

# JOINT SPECIAL 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 21, 2023**

A Joint Special Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, March 21, 2023, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 2:15 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 FLAG led by Mayor Wells and MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

1. Regulating the Use of El Cajon Lodging Establishments for Regional Homeless Solutions

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council provide direction to staff.

## **DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Faith St. Clair shared her experience living at Motel 6, where she shares a room with her two teenage children and a friend. Ms. St. Clair also spoke about holding two jobs and not having enough resources to rent permanent housing for her family.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Options to prevent sex offenders from renting hotel/motel rooms in the city;
- Hotel/motel vouchers provided by the County of San Diego;
- Re-housing options for people like Ms. St. Clair, who have jobs and need assistance with first and last month deposits;
- Considerations of options provided by staff;
- Consequences for hotels/motels renting to known offenders;
- Lack of assistance from the County in dealing with crimes committed by those using vouchers issued by the County; and
- City Council going into closed session to consider anticipated litigation from measures the city may enforce.

## **CLOSED SESSION:**

2. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: One potential case

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 3:06 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

RECONVENED to Open Session at 3:39 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

- The City Council gave direction to the Legal Counsel.

**CLOSED SESSION: (Continued)**

City Manager Mitchell stated that the City Council provided direction to staff to provide a report on how the Planning Commission could revoke the deemed approved status for motels if violations occur. Staff will also provide more information on the different options suggested to the City Council to Regulate the Use of El Cajon Lodging Establishments for homeless citizens.

Adjournment: The Joint Special Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/El Cajon Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2023 was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

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ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary