



CITY COUNCIL  
HOUSING AUTHORITY AND  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE EL CAJON  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Council Chamber  
200 Civic Center Way  
El Cajon, CA 92020

## Revised Agenda

APRIL 11, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

Bill Wells, Mayor  
Steve Goble, Deputy Mayor  
Gary Kendrick, Councilmember  
Michelle Metschel, Councilmember  
Phil Ortiz, Councilmember

Graham Mitchell, City Manager  
Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager  
Morgan Foley, City Attorney  
Angela Cortez, City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bill Wells**

**ROLL CALL: City Clerk Angela Cortez**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**POSTINGS:** The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the March 28, 2023, Meeting and the Agenda of the April 11, 2023, Meeting in accordance to State Law and City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Policy.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- National Public Safety Telecommunications' Week

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

## CONSENT ITEMS:

Consent Items are routine matters enacted by one motion according to the RECOMMENDATION listed below. With the concurrence of the City Council, a Council Member or person in attendance may request discussion of a *Consent Item* at this time.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency approves Minutes of the March 28, 2023, Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

2. Warrants

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves payment of Warrants as submitted by the Finance Department.

3. Approval of Reading Ordinances by Title Only

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves the reading by title and waives the reading in full of all Ordinances on the Agenda.

4. Authorization to Apply for a Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant Program in the amount of \$500,000 and, if awarded, authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to execute the standard agreement.

5. Award of Bid No. 016-23 – Luke Lane Drainage Improvements

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Approves a Notice of Exemption (NOE) under section 15302 of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities, and direct the filing of the NOE; then
2. Adopts the next Resolutions, in order, to:
  - a. Approve Plans and Specifications for Luke Lane Drainage Improvements, Bid No. 016-23; and
  - b. Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Portillo Concrete, Inc., in the amount of \$453,400.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

At this time, any person may address a matter within the jurisdiction of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency that is not on the Agenda. Comments relating to items on today’s docket are to be taken at the time the item is heard. State law prohibits discussion or action on items not on the Agenda; however, Council, Authority and Agency Members may briefly respond to statements or questions. An item may be placed on a future Agenda.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

- 6. Authorization to Submit an Application for the San Diego River Conservancy Direct Grant Program

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to authorize the City Manager, or approved designee, to submit an application for the San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC) Direct Grant Program.

- 7. Debrief on the Defeat of Measure P

**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an informational report. No action is required from the City Council.

**COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS**

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

- 8. Council Activity Report

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:**

- 9. **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.

- 10. **COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK**

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

11. **COUNCILMEMBER MICHELLE METSCHEL**  
Harry Griffen Park Joint Steering Committee; METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA – Alternate; Heartland Communications – Alternate; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate.
  
12. **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.

**JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**ORDINANCES: FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION**

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

13. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9:  
William Anderson v. City of El Cajon, et al.  
United States District Court, Southern District of California  
Civil Action No. 22CV715-AJB-WVG
  
14. Closed Session - Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6:  
  
Agency Designated Representatives:  
Graham Mitchell, City Manager  
Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager  
Clay Schoen, Director of Finance  
Marisol Thorn, Director of Human Resources  
  
Employee Organizations:  
El Cajon Mid-Management and Professional Employees Group  
El Cajon Municipal Employees Association

**ADJOURNMENT: The Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/ El Cajon Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 11th day of April 2023, is adjourned to Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.**



City Council  
Agenda Report

**Agenda Item 1.**

**DATE:** April 11, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Angela Cortez, City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Meeting

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency approves Minutes of the March 28, 2023, Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

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Attachments

03-28-23DRAFTminutes - 3PM

# 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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**March 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, March 28, 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, 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 March 14, 2023, meeting and the Agenda of the March 28, 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 – 6)**

**Items 4 and 5 were pulled by a member of the public, Item 6 was pulled by a member of the public and by a member of the City Council.**

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

Approve Minutes of the March 14, 2023 and the Special Joint Meeting of March 21, 2023, 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.

**ITEM PULLED BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC:**

4. 2022 State Homeland Security Grant Program Funding

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept and appropriate the FY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant funds in the amount of \$70,915, and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.

**DISCUSSION**

Truth spoke in opposition of accepting the State Homeland Security Grant funds.

Adopt Resolution No. 015-23, authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept and appropriate the FY 2022 State Homeland Security Grant funds in the amount of \$70,915, and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.

**CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)**

**ITEM PULLED BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC:**

5. Reject & Re-Bid of Bid No. 011-22 – Public Safety Center Renewable Energy

**RECOMMENDATION:**

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

1. Consent to the withdrawal of California Solar Integrators, Inc. (CSII) bid submission;
2. Reject all bids and authorize re-bidding of the project; and
3. Consent to the prohibition of CSII from participating in further bidding on the project re-bid.

**DISCUSSION**

Truth stated that only local companies should be considered for City jobs.

Adopt Resolution No. 016-23 to:

1. Consent to the withdrawal of California Solar Integrators, Inc. (CSII) bid submission;
2. Reject all bids and authorize re-bidding of the project; and
3. Consent to the prohibition of CSII from participating in further bidding on the project re-bid.

6. Declaration of Emergency for Wells Park Restroom Conditions; Authorization to Waive Bidding

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council:

1. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, 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. Approves the reallocation of \$250,000 from the ARPA Economic Development Expenditure Category to a new ARPA project with the Expenditure Category 6 - Revenue Replacement, that will cover the cost of the emergency work.

**DISCUSSION**

Truth spoke against the project at Wells' park.

In answer to a question by Councilmember Metschel, City Manager Mitchell explained that the project was initiated by resident's complaints of the conditions of the restrooms at Wells' park. The reconfiguration and repair of the current restrooms will provide a safer situation for visitors, and it will discourage sleeping and illegal activities on premises.



**CONSENT ITEMS: (Item 6 - Continued)**

Adopt Resolution No. 017-23, 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 approve the reallocation of \$250,000 from the ARPA Economic Development Expenditure Category to a new ARPA project with the Expenditure Category 6 - Revenue Replacement, that will cover the cost of the emergency work.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 6.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kera spoke against license plate recognition software and added that any actions on decisions by Nathan Fletcher, former Chair of the San Diego County Board of Supervisor's, should be voided as he has been removed from the Board.

David Matranga thanked the City Council for their work on keeping criminals out of El Cajon.

Kevin Miller, representing Foothills Christian Church, supports the decision to stand against the County of San Diego's relocation of homeless individuals to the City of El Cajon.

Truth encouraged citizens to attend the San Diego County Board of Supervisor's meetings and spoke against license plate reader cameras.

Mayor Wells directed staff to provide information on a future meeting on the concerns about privacy issues brought on by the license plate reader cameras.

Rachel Ashlee stated that when large events happen in the City of San Diego, homeless are moved to the East County. Ms. Ashlee supports the City Council's action on motel vouchers provided to individuals with criminal records.

Mohammed Tuama shared his concern with the quality of the school district in the East County.

Donald Cannon shared his concerns about the County of San Diego's motel voucher program bringing problems into the City.

Jeff shared that he has compassion for the homeless problem but does not support the County's approach to move them to the City of El Cajon. He added that he does not support the license plate reader idea.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

7. Update on Regulating the Use of El Cajon Lodging Establishments – Ensuring Responsible Guests Requirements

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council:

1. Receives the report and provides feedback on various initiatives; and
2. Directs the Planning Commission to amend Zoning Code Chapter 17.212 (Deemed Approved Lodging Establishment) to include “Emergency Housing Placement Program” guidelines and considers changes to “Nuisance Activities and Performance Standards.”

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Investigate price gouging by the motel voucher process;
- Motel regulations;
- Conditions to keep the City informed on who is coming into the city by ways of motel vouchers and criminal background checks on the same;
- Sex offender regulations, i.e. keeping them away from schools, daycares, etc.;
- Request for an emergency housing placement program by amending the Deemed Approved Municipal Code;
- Consequences for those motel operators violating the stipulations on Emergency Housing guidelines;
- Possibility of Special Operation License revocation;
- Not allowing sex offenders with a rating of Static-99R score of 4 or above to be housed in El Cajon;
- Emergency vs. long term housing; and
- Request for a meeting with the County of San Diego to discuss the situation.

The following people spoke in support of the proposed guidelines and standards:

1. Gary Uyer
2. Cory Gautereaux
3. Chris George
4. Truth
5. Jenny Steckclair
6. Patrick Grillot

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 7 – Continued)**

Discussion continued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Additional language for voucher contract that would stipulate code of conduct;
- Motels ability to obtain a free background on individuals; and
- Concerns on legality on enforcement issues.

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to DIRECT the Planning Commission to amend Zoning Code Chapter 17.212 (Deemed Approved Lodging Establishment) to include “Emergency Housing Placement Program” guidelines and considers changes to “Nuisance Activities and Performance Standards.” In addition, a contractor must provide rules of conduct for their program, certification that people being relocated to El Cajon are not being moved for breaking rules elsewhere and a free background check should be available to motel owners.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

8. Potential County Misuse of Taxpayer Funds in the Various Homeless Housing Placement Programs

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives the report from staff as an informational item.

**DISCUSSION**

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio provided detailed information of the Item.

City Council expressed concern about motels being paid more for a room through the County’s voucher program than the regular public would pay.

Truth shared her opinion on the County’s voucher program.

Discussion continued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Additional language for voucher contract that would stipulate code of conduct;
- Motels ability to obtain a free background on individuals; and
- Legality concerns on enforcement issues.

No Action was required for the Item.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)**

9. 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council:

1. Accepts the 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
2. Directs staff to forward the report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

**DISCUSSION**

Director of Community Development, Anthony Shute, provided detailed information of the Item.

Deputy Mayor Goble commented on the 190 thousand calls received during a calendar year by the Fire and Police Departments.

Truth provided her personal opinion on the item.

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ACCEPT the 2022 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and Direct staff to forward the report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

10. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022, and Other Written Communication from the City's Independent Auditor

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives and accepts the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and other written communication from the independent accounting firm of Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

**DISCUSSION**

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

Truth provided her personal opinion on the item.

City Manager clarified that the City did not lose money on investments.

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

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to RECEIVE and accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and other written communication from the independent accounting firm of Rogers, Anderson, Malody & Scott, LLP, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

11. Intention to Conduct Appraisal of Travelodge at 425 W. Main Street for Possible Acquisition

**RECOMMENDATION:**

No action is required by the City Council. This is provided as an informational item.

**DISCUSSION**

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion continued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Possible uses for the property; and
- Cost of appraisal.

Truth spoke against the possible acquisition of the mentioned property.

Patrick Grillot stated he supports the City exploring an opportunity for investment.

No Motion was required for the Item.

**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.

Truth praised the work of Mayor Wells.

**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.

Deputy Mayor Goble stated he would submit a report on the next Council meeting.

- 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.

In addition to the submitted report, Councilmember Ortiz stated he did not attend the 5.11 Tactical Ribbon Cutting.

**JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None**

**GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** None

**ORDINANCES: FIRST READING** - None

**ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION** - None

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency adjourns to Closed Session as follows:

17. Closed Session - Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6:

Agency Designated Representatives:

Graham Mitchell, City Manager  
Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager  
Clay Schoen, Director of Finance  
Marisol Thorn, Director of Human Resources  
Megan Blake, Senior Management Analyst

Employee Organization:

El Cajon Professional Firefighters Association - Local 4603 (ECPFF)

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 5:12 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

RECONVENED to Open Session at 5:29 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

- Direction was given to the City's Negotiator.

**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 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., to Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

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ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary



City Council  
Agenda Report

**DATE:** April 11, 2023  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Yazmin Arellano, Director of Public of Works  
**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Apply for a Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to apply for the California Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grant Program in the amount of \$500,000 and, if awarded, authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to execute the standard agreement.

**BACKGROUND:**

The State 2019-20 Budget Act allocated \$250 million for all regions, cities, and counties to prioritize planning activities that accelerate housing production to meet identified needs in every community. LEAP is a one-time grant available to cities and counties to accelerate housing production.

HCD released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on January 27, 2020, identifying that approximately \$119 million would be available to local governments under the LEAP Grant Program. Funding for each locality is based on population estimates published by the Department of Finance. The City of El Cajon is defined as a medium to large sized city with a population between 100,000 and 299,999 people. Thus, the maximum award the City can receive is \$500,000.

Staff worked with HCD staff to identify a qualifying project and to prepare a complete and comprehensive grant application. Staff proposes to request that the LEAP grant funds be used to initiate infrastructure planning and design for the proposed roundabout at El Cajon Boulevard and Washington Avenue within the Transit District Specific Plan.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:**

The grant request is not a project subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is a procedural, administrative step in the process, which only authorizes the application to be made, and if awarded, entering into an agreement with HCD. Furthermore, the roundabout was previously analyzed under the Transit District Specific Plan Final Program Environmental Impact Report (SCH No. 2017041047). The EIR indicated that the El Cajon Boulevard/Washington Avenue roundabout will not negatively impact the environment, but instead, improve traffic flow, emergency response, and pedestrian safety. However, EIR Mitigation Measures require that, prior to roundabout construction, a Noise and Vibration Impact Analysis is prepared if pile driving or grading is necessary.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the City's General fund.

Prepared By: Mario Sanchez, City Engineer

Reviewed By: Yazmin Arellano, Director of Public Works

Approved By: Graham Mitchell, City Manager

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**Attachments**

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CAJON  
AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR, AND RECEIPT OF, LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT PLANNING SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50515 *et seq.*, the Department of Housing and Community Development (the "Department") is authorized to issue a Notice of Funding Availability ("NOFA") as part of the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program (hereinafter referred to by the Department as the Local Early Action Planning Grants program or "LEAP"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of El Cajon (the "Applicant") desires to submit a LEAP grant application package (the "Application"), on the forms provided by the Department, for approval of grant funding for projects that assist in the preparation and adoption of planning documents and process improvements that accelerate housing production and facilitate compliance to implement the sixth cycle of the regional housing need assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Department has issued a NOFA and Application on January 27, 2020 in the amount of \$119,040,000 for assistance to all California Jurisdictions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CAJON AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager, or such person designated by the City Manager, is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the Department the Application package.

SECTION 2. In connection with the LEAP grant, if the Application is approved by the Department, the City Manager of the City of El Cajon is authorized to submit the Application, enter into, execute, and deliver on behalf of the Applicant, a State of California Agreement ("Standard Agreement") for the amount of \$500,000, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate to evidence and secure the LEAP grant, the Applicant's obligations related thereto, and all amendments thereto.

SECTION 3. The Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the NOFA, and the Standard Agreement provided by the Department after approval. The Application and any and all accompanying documents are incorporated in full as part of the Standard Agreement. Any and all activities funded, information provided, and timelines represented in the Application will be enforceable through the fully executed Standard Agreement. Pursuant to the NOFA and in conjunction with the terms of the Standard Agreement, the Applicant hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible uses and allowable expenditures in the manner presented and specifically identified in the approved Application.



## City Council Agenda Report

**Agenda Item 5.**

**DATE:** April 11, 2023  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Mara Romano, Purchasing Agent  
**SUBJECT:** Award of Bid No. 016-23 – Luke Lane Drainage Improvements

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Approves a Notice of Exemption (NOE) under section 15302 of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as the replacement or reconstruction of existing facilities, and direct the filing of the NOE; then
2. Adopts the next Resolutions, in order, to:
  - a. Approve Plans and Specifications for Luke Lane Drainage Improvements, Bid No. 016-23; and
  - b. Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Portillo Concrete, Inc., in the amount of \$453,400.

### BACKGROUND:

The Luke Lane Drainage Improvements project includes replacing an existing roadside drainage ditch with underground 18" reinforced concrete pipe along Luke Lane from N. 3rd Street to the cul-de-sac. The pipe installation and various flatwork will improve roadway drainage, reduce surface flows, and mitigate flooding and sediment build-up from the storm water received during heavy rains from upper Gorsline Drive.

This bid was advertised on February 16, 2023. The City received five bids on March 15, 2023, and evaluated the three lowest bid submissions.

Staff recommends the City Council awards the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Portillo Concrete, Inc., in the amount of \$453,400. The summary of bids is attached, and complete proposals are on file in the Purchasing Division.

### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

The proposed Luke Lane Drainage Improvements project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) subject to section 15302 of the CEQA Guidelines. Section 15302 provides an exemption for replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced. In this instance, the existing open drainage structure will be demolished and a new enclosed structure will replace it. The project also includes street paving, including improved access to existing

properties. No new environmental impacts would result. None of the exemption exceptions listed under CEQA Guidelines section 15300.2 exist.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact is \$453,400. Sufficient funds are available in Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Budget: Luke Lane Drainage Improvements (223748PWCP).

Prepared By: Mara Romano, Purchasing Agent

Reviewed By: Yazmin Arellano, Director of Public Works

Approved By: Graham Mitchell, City Manager

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**Attachments**

Reso - Approve Plans & Specs

Reso - Award Bid

Bid Summary - 016-23

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_-23

RESOLUTION APPROVING  
PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR  
LUKE LANE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
(Bid No. 016-23)

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has submitted plans and specifications for the Luke Lane Drainage Improvements project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, it appears to be in the best interests of the City of El Cajon that the plans and specifications for the Project should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CAJON AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the plans and specifications for the Project submitted by the Director of Public Works are hereby approved and adopted as the official plans and specifications for said Project.

2. Said plans and specifications are directed to be filed in the office of the Director of Public Works of the City of El Cajon.

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_-23

RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR  
LUKE LANE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS  
(Bid No. 016-23)

WHEREAS, the Luke Lane Drainage Improvements project (the "Project") includes replacing an existing roadside drainage ditch with underground 18" reinforced concrete pipe along Luke Lane from North Third Street to the cul-de-sac; and

WHEREAS, the pipe installation and various flatwork will improve roadway drainage, reduce surface flows, and mitigate flooding and sediment build-up from the storm water received during heavy rains from upper Gorsline Drive; and

WHEREAS, in response to the bid advertised on February 16, 2023, the City of El Cajon (the "City") received five (5) bids on March 15, 2023, and evaluated the three (3) lowest bid submissions; and

WHEREAS, after evaluation, City staff recommends award of the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Portillo Concrete, Inc., in the amount of \$453,400; and

WHEREAS, sufficient funds are available in Fiscal Year 2022-23 Annual Budget: Luke Lane Drainage Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it to be in the best interests of the City to award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$453,400.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CAJON AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are true and correct, and are the findings of the City Council.

2. The City Council hereby awards the bid for the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder:

Portillo Concrete, Inc.

in an amount not to exceed \$453,400.

3. The City Manager and City Clerk are authorized and directed to execute a contract for the Project on behalf of the City of El Cajon, with such changes or amendments as maybe approved by the City Manager.



# City of El Cajon – Purchasing Division

## BID EVALUATION

(To be included as an attachment to the agenda report.)

Bid No. 003-23	Bid Name: Luke Lane Drainage Improvements
Solicitation Due Date/Time: March 15, 2023/ 2:00 p.m.	Initial Date of Advertisement: February 16, 2023
Number of Responses Received: 5	Bid Estimate: \$475,000

### SUMMARY OF BIDS (INCLUDE ANY ADD. ALTS.):

Vendor	Vendor Type	Bid Amount	Format	Submit Date	Status
Portillo Concrete, Inc.		\$453,400.00	Electronic	03/15/2023 11:47:44 AM	Submitted
New Century Construction Inc.	CADIR	\$596,800.00	Electronic	03/15/2023 1:57:23 PM	Submitted
Quality Construction & Engineering, Inc.	CADIR	\$599,466.00	Electronic	03/15/2023 1:45:27 PM	Submitted
Bert W. Salas Inc.		\$622,088.00	Electronic	03/15/2023 1:40:00 PM	Submitted
Empire Equipment Service, Inc.		\$830,561.65	Electronic	03/15/2023 8:09:43 AM	Submitted

### BID EVALUATION (TOP THREE LOWEST RESPONSES):

Bidder	Bid Responsiveness	Notes
Portillo Concrete, Inc.	Yes	
New Century Construction, Inc.	Yes	
Quality Construction & Engineering, Inc.	Yes	

**LEGAL REVIEW REQUIRED:** YES  NO  **IF YES, DATE LEGAL REVIEW COMPLETED:**

**RENEWAL OPTIONS:** YES  NO  **IF YES, SPECIFY TERM W/RENEWAL OPTIONS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOWEST, RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER NAME AND AMOUNT: PORTILLO CONCRETE, INC. \$453,400**

### PURCHASING DIVISION:

Review Completed By: Mara Romano

Date: March 23, 2023



## City Council Agenda Report

**Agenda Item 6.**

**DATE:** April 11, 2023  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Yazmin Arellano, Director of Public of Works  
**SUBJECT:** Authorization to Submit an Application for the San Diego River Conservancy Direct Grant Program

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to authorize the City Manager, or approved designee, to submit an application for the San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC) Direct Grant Program.

### BACKGROUND:

The San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC) is a state agency authorized to work in the San Diego River Watershed to implement multi-benefit projects that protect and enhance the San Diego River and its connected resources. The SDRC is authorized to undertake projects and award grants to achieve its goals. The SDRC's jurisdiction includes the San Diego River and its tributaries, including Forester Creek. The SDRC's Direct Grant Program seeks to support multi-benefit projects that advance a number of goals, including but not limited to conserving land, protecting resources, improving water quality, protecting and enhancing wildlife, and protecting the natural and scenic beauty of the San Diego River watershed.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City prepared an application for grant funds for the San Diego River Watershed Water Quality Improvement Project in El Cajon (Project). The Project will design, install, operate, and maintain structural controls to remove all trash entering the stormwater conveyance system at 350 locations, with the intent of improving water quality in the San Diego River watershed. The Project also aims to beautify the local community and help create a sense of place for residents residing in severely disadvantaged areas of the City of El Cajon.

### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

The project is exempt from environmental review under CEQA Guideline 15301(c)(Class 1) as it is a minor alteration of an existing public infrastructure involving negligible or no expansion of an existing use.



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If awarded, the City will receive \$5,000,000 in grant funds and the required local match of \$500,000 (10%) is available in City Wastewater Program funds (650740 Budget Activity account).

Prepared By: Mario Sanchez, City Engineer

Reviewed By: Yazmin Arellano, Director of Public Works

Approved By: Graham Mitchell, City Manager

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**Attachments**

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF EL CAJON APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR  
SAN DIEGO RIVER CONSERVANCY DIRECT GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Governor of the State of California have provided funds for the program shown above; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego River Conservancy has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of this grant program, establishing necessary procedures; and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the San Diego River Conservancy require a resolution certifying the approval of application(s) by the Applicants governing board before submission of said application(s) to the Conservancy; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant, if selected, will enter into an agreement with the Conservancy to carry out the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CAJON AS FOLLOWS:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the San Diego River Watershed Water Quality Project; and
2. Certifies that Applicant understands the assurances and certification in the application; and
3. Certifies that Applicant or title holder will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s) consistent with the land tenure requirements; or will secure the resources to do so; and
4. Certifies that it will comply with all provisions of section 1771.5 of the California Labor Code; and
5. If applicable, certifies that the project will comply with any laws and regulations including, but not limited to, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), legal requirements for building codes, health and safety codes, disabled access laws, and, that prior to commencement of construction, all applicable permits will have been obtained; and
6. Certifies that applicant will work towards the State Planning Priorities intended to promote equity, strengthen the economy, protect the environment, and promote public health and safety as included in California Government Code section 65041.1, and

7. Appoints the City Manager or designee, as agent to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, and payment requests that may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project(s).



City Council  
Agenda Report

**DATE:** April 11, 2023  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Debrief on the Defeat of Measure P

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an informational report. No action is required from the City Council.

**BACKGROUND:**

In June, 2022, staff authorized Probalsky Research to conduct polling to gauge the level of public support for a one-cent sales tax measure intended to replace Proposition J, the half-cent sales tax measure approved in 2008 and scheduled to expire in 2028.

The results of the polling were somewhat surprising to staff. The polling showed solid support for a one-cent sales tax measure (60%), along with support for investing the additional generated revenue in public safety (police and fire), homeless encampment remediation and homeless intervention programs, economic development, and capital improvements.

The survey results were presented to the City Council at the August 9, 2022, City Council meeting and on the strength of the polling data, staff recommended that the City Council place the one-cent sales tax measure, known as Measure P, on the November ballot. The City Council concurred with the staff recommendation and Measure P was placed before the voters.

The election result was almost exactly the opposite of what the polling had indicated. Measure P failed by an 18-point margin. The defeat was jarring. And, while it was expected that support would “soften” from the time of the polling to the election, down from the initial levels of support shown in the polling, it was not expected to crater and reverse into a defeat for the measure.

This report will present the results of an internal debriefing examination conducted by the City Manager’s Office to identify factors that could have contributed to the defeat of Measure P. However, for a ballot measure to be roundly defeated so decisively by the voters in complete contradiction to the voluminous polling data produced showing an opposite result, there is no escaping the fact that the polling methodology had to be flawed. Probalsky Research disagrees, but in the opinion of staff, faulty polling was, without doubt, a contributing factor.

Between the time the polling was conducted and the date of the election, public confidence in the economy began to deteriorate. In a move unprecedented in the last 40 years of monetary policy, the Federal Reserve raised the Prime (Lending) Rate from 4.0% in May, 2022, to 7.0% in November, 2022, with five consecutive 75 basis point hikes over 6 months. This was

prompted by record inflation levels, which peaked in June, 2022, at a rate of 9.1%. While the Federal Reserve's move resulted in curbing inflation to 7.1% by November, 2022, the actions were a shock to the public's confidence in the economic outlook. The summer and fall of 2022 was, in essence, the perfect economic storm to kill a tax measure.

During this same time period (August – November), the City and the County of San Diego were in conflict over the County's motel voucher program and the negative impacts being felt in the City as a result of the County "bussing in" homeless individuals to El Cajon motels. Even though homeless intervention programs were a key component of how the Measure P revenue would be used, the discovery of the extent of the voucher program by the City, the increases in crime by voucher recipients, and the resulting City-County conflict confused the message to the electorate.

In looking at various social media accounts during the lead up to the election, one particular comment against the tax became the consistent refrain: there is no expiration of the tax. Despite the safeguards deliberately included in the measure, such as the City Council's ability to reduce or eliminate the tax during healthy economic years, the electorate was clearly turned off by the perpetual nature of the tax.

Measure P also highlighted a political division within local Republican politics. At the City level, the City Councilmembers – all of whom are Republicans – voted unanimously to place Measure P on the ballot. However, the larger County-wide Republican establishment vocally opposed the Measure frequently on both radio and television. The divergence of opinion was due mainly to reliable Republican opposition to tax measures of *any* kind versus the knowledge of the local elected officials who recognized the catastrophic budgetary outcomes if Proposition J (the current ½ cent sales tax) is not eventually replaced.

The above factor is also directly related to the idea that there simply was not enough "runway" to develop and implement a clear, consistent, and frequent message on the importance of the tax measure to funding City operations. In an attempt to capitalize on what staff believed to be unusually robust support based on the July polling data, it was recommended that the City move forward with placing the measure on the ballot with a very short time span of just three months to completely mobilize solid support. If the polling data had been reliable, this might not have been as critical of a factor as it now appears to have been in retrospect. Had the polling data been closer to the actual outcome, staff would not have recommended that the City Council move forward for the November election as there would not have been enough time to convince voters of the importance of the measure.

One of the key factors in any successful campaign is the involvement of employee unions to spread the word and carry the message. With the exception of the public safety unions - particularly the local firefighters union - there was no involvement by any of the other employee unions and very little involvement by unrepresented employees. Employee involvement in these types of efforts is a critical source of "human capital" that can assist in phone banking, neighborhood walking, public outreach at large retail outlets, and other forms of getting out the vote. Despite the short time frame between the decision to place the measure on the ballot and the election, the lack of involvement by most of the employee unions was detrimental.

The last of the major factors staff identified was the lack of a cohesive strategy among the consultants involved. At least three consultants participated in various capacities ranging from the simple dissemination of facts around the measure, to social media posts, to advocacy on the part of the fire safety union. Yet, none of the consultants coordinated their efforts with each

other and the result was an uncoordinated array of mixed messages, none of which had the consistency or frequency to sway voters.

Staff identified a host of other contributing factors, each of which is briefly noted below:

- The election was an off-year, mid-term election which often has low voter turnout.
- It rained heavily on election day, discouraging any voters who didn't already submit a mail-in ballot.
- There was little to no community involvement in the campaign. Nor was there any involvement by the Chamber of Commerce or the business community in general.
- Historically, tax measures are often supported by Democrats more than Republicans, yet in this particular mid-term cycle, there was no notable Democratic candidate or other meaningful Democratic-led issue that would have encouraged Democrats to vote.
- Lastly, the question of whether the measure should have simply been a ½ cent renewal of Prop. J, rather than a full-cent replacement-and-increase measure will remain a point of analysis and debate.

The staff level debriefing has allowed us to identify the weaknesses in the Measure P effort that led to its defeat. The fact nevertheless remains that Prop. J will be expiring in 2028 and that the revenue generated by Prop. J – \$14 million per year – is absolutely vital to maintaining City operations. This means that a replacement tax measure requires serious consideration in the near future. By incorporating the lessons learned with the Measure P experience, staff is in a better position to advise the City Council and guide the process toward a successful outcome.

#### CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:

This is an informational report only and is therefore not subject to CEQA.

Prepared By: Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager

Reviewed By: N/A

Approved By: Graham Mitchell, City Manager

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City Council  
Agenda Report

Agenda Item 8.

**DATE:** April 11, 2023  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Mayor Wells  
**SUBJECT:** Council Activity Report

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council accepts and files the following report of Council/Mayor activities attended during the current agenda period.

**BACKGROUND:**

Government Code Section 53232.3(d) requires members of a legislative body to provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency at the next regular meeting of the legislative body. This City Administrative Activity is not a project and therefore not subject to CEQA.

**REPORT:**

Since the last City Council meeting, I have attended the following events on behalf of the City of El Cajon:

April 11, 2023 - City Council Meeting

I am available to answer questions.

Submitted By: Bill Wells, Mayor

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## City Council Agenda Report

Agenda Item 9.

**DATE:** April 11, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Deputy Mayor Goble

**SUBJECT: 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.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council accepts and files the following report of Council/Mayor activities attended during the current agenda period.

**BACKGROUND:**

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**REPORT:**

Since the last City Council meeting, I have attended the following events on behalf of the City of El Cajon:

March 13, 2023 - Letter to MTS CEO re: agenda  
March 13, 2023 - Email to Josh P re: dumpster divers  
March 14, 2023 - Email to Kyle @ AWP re: lawsuit status  
March 15, 2023 - Email to Michael Smolens at U-T re: tiny homes  
March 15, 2023 - Lunch w/ Humbert C. re: ADUs  
March 16, 2023 - MTS Board Meeting  
March 17, 2023 - Emails with Fabby G re: SANDAG  
March 17, 2023 - Phone Call with Christian W re: Elks Dinner  
March 21, 2023 - Special City Council Meeting  
March 22, 2023 - Interview with KUSI  
March 23, 2023 - Attend MTS Mtg re: El Cajon 3<sup>rd</sup> Track  
March 23, 2023 - Attend XL Security Ribbon Cutting  
March 23, 2023 - Emails with Brandon S re: job oppy's in El Cajon  
March 23, 2023 - Phone call with Ray M from SANDAG  
March 24, 2023 - Attend SANDAG Board of Directors Mtg  
March 25, 2023 - Attend Urban Roots distribution event



March 27, 2023 - Attend SANDAG Military Working Group (MWG) Mtg  
March 27, 2023 - Lunch with Dick B. former mayor and Supervisor  
March 28, 2023 - Attend SANDAG MWG Mtg  
March 28, 2023 - Attend City Council Meeting  
March 28, 2023 - Attend State of the City event  
March 29, 2023 - Attend SANDAG Military Working Group (MWG) Focus Group  
March 30, 2023 - Attend SD County Hep C/HIV education meeting  
April 3, 2023 - Emails with Shanna @ Amikas re: Meridian cabins  
April 3, 2023 - Emails with EDCO re: Dump Day  
April 3, 2023 - Emails with Rebecca @ AWP re: speaking event  
April 3, 2023 - Phone Call with City Atty  
April 4, 2023 - Attend Chamber Gov't Affairs Committee Mtg  
April 4, 2023 - Attend City Town Hall on Homelessness #1  
April 5, 2023 - Attend CA State Park and Rec Convention  
April 6, 2023 - Attend MTS Board of Directors' Mtg  
April 6, 2023 - Attend MTS Budget Committee Mtg  
April 7, 2023 - Attend East County Chamber 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Bkfst  
April 7, 2023 - Attend SANDAG Military Working Group Mtg  
April 10, 2023 - Meeting with City Mgr  
April 11, 2023 - City Council Mtg(s)

I am available to answer questions.

Submitted By: Steve Goble, Deputy Mayor

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City Council  
Agenda Report

Agenda Item 10.

**DATE:** April 11, 2023  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Councilmember Kendrick  
**SUBJECT: COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK**  
METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications;  
Heartland Fire Training JPA.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council accepts and files the following report of Council/Mayor activities attended during the current agenda period.

**BACKGROUND:**

Government Code Section 53232.3(d) requires members of a legislative body to provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency at the next regular meeting of the legislative body. This City Administrative Activity is not a project and therefore not subject to CEQA.

**REPORT:**

Since the last City Council meeting, I have attended the following events on behalf of the City of El Cajon:

April 4, 2023 - Appeal for Tobacco Sale to Minors Hearing  
April 4, 2023 - Town Hall on Homelessness  
April 5, 2023 - Metro Wastewater JPA  
April 11, 2023 - City Council Meeting

I am available to answer questions.

Submitted By: Gary Kendrick, Councilmember

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City Council  
Agenda Report

Agenda Item 11.

**DATE:** April 11, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Councilmember Metschel

**SUBJECT: COUNCILMEMBER MICHELLE METSCHEL**

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

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council accepts and files the following report of Council/Mayor activities attended during the current agenda period.

**BACKGROUND:**

Government Code Section 53232.3(d) requires members of a legislative body to provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency at the next regular meeting of the legislative body. This City Administrative Activity is not a project and therefore not subject to CEQA.

**REPORT:**

Since the last City Council meeting, I have attended the following events on behalf of the City of El Cajon:

April 4, 2023 - Met with resident B. Johnson regarding human trafficking

April 4, 2023 - Attended Town Hall on Homelessness

April 5, 2023 - Met with Joe Britton regarding SDGE Rate Reform

April 11, 2023 - Attended East County Homeless Task Force Coordinated outreach Solution meeting

April 11, 2023 - City Council Meeting

I am available to answer questions.

Submitted By: Michelle Metschel, Councilmember

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City Council  
Agenda Report

Agenda Item 12.

**DATE:** April 11, 2023

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Councilmember Ortiz

**SUBJECT: 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.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council accepts and files the following report of Council/Mayor activities attended during the current agenda period.

**BACKGROUND:**

Government Code Section 53232.3(d) requires members of a legislative body to provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency at the next regular meeting of the legislative body. This City Administrative Activity is not a project and therefore not subject to CEQA.

**REPORT:**

Since the last City Council meeting, I have attended the following events on behalf of the City of El Cajon:

April 4, 2023 - East County Chamber Government Affairs Meeting

April 4, 2023 - Town Hall on Homelessness

April 5, 2023 - Interview with KUSI

April 10, 2023 - League of California Cities Meeting

April 11, 2023 - City Council Meeting

I am available to answer questions.

Submitted By: Phil Ortiz, Councilmember

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City Council  
Agenda Report

Agenda Item 13.

**DATE:** April 11, 2023

**TO:** City Clerk

**FROM:** City Attorney/General Legal Counsel

**SUBJECT:** Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation  
- pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section  
54956.9:  
William Anderson v. City of El Cajon, et al.  
United States District Court, Southern District of California  
Civil Action No. 22CV715-AJB-WVG

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the following Closed Session be scheduled for the Joint City Council / Housing Authority / Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9:

**NAME OF CASE:**

William Anderson v. City of El Cajon, et al.  
United States District Court, Southern District of California  
Civil Action No. 22CV715-AJB-WVG

Morgan L. Foley  
City Attorney/General Legal Counsel

MLF:hms

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City Council  
Agenda Report

**DATE:** April 11, 2023  
**TO:** City Clerk  
**FROM:** City Attorney/General Legal Counsel  
**SUBJECT:** Closed Session - Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6:

Agency Designated Representatives:  
Graham Mitchell, City Manager  
Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager  
Clay Schoen, Director of Finance  
Marisol Thorn, Director of Human Resources

Employee Organizations:  
El Cajon Mid-Management and Professional Employees Group  
El Cajon Municipal Employees Association

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the following Closed Session be scheduled for the Joint City Council / Housing Authority / Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

**CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6:**

Agency Designated Representatives:  
Graham Mitchell, City Manager  
Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager  
Clay Schoen, Director of Finance  
Marisol Thorn, Director of Human Resources

Employee Organizations:  
El Cajon Mid-Management and Professional Employees Group  
El Cajon Municipal Employees Association

Morgan L. Foley  
City Attorney/General Legal Counsel  
MLF:hms

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