

# 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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#### February 14, 2023

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 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:	Kendrick, and Ortiz
Council/Agencymembers absent:	Metschel
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 Cortez, 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 24, 2023, meetings and the Agenda of the February 14, 2023, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**AGENDA CHANGES:** None

**CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 10)**

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

**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 January 24, 2023, Meetings 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. Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) - Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant

1. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the BSCC Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant in the amount of \$82,845.75 and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds: and
2. Appropriate \$82,845.75 of BSCC Officer Wellness and Mental Health Grant funding to the Police Misc. Grants Funds to help fund programs for establishing and expanding officer wellness and peer support programs.

**CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)**

5. Acceptance of Public Improvements for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 604, Legacy Townhomes, Engineering Job No. 3020.

1. Accept the improvements; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to release the security guaranteeing the 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. Continuation of Emergency for Sewer Main Repairs

That the City Council adopts Resolution No. 006-23 proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Sewer Main Repairs in the City of El Cajon.

7. Acceptance of Public Improvements for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 642, Mary Street, Engineering Job No. 3143.

1. Accept the improvements; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to release the security guaranteeing the 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.

8. Acceptance of the Pipeline and Rehabilitation Project (210021PWCP)

1. Accept the Pipeline Lining and Rehabilitation Project (210021PWCP), Bid No. 001-22; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

9. Appointment to Public Safety Facility Financing Oversight Committee

That the City Council ratify the appointment of Derrek Cardinale to the Public Safety Facility Financing Oversight Committee (PSFFOC) for a term to expire January 31, 2027.

**CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)**

10. Heartland Fire Administrative Offices - Project Acceptance

1. Accept the Heartland Fire Administrative Offices project, 200012PWCP; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release the bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Richard Von Tersch requested police patrol on his area of town. Mr. Von Tersch also stated that the City's Gateway publication is not offered in his neighborhood.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

11. Appeal of Planning Commission's Decision Denying a Request to Add Off-Sale Alcohol to an Existing Convenience Store at 500 N. Second Street

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council:

1. Reopens the continued Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing;
3. Moves to adopt the next Resolution, in order, affirming the decision of the El Cajon Planning Commission and DENYING the request to add off-sale alcohol to an existing convenience store at 500 N. Second Street.

**DISCUSSION**

City Attorney Foley stated that the appeal had been withdrawn by applicant and reminded the City Council that the Public Hearing opened at the January 10, 2023 meeting continued opened and public testimony should be accepted.

Mayor Wells continued the Public Hearing.

No public comment was received.

No further Motion required.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

12. Modification of New Hire Incentive Program for Sworn Police Officers

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council authorizes the modification of the Police Department’s “New Hire Incentive Program for Sworn Police Officers.”

**DISCUSSION**

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

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Incentive amounts offered by other Cities;
- Request to modify the incentive amount to \$25,000; and
- Cost of incentive amount is less than the cost of training a new officer.

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to AUTHORIZE the modification of the Police Department’s New Hire Incentive Program for Sworn Police Officers.**

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

13. Deemed Approved Lodging Establishment Update

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives the report, provides feedback, and gives staff direction.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ACCEPT the report.**

**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.

14. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:**

15. 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.

16. COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK

METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

17. 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.

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

**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.

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 Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, at 3:27 p.m., to Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

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ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary