

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

April 25, 2023

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, April 25, 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 Janzer, Deputy 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 April 11, 2023, meeting and the Agenda of the April 25, 2023, meetings in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- TEDxKids@ElCajon
- El Cajon Library Update

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 5)

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

Approve Minutes of the April 11, 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.

PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

4. Continuation of Wells Park Restroom Emergency Declaration

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, proclaiming the continuation of emergency for Wells Park restroom conditions.

DISCUSSION:

In answer to a question by Mayor Wells, City Manager Mitchell stated that a continuation for an emergency declaration is required until the job is accepted as completed.

4. Continuation of Wells Park Restroom Emergency Declaration

Adopt Resolution No. 023-23 proclaiming the continuation of emergency for Wells Park restroom conditions.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

5. Continuation of Emergency for Storm Drain System Repairs

Adopt Resolution No. 024-23 proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Storm Drain Repairs.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 5.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

6. Adoption of New Fees; Modification and Elimination of Existing Fees; and Amendment of Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing; and
3. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, to modify certain existing fees, add and delete certain fees, and amend the City's Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees.

DISCUSSION

City Attorney Foley 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:

- City of El Cajon does not charge Development Impact fees;
- Fees are only to cover staff time for services, not to make a profit; and
- Affordable housing projects.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 6 – Continued)

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to CLOSE the Public Hearing and ADOPT Resolution No. 025-23, to modify certain existing fees, add and delete certain fees, and amend the City’s Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

7. Consider Proposed Amendments to ECMC Title 5 Addressing Service Providers Operating in the City of El Cajon

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing; and
3. Introduces the next Ordinance, in order, approving proposed Amendment to ECMC Title 5.

DISCUSSION

Director of Community Development, Anthony Shute, provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- 48 hour notification from the County of San Diego when someone on Static-99R list is placed in a City of El Cajon motel;
- Discrepancy of motel rates; and
- Consequences for non-complying hotels.

No public comment was received.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Discussion continued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Cannot deny placement of Static-99R individual, as its considered a form of discrimination;
- Gathering information of where homeless individuals have lived prior to being placed in El Cajon;
- Surrounding cities should have motel occupancy for homeless in their areas;
- Placement of people experiencing domestic violence should not be in the same motels where sex offenders are being placed;

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 7 – Continued)

- Providers should be held responsible of where their clients are placed;
- Background checks for ‘active warrants’;
- Would a background check be needed for those seeking placement in Safe Parking programs;
- No Safe Parking is available in the City of El Cajon;
- Placing operational standards on service providers who are placing individuals in motels;
- Suggested changes to the proposed ordinance

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to INTRODUCE the next Ordinance, in order, approving proposed Amendment to ECMC Title 5, with changes as directed by the City Council.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The Deputy City Clerk recited the title of the ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 5.16.030 OF CHAPTER 5.16 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE; ADDING A NEW SECTION 5.16.030 TO CHAPTER 5.16 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE; AND ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 5.22 TO TITLE 5 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

8. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS 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.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

In addition to the submitted Report, Deputy Mayor Goble reported that Caltrans approved a concrete barrier on West I-8, between Second Street & State Route 67.

10. COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK
METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

11. 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 Metschel invited the public to the County of San Diego’s meeting regarding the Bradley Street widening project.

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.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

In addition to the submitted Report, Councilmember Ortiz stated that the County of San Diego would host a community event regarding the Bradley Street widening project.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

13. Cost Recovery from Skilled Nursing Facilities for Abuse of the City's Emergency Medical Response System

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council directs staff to provide a policy analysis or to draft an ordinance for City Council consideration that would create a cost recovery fee to be charged to skilled nursing facilities that abuse the City's emergency medical response system.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Wells and Councilmember Ortiz provided detailed information on the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Facilities who take advantage of medical response system;
- Triage calls to assess level of response needed; and
- Facilities use key words to get services.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to DIRECT staff to draft an ordinance for City Council consideration that would create a cost recovery fee to be charged to skilled nursing facilities that abuse the City's emergency medical response system.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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:

CLOSED SESSIONS:

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 Organization:

El Cajon Municipal Employees Association

15. Closed Session - Public Employee Performance Evaluation: City Manager

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 4:08 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

RECONVENED to Open Session at 5:04 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

14. Direction was given to City Negotiators
15. Performed Evaluation of City Manager

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 25th day of April, 2023, at 5:05 p.m., to Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary