

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

May 9, 2023

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, May 9, 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 April 25, 2023, meetings and the Agenda of the May 9, 2023, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Proclamation: Municipal Clerk’s Week
- Proclamation: Water Safety and Drowning Prevention Month
- Presentation: Youth of the Year Award

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 10)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 10.

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 April 25, 2023, Meetings 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. Subdivision Agreement for Public Improvements and Final Map for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) No. 2020-0002; 1493 Melody Lane; Engineering Job No. 3733

1. Approve the Final Map and Subdivision Agreement for Public Improvements for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) No. 2020-0002, 1493 Melody Lane, Engineering Job No. 3733;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements and related documentation; and

CONSENT ITEMS: (Item 4 - Continued)

3. Authorize the City Clerk to release cash deposit after completion of improvements.

5. New Classification Specification and Salary Setting for Parking Enforcement Officer

Approve the classification specification and salary setting for the Parking Enforcement Officer.

6. Continuation of Wells Park Restroom Emergency Declaration

Adopt Resolution No. 028-23 proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Wells Park restroom conditions.

7. Continuation of Emergency for Storm Drain System Repairs - West Side of 1970 Granite Hills Drive

Adopt Resolution No. 029-23 to proclaim the Continuation of Emergency for Storm Drain System Repairs.

8. Award of Bid No. 001-24 – Street Light System Maintenance, Emergency Repairs, and Related Construction Services

1. Find that the Street Light System Maintenance, Emergency Repairs, and Related Construction Services project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
2. Adopt Resolution No. 030-23 to Approve Plans and Specifications for Street Light System Maintenance, Emergency Repairs, and Related Construction Services for the Cities of El Cajon, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, and Santee, Bid No. 001-24; and Adopt Resolution No. 031-23 to Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Southwest Traffic Signal Service, Inc., in the amount of \$344,697 for the base bid and Additive Alternate No. 1. The City of El Cajon's portion of the award is \$152,510.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

- 9. Award of Bid No. 015-23 – Maintenance & Repairs of Mechanical Doors & Gates
 - 1. Find that the Maintenance and Repairs of Mechanical Doors and Gates services project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
 - 2. Adopts Resolution No. 032-23 to Approve Plans and Specifications for Maintenance & Repairs of Mechanical Doors & Gates, Bid No. 015-23; and
 - 3. Adopt Resolution No. 033-23 to Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Vortex Industries, LLC, in the amount of \$101,300 for the initial one-year term, with up to four additional one-year renewal options.

- 10. Disposal of Retired Property

Declare the listed property retired and authorizes disposal in accordance with policy.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 11. Delinquent Refuse/Recycling Collection Charges

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

- 1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives public testimony;
- 2. Closes the Public Hearing;
- 3. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, to confirm the list of property owners as delinquent in the payment of their mandatory refuse/recycling service bills; and
- 4. Authorizes the City Clerk to record the amount owed for each account as a lien on the respective property and forward the list to the County Tax Assessor for billing on the next property tax bill.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Wells recused himself as he received a donation for his Congressional Campaign from an EDCO staff member, and stated that Deputy Mayor Goble would proceed with the Public Hearing for Delinquent Refuse/Recycling Collection Charges. Mayor Wells left the Council Chamber at 3:31 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 11 – Continued)

Deputy Director of Public Works, Michael James, provided detailed information of the Item.

Deputy Mayor Goble opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment was received.

Deputy Mayor stated that people are given several opportunities to pay before the City places a lien on an individual's property and acknowledged that refuse/recycling fees have stayed stable for over two (2) years.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolutions No. 034-23A and 034-23B to confirm the list of property owners as delinquent in the payment of their mandatory refuse/recycling service bills.

**MOTION CARRIED BY 4 - 0 VOTE.
(Mayor WELLS – Disqualified)**

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to AUTHORIZE the City Clerk to record the amount owed for each account as a lien on the respective property and forward the list to the County Tax Assessor for billing on the next property tax bill.

**MOTION CARRIED BY 4 - 0 VOTE.
(Mayor WELLS – Disqualified)**

Mayor Wells returned to the Council Chamber at 3:42 p.m.

12. Amendment to the 2023 Five-Year Program of Projects for the SANDAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP No. 23-04)

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, approving the amendment to the proposed five-year program of projects for the SANDAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP No. 23-04).

DISCUSSION

City Engineer, Mario Sanchez, provided detailed information of the Item.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 12 – Continued)

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment was received.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADOPT Resolution No. 035-23 Approving the amendment to the proposed five-year Program of projects for the SANDAG Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP No. 23-04).

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

13. Consideration of an Adjustment to the SANDAG Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) Fee

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, approving an adjustment to the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) Fee to the new amount of \$2,741.97, for each newly-constructed residential unit.

DISCUSSION

City Engineer, Mario Sanchez, provided detailed information of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment was received.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ADOPT Resolution No. 036-23 Approving an adjustment to the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) Fee to the new amount of \$2,741.97, for each newly-constructed residential unit.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

14. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Mid-Year Report and Five-Year Business Plan Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Receives and accepts the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Mid-Year Report and Five-Year Business Plan update;
2. Increases Fiscal Year 2022-23 appropriations from fund equity in the citywide amount of \$5,888,202 for additional CalPERS contributions as detailed in the report; and
3. Increases Fiscal Year 2022-23 appropriations from fund equity or program income, as appropriate, in the amount of \$2,287,773.31 for CDBG / HOME activities as detailed in the report.

DISCUSSION

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

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Sunset of Prop J in 2030;
- Consideration of using General Fund Reserves for the public's benefit;
- Payment of Pension Obligations;
- Investment considerations;
- Using General Fund Reserves for Public Works projects; and
- Using Economic Uncertainty Reserves to prevent lay-offs, if required.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to RECEIVE and accept the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Mid-Year Report and Five-Year Business Plan update; Increase Fiscal Year 2022-23 appropriations from fund equity in the citywide amount of \$5,888,202 for additional CalPERS contributions as detailed in the report; and Increase Fiscal Year 2022-23 appropriations from fund equity or program income, as appropriate, in the amount of \$2,287,773.31 for CDBG / HOME activities as detailed in the report.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Recess called at 4:35 p.m.
Meeting called back to order at 4:39 p.m.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

15. Urban Roots Gardening Initiative Recap

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the report on the Urban Roots Gardening Initiative Program and provides feedback.

DISCUSSION

Administrative Assistant, Kevin Mackey, and Management Assistant, Ellena Holmes, provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

City Manager Mitchell announced and congratulated Kevin Mackey for his upcoming graduation, achieving a Master of Public Administration degree.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ACCEPT the report on Urban Roots Gardening Initiative.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

16. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

17. 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.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

In addition to the submitted Report, Deputy Mayor Goble shared information about the Advanced Water Purification meeting that he attended. He also shared information about the extra costs, such as more wear and tear on roads due to heavier vehicles, as cities move into using fully electric fleets.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

- 19. 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.

- 20. 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

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That Mayor Wells requests the City Clerk to recite the title.

DISCUSSION

No public comment was received.

The City Clerk recited the title of the ordinance for a second reading.

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.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY WELLS, to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5135, APPROVING 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.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

CLOSED SESSIONS:

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

22. 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

CLOSED SESSIONS: (Continued)

Employee Organization:

El Cajon Mid-Management and Professional Employees Group

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

RECONVENED to Open Session at 5:08 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

21. Direction was given to City's negotiators.

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 9th day of May, 2023, at 5:09 p.m., to Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary