

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 28, 2022

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, June 28, 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 Cortez, City Clerk/Secretary
Other Officers absent:	Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel

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 June 14, 2022, meeting and the Agenda of the June 28, 2022, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Bike to Work Event Results

AGENDA CHANGES: None

City Manager Mitchell acknowledged Staff Attorney Barbara Luck's attendance on behalf of City Attorney Foley.

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 4)

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

Approve Minutes of the June 14, 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. Contract Amendments for Street Sweeping Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to authorize amendments to the existing agreement for Street Sweeping Services with Cannon Pacific Services, LLC dba Pacific Sweeping (PS), in order to:

1. Approve the retroactive payment of prevailing wages in an amount not to exceed \$150,000; and
2. Extend the term of the agreement from July 1, 2022 through and including June 30, 2023, and increase the Street Sweeping Services Contract in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Item 4 - Continued)

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Goble commented that due to lack of competition on the street service industry, pricing is not competitive. He added that this service may be performed by city staff in the future.

Adopt Resolution No. 055-22 to authorize amendments to the existing agreement for Street Sweeping Services with Cannon Pacific Services, LLC dba Pacific Sweeping (PS), in order to:

1. Approve the retroactive payment of prevailing wages in an amount not to exceed \$150,000; and
2. Extend the term of the agreement from July 1, 2022 through and including June 30, 2023, and increase the Street Sweeping Services Contract in an amount not to exceed \$160,000.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 4.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual City, Housing Authority, and Successor Agency Budgets

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council, Housing Authority, and the City of El Cajon as Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency hold a joint public hearing to consider the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Proposed Budgets. After closing the public hearing, staff recommends the following:

1. Acting as the City Council, individually adopt the following:
 - a) Resolution of the City of El Cajon Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Budget.
 - b) Resolution Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2022-23.
 - c) Resolution Approving Designation of General Fund Balances.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Continued)

2. Acting as the Housing Authority Board of Directors, adopt Resolution titled: Resolution of the El Cajon Housing Authority Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.
3. Acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors, adopt Resolution titled: Resolution of the City Council of the City Of El Cajon as the Successor Agency to the former El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.

DISCUSSION

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

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Broadway Creek Project;
- Amount of reserves and what is the right amount to have;
- Economic uncertainty reserves;
- Sales tax revenue;
- Public improvements throughout the City; and
- CALPERS obligations.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

Malik Thorton spoke about citizens not having enough opportunities to speak on budget issues. He spoke about the homeless problems in the City.

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. 056-22, to ADOPT the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Budget;

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 057-22, Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2022-23.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Continued)

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 058-22, Approving Designation of General Fund Balances.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to Acting as the Housing Authority Board of Directors, ADOPT Resolution No. ECHA-36 Adopting the Fiscal Year 202-23 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to Acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors, ADOPT Resolution No. SA 001-22, Adopting the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

*Recess called at 4:04 p.m.
Meeting called back to order at 4:10 p.m.*

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

6. Veterans Memorial Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the report and provides feedback to staff.

DISCUSSION

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

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Reaching out to Veterans' for input; and
- Fund raiser options.

No public comment was received.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

7. Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.16.020 of the El Cajon Municipal Code Regarding Salaries of Councilmembers and Mayor and a Resolution Adjusting the Cafeteria Benefit Allotment

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council considers:

1. Introducing an Ordinance amending Chapter 2.16.020 of the El Cajon Municipal Code (ECMC) related to salaries of Councilmembers and Mayor, and directs the City Clerk to read the title of the Ordinance; and
2. Adopting the next Resolution, in order, adjusting the cafeteria benefit allotment from \$1,200 per month to \$1,350 per month, effective January 2023, for Mayor and City Councilmembers.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, to INTRODUCE the Ordinance was not completed as discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Offering a competitive salary and benefit package for future candidates; and
- Consideration to only increase the salary portion to 5% instead of the proposed 10%.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to INTRODUCE an Ordinance amending Chapter 2.16.020 of the El Cajon Municipal Code (ECMC) related to salaries of Councilmembers and Mayor, and directs the City Clerk to read the title of the Ordinance reducing the percentage of salary increase from 10% to 5%.

**MOTION FAILED BY 3 TO 2 VOTE,
(WELLS, KENDRICK, ORTIZ Voting No).**

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

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 2.16.020 OF CHAPTER 2.16 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 2.16.020 OF CHAPTER 2.16 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE ADJUSTING SALARIES OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND MAYOR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 7 - Continued)

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to INTRODUCE an Ordinance amending Chapter 2.16.020 of the El Cajon Municipal Code (ECMC) related to salaries of Councilmembers and Mayor, and directs the City Clerk to read the title of the Ordinance.

**MOTION CARRIED BY 3 TO 2 VOTE,
(GOBLE, METSCHEL Voting No).**

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPTING Resolution No. 059-22, adjusting the cafeteria benefit allotment from \$1,200 per month to \$1,350 per month, effective January 2023, for Mayor and City Councilmembers.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

8. El Cajon Economic Development Strategic Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving the El Cajon Economic Development Strategic Plan.

DISCUSSION

Director of Community Development, Anthony Shute, Assistant City Manager DiMaggio and City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Roger Dale with the Natelson Dale Group, Inc., also provided information on the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Consideration of upscale housing in the City;
- Renovating older properties in the City;
- Building strong residential neighborhoods;
- Add staffing to work on economic development; and
- Creating new jobs and attracting businesses to the downtown area.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 060-22, approving the El Cajon Economic Development Strategic Plan.

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.

Report as submitted.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

12. 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.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

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 - 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:

14. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: Eric Bidwell, et al. v. City of El Cajon, et al.
United States District Court, Southern District of California
Case No. 16-cv-2575-LL-MSB

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 5:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

RECONVENED to Open Session at 5:36 p.m.

City Attorney Carrie Mitchell reported the following actions:

- City Council gave direction to legal counselor.

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 28th day of June, 2022, at 5:38 p.m., to Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary