

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

July 12, 2022

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, July 12, 2022, was called to order by Deputy Mayor Michelle Metschel at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Goble and Ortiz
Council/Agencymembers absent:	Kendrick
Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair present:	Metschel
Mayor/Chair absent:	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 Deputy Mayor Metschel 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 28, 2022, meeting and the Agenda of the July 12, 2022, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Parks & Recreation Month

AGENDA CHANGES:

At the request of City Manager Mitchell and due to the absence of Mayor Wells and Councilmember Kendrick, Item 19, An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.16.020 Regarding Salaries of Councilmembers and Mayor was continued to a future meeting.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY GOBLE, to CONTINUE Item 19 to a future meeting.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (WELLS, KENDRICK – Absent).

Staff Attorney, Barbara Luck mentioned that a Resolution approving Plans and Specifications for Item 7, Award of Bid No. 002-23 – ADA Concrete Improvements 2022, was inadvertently not included in the posted agenda. Copies of said Resolution were provided for the Council and the public.

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 10)

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY GOBLE, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 10.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (WELLS, KENDRICK – Absent).

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

Approve Minutes of the June 28, 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.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

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. Designation of Voting Delegate and Alternate to League of California Cities Annual Conference (September 7-9, 2022)

Designate Mayor Bill Wells as the Voting Delegate for the City of El Cajon and Deputy Mayor Michelle Metschel as the Alternate, for the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

5. Acceptance of Public Improvements for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 645; 1075 East Washington Avenue, Engineering Job No. 3190.

Accept the public improvements and authorizes the City Clerk to release the security guaranteeing the public 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.

6. FY23 California Highway Patrol - Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) Award

Adopt Resolution No. 061-22 to:

1. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the FY23 California Highway Patrol - Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) Award in the amount of \$104,923.76 and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.
2. Appropriate \$104,923.76 of the FY23 California Highway Patrol - Cannabis Tax Fund Grant Program (CTFGP) Award to purchase one fully equipped marked black and white police SUV for \$75,000 to be used for traffic enforcement details including DUI/DL Checkpoints and DUI Saturation patrols and to fund \$29,923.76 in overtime costs associated with operating four DUI saturation patrol enforcement details and two DUI/DL checkpoints.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

7. Award of Bid No. 002-23 – ADA Concrete Improvements 2022

1. Adopt Resolution No. 062-22 to Approve Plans and Specifications for ADA Concrete Improvements 2022, Bid No. 002-23;
2. Find the second and third low bidders non-responsive for the reasons set forth in the agenda report; and
3. Adopt Resolution No. 063-22 to Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Portillo Concrete, Inc., in the amount of \$878,600.

8. Agreement for Fire Station 7 Architectural and Construction Administration Services

Adopt Resolution No. 064-22 to enter into an Agreement for Professional Services with Tucker Sadler Architects, Inc. (TSAI), to perform architectural and construction administration services for the Fire Station No. 7 Renovation Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$420,760.06 for a two-year term.

9. Amplifying Urban Forests Grant

Approve to accept, appropriate, and expend \$1,625, per the terms of the agreement with the California Urban Forests Council.

10. FY2021 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant

Adopt Resolution No. 065-22 authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept, appropriate, and expend the FY2021 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant funding in the amount of \$14,491, and execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

11. City of El Cajon Sewer Tax Roll Fees Report for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing;
3. Determines if a majority protest has been received; and (if not)
4. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, to:
 - Determine the lack of majority protest;
 - Overrule objections to the report;
 - Accept the City of El Cajon Sewer Tax Roll Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Report;
 - Accept either Appendix A, which identifies by parcel number, each parcel of real property receiving sewer services, and the amount of sewer charges for each parcel for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 at the currently adopted rates, -OR- Appendix B, which identifies by parcel number, each parcel of real property receiving sewer services, and the amount of sewer charges for each parcel for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 at the currently adopted rates with a 1% suspension of the rate increase, as required by the California Health and Safety Code section 5473, et seq., pertaining to collection of one or the other amount of sewer charges on the tax roll;
 - Direct the City Clerk to file the reports with the San Diego County Auditor; and
 - Direct the City Finance Department to file a certification of the sewer service charges with the San Diego County Auditor.

DISCUSSION

Associate Engineer, Blake Behringer provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Clarification for the public on how fees are calculated; and
- Availability from staff to review accounts on a one by one basis upon request.

Deputy Mayor Metschel opened the Public Hearing.

Roy Feathers spoke about volunteering at the San Diego County Fair.

Linda Baker, representing the Christ Church of El Cajon, spoke in support of approving Appendix B, which provides a 1% suspension of the rate increase.

Rebeca Marlay suggested a closed caption option for deaf citizens to participate in Council meetings and inquired about the method to calculate sewer fees.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Continued)

In answer to a question by Frank Sherr, Councilmembers and staff spoke about the process of selecting an option for sewer billing in 2018. After several public hearings, the option to place sewer billing on the tax roll was adopted by the City Council. This option was the least expensive and the only option to not pass billing fees to the constituents.

Timothy Swing spoke in disapproval of the work by the Public Works Department.

Councilmember Goble respectfully disagreed with Mr. Swing and spoke of the high quality work of the Public Works Department, and how they keep the city in great working order.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
OF THOSE PRESENT
(WELLS, KENDRICK – Absent).**

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADOPT Resolution No. 066-22 to determine the lack of majority protest; Overrule objections to the report; Accept the City of El Cajon Sewer Tax Roll Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Report and Accept Appendix B identifying by parcel number, each parcel of real property receiving sewer services, and the amount of sewer charges for each parcel for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 at the currently adopted rates with a 1% suspension of the rate increase, as required by the California Health and Safety Code section 5473, et seq., pertaining to collection of one or the other amount of sewer charges on the tax roll. Direct the City Clerk to file the reports with the San Diego County Auditor; and Direct the City Finance Department to file a certification of the sewer service charges with the San Diego County Auditor.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
OF THOSE PRESENT
(WELLS, KENDRICK – Absent).**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

12. Approval and Authorization of the Execution of a Caltrans Restricted Grant Agreement for the Oakdale Alameda Gateway Beautification Project (Clean California Grant)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving and authorizing the execution of a Caltrans Clean California Grant Agreement Number CCL-5211-044 for the Oakdale Alameda Gateway Beautification project.

DISCUSSION

Deputy Director of Public Works, Mario Sanchez, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Area of city selected for the grant is an excellent choice; and
- Use of American Rescue Plan Act funds to match the grant funding.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADOPT Resolution No. 067-22 approving and authorizing the execution of a Caltrans Clean California Grant Agreement Number CCL-5211-044 for the Oakdale Alameda Gateway Beautification project.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
OF THOSE PRESENT
(WELLS, KENDRICK – Absent).**

13. One-Year Nurse Navigator Pilot Program

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, authorizing the City Manager or designee to appropriate the previously allocated \$300,000 of General Fund Carryover Reserves and to execute any necessary agreements for the Nurse Navigator Pilot Program.

DISCUSSION

Fire Chief, Steve Swaney, provided detailed information of the Item.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 13 – Continued)

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Subscribing to the nurse triage program;
- Callers can choose not to participate in the program;
- Call center is used by multiple agencies; and
- City of El Cajon is the first city in California to enroll in the program.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADOPT Resolution No. 068-22 authorizing the City Manager or designee to appropriate the previously allocated \$300,000 of General Fund Carryover Reserves and to execute any necessary agreements for the Nurse Navigator Pilot Program.

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE
OF THOSE PRESENT
(WELLS, KENDRICK – Absent).**

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

14. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

15. 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)

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

17. DEPUTY MAYOR 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, Deputy Mayor Metschel stated she visited the Meridian Church sleeping cabins project site. She acknowledged the efforts of Councilmember Goble, and the multiple hours he spends doing physical work in the community.

18. 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 stated he was not able to attend the Shadow Mountain event on July 3, 2022.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

ITEM 19 MOVED TO A FUTURE AGENDA PER ACTION TAKEN IN AGENDA CHANGES:

19. An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.16.020 Regarding Salaries of Councilmembers and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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.

CLOSED SESSIONS: None

Adjournment: Deputy Mayor Metschel adjourned the Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 12th day of July, 2022, at 4:06 p.m., to Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary