

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

March 14, 2023

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, March 14, 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, and Metschel
Council/Agencymembers absent:	Ortiz
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 28, 2023, meeting and the Agenda of the March 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 – 8)

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

Approve Minutes of the February 28, 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. Volunteers Workers' Compensation

Adopt Resolution No. 011-23 declaring that City of El Cajon volunteers be treated as employees for the purpose of Workers' Compensation benefits.

5. Fiscal Year 2021-22 El Cajon Housing Authority Annual Report (pursuant to California Health and Safety Code §34176.1)

El Cajon Housing Authority review and accept the Annual Report, substantially in the form as presented, for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

6. Community Event – Dinner and a Concert Series

Approve the 2023 “Dinner and a Concert” series, subject to conditions.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

7. Community Event in the Right-of-Way – Cajon Classic Cruise

Approves the use of the public right-of-way for the 2023 “Cajon Classic Cruise” series, subject to conditions.

Item pulled by Deputy Mayor Goble:

8. Procurement & Implementation of Automated License Plate Reader Cameras

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to enter into an agreement with Flock Group Inc., for an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) camera subscription/implementation system in the amount of \$114,000, for the initial one-year term and two additional one-year term renewals.

DISCUSSION

Discussion ensued among Council, Staff and Hector Soliman-Valez, Flock Group, Inc.’s Representative, concerning the following:

- New technology would only capture the back of vehicles;
- Footage only accessible to the Police Department;
- No audio with footage;
- Proactive approach to prevent stolen vehicles and to assist with Amber Alerts; and
- ALPR is a one-year pilot program.

Adopt Resolution No. 012-23 to enter into an agreement with Flock Group Inc., for an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) camera subscription/implementation system in the amount of \$114,000, for the initial one-year term and two additional one-year term renewals.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 8.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kenneth Kestner requested to speak to Chief of Police Moulton.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

9. Seventh Amendment to the FY2019-20 and Third Amendment to the FY2021-22 One Year Action Plans

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the public hearing and accepts testimony for the proposed Seventh Amendment to the FY2019-20 and Third Amendment to the FY2021-22 One-Year Action Plans;
2. Closes the Public Hearing; and
3. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, amending the FY 2019-20 and FY 2021-22 One Year Action Plans to:
 - a) Approve and re-allocate \$178,000 in available CDBG-CV funds, including \$165,500 to Home Start and \$12,500 to Mama's Kitchen, to carry out COVID-19 related public service programs;
 - b) Adopt the HOME Investment Partnerships Act American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan; and
 - c) Approve, appropriate and adopt \$2,079,808.40 in HOME-ARP funding; and
4. Make the necessary changes to the One Year Action Plans, authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the funding agreements and any other documentation required and submit all required documentation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

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 in regards to future low-income rental properties.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 9 – Continued)

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 013-23 to amend the FY 2019-20 and FY 2021-22 One Year Action Plans to Approve and re-allocate \$178,000 in available CDBG-CV funds, including \$165,500 to Home Start and \$12,500 to Mama's Kitchen, to carry out COVID-19 related public service programs and ADOPT Resolution No. 014-23 to Adopt the HOME Investment Partnerships Act American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Allocation Plan.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

10. San Diego River Conservancy Board Representative

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council ratifies the appointment of Councilmember Phil Ortiz to represent the City of El Cajon on the San Diego River Conservancy Board of Directors.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided information of the Item and introduced Chair of San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC), Ben Clay, and Executive Director, Julia Richards, who provided detailed information about the agency.

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Opportunity to have a City representative on the SDRC board; and
- The many grants the city has received from SDRC.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY GOBLE, to RATIFY the appointment of Councilmember Phil Ortiz to represent the City of El Cajon on the San Diego River Conservancy Board of Directors.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

11. Interviews for Gillespie Field Development Council Member

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council conducts interviews for the Gillespie Field Development Council.

DISCUSSION

Gillespie Field Development Council

Vacancy: One (1) member vacancy to be appointed by the City Council directly, with a term expiring on 03/18/2027.

Barry Bardack spoke in support of appointing Wheeler North to the Gillespie Field Development Council.

Applicants for the Gillespie Field Development Council:

1. Breslin, Denis
2. North, Wheeler

MOTION BY METSCHEL, SECOND BY WELLS, to APPOINT Wheeler North to the Gillespie Field Development Council, with a term to expire on March 18, 2027.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (ORTIZ – 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.

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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.

In addition to the submitted Report, Deputy Mayor Goble shared he participated in a Meals on Wheels delivery and shared about the SANDAG retreat he attended.

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.

In addition to the submitted Report, Councilmember Metshell shared she participated in a Meals on Wheels delivery.

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 Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 14th day of March, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., to Tuesday, March 28, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary