

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 23, 2023

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, May 23, 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 May 9, 2023, meeting and the Agenda of the May 23, 2023, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Presentation: 2023 San Diego County Fair “Get Out There”
- Presentation: America on Main Street and Foodie Fest
- Proclamation: National Public Works Week
- Presentation: American Public Works Association Awards

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 10)

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

Approve Minutes of the May 9, 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. Continuation of Wells Park Restroom Emergency Declaration

Adopt Resolution No.037-23 to proclaim the Continuation of Emergency for Wells Park restroom conditions.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 038-23 to proclaim the Continuation of Emergency for Storm Drain System Repairs.

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 10)

6. Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Adopt Resolution No. 039-23 to approve the 2023 Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, including the City of El Cajon Annex.

7. Authorization to Accept, Appropriate, and Expend the CalRecycle Beverage Container Recycling City/County Grant for FY 2022-23

Adopt Resolution No. 040-23 to Authorize the City Manager or designee to accept, appropriate, and expend funds received from the CalRecycle Beverage Container Recycling City/County Grant (CALCCPP23) for FY 2022-23; and Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any documents and agreements necessary to receive and use these funds.

8. Reject & Re-Bid of Bid No. 014-23 – Stoney’s Neighborhood Park Fitness Equipment & Playground Resurfacing

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to reject all bids and authorize re-bidding of the project with revised specifications.

DISCUSSION

Evan Boji requested clarification on why bids were rejected.

City Manager Mitchell explained that there was some ambiguity on the bid request, therefore staff recommends rejecting all bids and starting again, with revised specifications.

Deputy Mayor Goble recommended that the process be expedited for the proposed project.

Adopt Resolution No. 041-23 to reject all bids and authorize re-bidding of the project with revised specifications.

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CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

9. Award of Bid No. 003-24 – Water Quality Improvements - Trash Capture Device Installation

1. Determine that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 7 and Class 8 of the CEQA Guidelines;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 042-23 to approve the Plans and Specifications for Water Quality Improvements - Trash Capture Device Installation, Bid No. 003-24;
3. Finds the second low bidder non-responsive for the reason set forth in the agenda report; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. 043-23 to award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Downstream Services, Inc., in the amount of \$92,898.

10. Disposal of Retired Property

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

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Billie Sangster submitted a speaker card on behalf of Miss El Cajon, Vanessa Hanna, who spoke about the upcoming Miss El Cajon Pageant, to be held on July 21, 2023.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

11. Zoning Code Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing;
3. Moves to adopt the next Resolution, in order, approving the California Environmental Quality Act exemption; and
4. Introduces the next Ordinance, in order, approving Zoning Code Amendment No. 2023-0001.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 11 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

Deputy Director of Community Development, Noah Alvey, provided a summary of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Methods to notify and monitor participating motels;
- Zoning code update to align to State of California requirements;
- Lot splits; and
- Accessory Dwelling Units.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment was received.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 044-23, approving the California Environmental Quality Act exemption; and to INTRODUCE the next Ordinance, in order, approving Zoning Code Amendment No. 2023-0001.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The City Clerk recited the title of the ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT NO. 2023-0001 FOR AMENDMENT OF TITLE 17 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, AND OTHER MINOR TECHNICAL CHANGES, REVISIONS, AND EDITS

Recess called at 3:59 p.m.
Meeting called back to order at 4:03 p.m.

Councilmember Kendrick did not return from the called recess.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

12. City Council Meeting Schedule

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council considers canceling its August 22, 2023 meeting.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to CANCEL the August 22, 2023 meeting.

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

13. Wells Park Improvements Basketball Courts - Project Acceptance

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Accepts the Wells Park Improvements - Basketball Courts project, Job No. 183610PWCP, Bid No. 003-23; and
2. Authorizes the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release the bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

DISCUSSION

Assistant Engineer, Sydney Grube, provided detailed information of the Item.

Councilmembers complimented the design of the project.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ACCEPT the Wells Park Improvements - Basketball Courts project, Job No. 183610PWCP, Bid No. 003-23; and Authorize the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release the bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

14. Legislative Summary and Resolution in Support of Sentencing Enhancements for the Illegal Sale or Distribution of Fentanyl

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council accepts the report of a summary of pending legislation and approves the next Resolution, in order, supporting sentencing enhancements for those convicted of illegally providing fentanyl or a fentanyl analog to individuals who are subsequently severely injured or die as a result of using the drug.

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Councilmembers and staff regarding several of the bills presented.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 045-23 supporting sentencing enhancements for those convicted of illegally providing fentanyl or a fentanyl analog to individuals who are subsequently severely injured or die as a result of using the drug.

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

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

15. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

16. 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 stated he attended the Smart Cities Conference in Colorado, and provided information about new technology available to assist in City upkeep.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

18. 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.

19. 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 a visitor to the American on Main Street event commented how much cleaner El Cajon seems to be as compared to a visit to the City three years prior.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

CLOSED SESSIONS:

20. Closed Session - Public Employee Performance Evaluation: City Attorney

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 4:31 p.m.

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

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

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

- City Attorney Performance Evaluation was completed.

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 23rd day of May, 2023, at 5:04 p.m., to Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary