

# 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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**July 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, July 26, 2022, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:01 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 absent:	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 July 12, 2022, meeting and the Agenda of the July 26, 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 – 5)**

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY GOBLE, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 5.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (METSCHER – Absent).**

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

Approve Minutes of the July 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.

4. Contract Amendment for El Cajon Transit Center Community Improvements Civil Engineering Services

Adopts Resolution No. 069-22 to increase the Agreement for Professional Services with Chen Ryan Associates, Inc., for El Cajon Transit Center Community Improvements Civil Engineering services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$56,685 through June 30, 2023.

5. Agreements for El Cajon Transit Center Community Improvements and Main Street - Green Street Gateway Improvements Construction Management Services

Adopts Resolution No. 070-22 to Enter into an Agreement for Construction Management Services with Project Professionals Corporation (PPC) for the El Cajon Transit Center Community Improvements Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$319,204 for a one-year term; and

**CONSENT ITEMS: (Item 5 - Continued)**

Adopt Resolution No. 071-22 to enter into an Agreement for Construction Management Services with PPC for the Main Street - Green Street Gateway Improvements Project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$164,332 for a one-year term.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Rich Riel spoke about what he considers Brown Act violations by the PBID.

Wendy Provenchu spoke about a problematic household in her neighborhood and asked for help from the City Council for a resolution to the continuous problem.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

6. Award of Bid No. 004-23 – El Cajon Boulevard Streetscape

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopts the next Resolutions, in order, to:

1. Approve Plans and Specifications for El Cajon Boulevard Streetscape, Bid No. 004-23; and
2. Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Tri-Group Construction & Development, Inc., in the amount of \$6,239,880.

**DISCUSSION**

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

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Low speed while using roundabouts; and
- Using landscape to discourage encampments.

No public comment was received.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 6 – Continued)**

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ADOPT Resolution No. 072-22 to Approve Plans and Specifications for El Cajon Boulevard Streetscape, Bid No. 004-23; and Adopt Resolution No. 073-22 to Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Tri-Group Construction & Development, Inc., in the amount of \$6,239,880.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE  
OF THOSE PRESENT (METSCHER – Absent).**

7. Mid-Year Update on Homeless Programs

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives the mid-year report and provides feedback, recommendations, and direction on homeless-related programming and funding.

**DISCUSSION**

Housing Manager, Jose Dorado introduced Housing Specialist, Deyanira Pelayo-Brito, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Count of homeless individuals in El Cajon is not accurately reflected;
- No value in the Point in Time Count;
- Rely on partnerships already in place for help with homeless problems; and
- East County Homeless Task Force (ECHTF), is not an effective program.

Helen Zamora, representing the East County Transitional Living Center (ECTLC) provided an update on the new facilities and the number of people being helped by the center.

Laura Tancredi, representing Home Start, spoke about the services provided at the center.

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ACCEPT the mid-year report and provided direction on homeless-related programming and funding.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE  
OF THOSE PRESENT (METSCHER – Absent).**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)**

8. American Rescue Plan Act and General Reserve Expenditure Plan

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council provides direction to staff on possible expenditures of American Rescue Plan Act and General Reserve funds.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Direction from Council on allocation of funds; and
- Capital improvement programs.

No public comment was received.

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to PROVIDE direction to staff on possible expenditures of American Rescue Plan Act and General Reserve funds.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (METSCHER – Absent).**

**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.

10. City Council Assignments

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council approves City Council assignments (as identified in the report) to various boards and commissions representing El Cajon.

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS: (Continued)**

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE City Council assignments (as identified in the report) to various boards and commissions representing El Cajon.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (METSCHER – Absent).**

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:**

18. 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 shared information about the East County Advanced Water Purification meeting, and the progress on the Amika sleeping cabins project.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

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

20. 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.

21. 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**

15. 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.

**DISCUSSION**

No public comment was received.

**ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION (Item 15 - Continued)**

The City Clerk recited the title of the ordinance for a second 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.

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY GOBLE, to Adopt Ordinance No. 5120, 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.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (METSCHER – Absent).**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022, at 4:16 p.m., to Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

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ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary