

# 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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**January 24, 2023**

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, January 24, 2023, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:03 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Council/Agencymembers present:	Metschel, and Ortiz
Council/Agencymembers absent:	Kendrick
Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair present:	Goble
Mayor/Chair present:	Wells
Other Officers present:	Mitchell, City Manager/Executive Director DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel Janzer, Deputy City Clerk/Secretary

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG led by Mayor Wells and MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

**POSTINGS:** The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the January 10, 2023, meeting and the Agenda of the January 24, 2023, meetings in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Fire Chief Bent Koch
- Teddy the ECPD Wellness Dog

**AGENDA CHANGES:** None

**CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 5)**

Deputy Mayor Goble praised the preventive measures by the Public Works Department in preventing what could have turned into a sink-hole. He added that preventive measures save the city money.

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

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

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

Approve Minutes of the January 10, 2023, 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. City Attorney Staff Members

Adopts Resolution No. 004-23 appointing the professional staff of the City Attorney's Department effective January 24, 2023.

**CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)**

- 5. Declaration of Emergency for Sewer Main Repairs; Authorization to Waive Bidding
  - 1. Adopt Resolution No. 005-23 to establish a Declaration of Emergency and determine that the public interest and necessity require the immediate expenditure of public money to safeguard life, health, or property as required by the Public Contract Code section 22050; and
  - 2. Approve \$80,000 for repairs in Wastewater Operations to cover the cost of the emergency work.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kevin Kline spoke of the speed and parking hazards at the Literacy First Charter School on Bradley Avenue.

City Manager Mitchell stated that staff would contact the school to address the neighborhood concerns.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- 6. Downtown El Cajon Business Partners' Annual Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives the Downtown El Cajon Business Partners' annual report and financial statements and provides feedback.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell introduced Cathy Zeman, representing the Downtown El Cajon Business Partners' who provided detailed information of the Item.

Rich Riel spoke to request that the City Council reject the report presented by the Downtown El Cajon Business Partners', because no public input was requested.

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

City Attorney Foley clarified that the City only accepts the report as received.

Discussion ensued among staff and the City Council regarding property owners reaching out to the Board of Directors with any concerns they may have.

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to RECEIVE the Downtown El Cajon Business Partners' annual report and financial statements.**

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

7. America on Main Street 2023

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council accepts the report and provides feedback.

**DISCUSSION**

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

No public comment was received for the Item.

No Motion was required for the informational only Item.

8. Veterans Memorial Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council accepts the report and provides feedback.

**DISCUSSION**

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

Discussion ensued among Council and staff regarding the best placement for the Veterans Memorial and procuring funding sources.

No public comment was received for the Item.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 8 – Continued)**

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ACCEPT the Report.**

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

9. Update on Homeless Programs and Services

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives the homeless programs and services report and, if desired, provides feedback, recommendations, and direction on homeless-related programming and funding.

**DISCUSSION**

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

Discussion ensued among staff and the City Council regarding the following:

- Permanent housing issue in El Cajon;
- Meridian cabins; and
- Lack of regional leadership for drug addiction and mental health issues.

No public comment was received for the Item.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to RECEIVE the homeless programs and services report, and provide direction on homeless-related programming and funding.**

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

10. Nurse Navigator Program Status Update

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives and files the report.

**DISCUSSION**

Fire Chief, Bent Koch provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among staff and the City Council regarding the benefits of the proposed program.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 10 – Continued)**

No public comment was received for the Item.

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to RECEIVE the Nurse Navigator Program Update Report.**

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

11. 2022 Annual Pension Status Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives the Annual Pension Status report.

**DISCUSSION**

Finance Director, Clay Schoen, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among staff and the City Council regarding the benefits of the proposed program.

Deputy Mayor Goble, recommended a section of the report to show payments made and what the balance due is on pension obligation bonds.

No public comment was received for the Item.

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to RECEIVE the Annual Pension Status Report.**

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

**COMMISSION REPORTS:** None

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:**

SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) Board of Directors.

12. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:**

13. DEPUTY MAYOR 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.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

15. COUNCILMEMBER MICHELLE METSCHEL  
Harry Griffen Park Joint Steering Committee; Heartland Communications – Alternate; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate; METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA – Alternate.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

16. 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 Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023, at 4:47 p.m., to Tuesday, January 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary