

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

February 28, 2023

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, February 28, 2023, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:02 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Kendrick, Metschel, and Ortiz
Council/Agencymembers absent:	None
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 February 14, 2023, meeting and the Agenda of the February 28, 2023, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

Presentation was moved to accommodate the arrival of the Granite Hills High School Football Team.

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 7)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 7.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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

Approve Minutes of the February 14, 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. Acceptance and Termination of Emergency for Sewer Main Repairs

Adopt Resolution No. 007-23 to accept the termination of the Emergency Sewer Main Repairs Project as complete, directs the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion, and approves the final project cost.

5. Purchase of Concrete Mixing Trailer & Loader

Adopt Resolution No. 008-23 to authorize the Purchasing Agent to waive the bidding requirements in accordance with El Cajon Municipal Code section 3.20.010(C)(5), to execute a purchase agreement with Cart-Away Concrete Systems, Inc. (CACSI) for the purchase of a concrete mixing trailer and loader in the not-to-exceed amount of \$90,000.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

- 6. Time Extension of Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 659; 636 South Johnson Avenue; Engineering Job No. 3606

Grants an extension for TPM 659 (636 South Johnson Avenue) and set the new expiration date to August 14, 2023, in accordance with Municipal Code Section 16.12.110.

- 7. Community Event – 2023 July 4th Picnic at Kennedy Park

Approve the use of the public right-of-way for the July 4th picnic and fireworks display and authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to execute the necessary agreements and forms for the associated fireworks display at Granite Hills High School.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Richard Agundez Jr. thanked the City Council for their continued support of the Police Department.

Stacia Weisback praised the work by Code Compliance Officer Nicole Kim and spoke about newly appointed Superior Court Judge Peter Lynch.

Jo Alegria invited the City Council to the Pregnancy Care Clinic on March 11, 2023 at the Prescott Promenade.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

City Manager Mitchell recommended that the City Council move the Administrative Reports ahead of the Public Hearings to continue to wait for the Granite Hills Football Team to arrive.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

- 10. Extension of Management Agreement with Live Nation

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Management Agreement between the City of El Cajon and Live Nation Worldwide

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 10 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

Assistant to the City Manager, David Richards, provided detailed information of the Item.

General Manager, Paris Landen, spoke of events coming to The Magnolia.

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Extending the existing contract; and
- How the partnership with Live Nation is considered a success.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the Management Agreement between the City of El Cajon and Live Nation Worldwide.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PRESENTATION:

- Proclamation: Granite Hills High School Championship Recognition

The City Council continued the rest of the meeting in the order presented in the posted agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

8. FY 2023-24 CDBG and HOME Allocations for the One Year Annual Action Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and accepts public testimony for the FY 2023-24 CDBG and HOME Allocations for the One Year Annual Action Plan (Action Plan);
2. Closes the Public Hearing; and
3. Accepts staff recommendations for projects and programs that will be funded from the FY 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) grant programs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 8 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

Housing Manager, Jose Dorado, introduced Housing Specialist, Deyanira Pelayo-Brito, who provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff about utilizing funds for other city projects, such as concrete cut-outs and street lighting.

City Manager Mitchell stated that the City Council would be able to switch priorities, if desired, in the future.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ACCEPT staff recommendations for projects and programs that will be funded from the FY 2023-24 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Act (HOME) grant programs.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

9. HOME-ARP Allocation Plan and Amendment to the FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 One Year Action Plans

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the public hearing and takes the following actions:
 - a) Accepts testimony for the proposed amendment to the FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 One Year Action Plans to allocate unspent funds to Home Start for homeless outreach and services; and
 - b) Accepts testimony for the proposed Home Investment Partnerships Act Allocation Plan as part of the third amendment to FY 2021-22 One Year Action Plan;
2. Closes the public hearing; and

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 9 – Continued)

3. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, amending the FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 One Year Action Plans to allocate \$185,000 in available CDBG funds to Home Start, Inc. to carry out a COVID-19 related public service program of homeless outreach and services.

DISCUSSION

Housing Manager, Jose Dorado, provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Home Start Program;
- Section 8 housing; and
- ARPA allocated housing vouchers.

City Manager Mitchell stated that the City Council would be able to switch priorities, if desired, in the future.

MOTION BY METSCHEL, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to CLOSE the Public Hearing and to ADOPT Resolution No. 009-23 to amend the FY 2019-20 and FY 2020-21 One Year Action Plans to allocate \$185,000 in available CDBG funds to Home Start, Inc. to carry out a COVID-19 related public service program of homeless outreach and services.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

11. Recommendation to Reject Bids for RFP 009-23 (Design-Build-Operation of Digital Message Board)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, rejecting the bids for RFP 009-23, and authorizes staff to make such changes to the RFP to allow for the option of a secondary site for the project.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 11 - Continued)

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Selected site was not an ideal choice; and
- Identifying new site options.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 010-23 to reject the bids for RFP 009-23, and authorize staff to make such changes to the RFP to allow for the option of a secondary site for the project.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12. City Council Action Plan (2023)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves the draft City Council Action Plan for 2023.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Protect Police Officers being sued while performing duties;
- Healthcare District concern;
- El Cajon App success;
- Meridian cabins;
- Reducing mutual aid; and
- Request to add a Lobbyist to the miscellaneous request list.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE the City Council Action Plan for 2023, and add the request for a Lobbyist to the miscellaneous list.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

13. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

14. 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.

15. COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

16. 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)

17. 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:

18. Installation of Safety Barriers on Interstate 8

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council directs staff to prepare a letter to Caltrans, on behalf of the entire City Council, requesting that safety barriers be installed along Interstate 8 between Greenfield Drive and State Route 67.

DISCUSSION

Deputy Mayor Goble provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Safety issues on mentioned route;
- City has no jurisdiction over I-8; and
- Safety concerns on the area between 2nd Street and I-67 West bound.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to PREPARE a letter to Caltrans, on behalf of the entire City Council, requesting that safety barriers be installed along Interstate 8 between Greenfield Drive and State Route 67.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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 28th day of February, 2023, at 4:40 p.m., to Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary