12,594, the Mideo Casework Crime Scene and JusticeTrax integration software for \$33,460, and overtime funding of \$2,258 for three (3) Forensic Evidence Technicians.

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Goble praised the 'behind the scenes' work of the Police Department.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Item 4 - Continued)

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5. Accept the Fanita Drive Emergency Storm Damage Repair Project as complete

Adopt Resolution No. 044-22 to accept the Fanita Drive Emergency Storm Drain Project as complete, direct the City Clerk to record a notice of completion, and approve the final project cost.

6. Rejection of RFP No. 013-22 – Command Vehicle

Adopt Resolution No. 045-22 to reject the sole proposal.

7. January – March 2022 Quarterly Treasurer’s Report

Receive the Treasurer’s Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2022.

8. General Municipal Election - November 8, 2022

Adopt the following Resolutions in connection with the November 8, 2022, General Municipal Election:

1. Resolution No. 046-22 calling and giving notice of the November 8, 2022, General Municipal Election for the election of Mayor, and one Member of the City Council of the City of El Cajon for District No. 1, for complete four-year terms to expire December 2026;
2. Resolution No. 047-22 requesting the Board of Supervisors to consolidate the General Municipal Election with the Statewide General Election on November 8, 2022;
3. Resolution No. 048-22 adopting regulations for candidates calling for prepayment for a 200-word Candidate's Statement; and
4. Resolution No. 049-22 adopting regulations to resolve a tie vote for the City Council Election by lot.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

9. Award of Bid No. 017-22 – Pedestrian Safety Improvements

Adopt Resolution No. 050-22 to Approve Plans and Specifications for the Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project, Bid No. 017-22; Find the first low bidder, LB Civil Construction (LBCI), non-responsive for the reason set forth in the agenda report; and Resolution No. 051-22 to award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Baker Electric & Renewables, LLC., in the amount of \$209,576.

10. Water Safety Event Grant

Accept, appropriates, and expends grant funding for a water

11. Contract Amendment for Professional Building Support Services

Adopt Resolution No. 052-22 to authorize an amendment to the existing Agreement for Professional Services with Esgil, LLC to extend for one year in the annual amount of \$300,000, with the option to renew for two additional one-year terms.

12. El Cajon Professional Firefighters' Association: Side Letter Limited to Clean-up

Approve and authorize the terms and conditions of the Limited Clean-up Side Letter Agreement between the City and the El Cajon Professional Firefighters' Association (ECPFF).

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 12.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bob Collins spoke about the homeless problem in the City.

Councilmember Goble shared with Mr. Collins about the many programs the City of El Cajon offers for homeless individuals.

Sameer Qasim spoke about the struggle to get approvals from the City for one of his projects.

Khaleel Khaleed spoke about the same issues as Mr. Qasim, his father.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

13. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Preliminary Annual Budget

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council, Housing Authority, and the City of El Cajon as Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency receives information related to the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Preliminary Annual Budget.

DISCUSSION

Finance Director, Clay Schoen and Senior Management Analyst, Autumn Reberger, provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Sales tax increase;
- Pension obligation bonds;
- Electronic bill board;
- Budget reserves amount; and
- League of California Cities recommendation for Budget reserves amount;

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to receive information related to the proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Preliminary Annual Budget.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

14. Compensation for Executive and Unrepresented Employees (A-29), City Manager and City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor provides an oral report summarizing recommended changes in compensation for the City's "local agency executives" and, following the report, that the City Council:

1. Approves the changes to City Council Policy A-29 described below and reflected in the attachment; and

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 14 – Continued)

2. Adopts the next Resolutions, in order, to approve the amendments to the employment contracts with the city manager and city attorney, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the amendments, substantially in the forms as presented.

DISCUSSION

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

Mayor Wells provided an oral report summarizing the recommended changes.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE the changes to City Council Policy A-29 described in the agenda report and reflected in the attachment; Adopt Resolution No. 053-22 to approve the amendments to the employment contract with the City Manager; Adopt Resolution No. 054-22 to approve the amendments to the employment contract with the City Attorney, and authorize the Mayor to execute the amendments, substantially in the forms as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

15. Options for Incentivizing Development of a Vacant Property at the Southwest Corner of Greenfield Drive and E. Main Street

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council considers options for incentivizing the development of a vacant property at the southwest corner of Greenfield Drive and E. Main Street and provides direction to staff.

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Goble stated a conflict of interest as he lives within a 300 ft. radius of the vacant property. Mr. Goble left the Council Chamber at 3:58 p.m.

Director of Community Development, Anthony Shute, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Request from staff for general direction on the Item;
- Options given in regards to the vacant property; and
- Property should be developed or sold by current owner.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 15 – Continued)

Kaiser Permanente’s Senior Director of Public Affairs and Communications, Roger Dougherty, answered City Council’s questions.

No public comment was received.

Motion not required for the Item.

Recess called at 4:23 p.m.
Meeting called back to order at 4:27 p.m.

Councilmember Goble returned to the Council Chamber at 4:27 p.m.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

16. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

17. 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.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as stated.

19. 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.

20. 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:

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

21. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: Aaron Morgan vs. City of El Cajon, et al.
San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2022-00012053-CU-PA-CTL

22. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9 - Four (4) potential cases: The Law Offices of Allan S. Field, on behalf of Noah Karmichael Steinbach; and the Frantz Law Group, on behalf of Abigail Reyes, Gabriel Reyes, and the Estate of Jiovanni Roman, have submitted Claims for Damages alleging losses suffered following a vehicular collision at an intersection maintained by the City of El Cajon

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 4:29 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

RECONVENED to Open Session at 4:50 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

21. Direction given to Legal Counsel
22. No action taken

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 14th day of June, 2022, at 4:51 p.m., to Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary