

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

June 13, 2023

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, June 13, 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

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| 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 23, 2023, meeting and the Agenda of the June 13, 2023, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- East County Advanced Water Purification
- World of Work Mentorship Program

AGENDA CHANGES:

City Manager Mitchell informed the City Council that revised attachments were provided for Item 8, Tentative Agreement and Adoption of Memorandum of Understand for the El Cajon Municipal Employees' Association; and for Item 9, Tentative Agreement and Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding for the El Cajon Mid-Management and Professional Employees Group.

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 14)

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

Approve Minutes of the May 23, 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. 046-23 proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Wells Park restroom conditions.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

5. Acceptance and Termination of the Emergency Declaration for Storm Drain System Repairs

Adopt Resolution No. 047-23 to accept the termination of the Emergency Declaration for the Emergency Storm Drain System Repairs Project; directs the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion; and approves the final project cost.

6. Award of Bid No. 002-24 – Public Safety Center Computer Room Air Conditioning Units Replacement

1. Determine that the project is exempt under section 15301(c) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); then
2. Adopt Resolution No. 048-23 to approve the Plans and Specifications for Public Safety Center (PSC) Computer Room Air Conditioning Units Replacement, Bid No. 002-24;
3. Find the first low bidder non-responsive for the reason set forth in the agenda report; and
4. Adopt Resolution No. 049-23 to award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Southwest Mechanical Service, Inc., in the amount of \$454,578.

7. Adoption of the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) List of Proposed Projects for FY 2023-24

1. Approve a Notice of Exemption (NOE) under section 15301(c) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for street maintenance, the installation of bicycle lanes and pedestrian safety improvements, and directs the filing of the NOE; then
2. Adopt Resolution No. 050-23 to adopt the proposed List of Projects to be funded from the Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account (RMRA) Local Streets and Roads Funding Program for Fiscal Year 2023-24; and
3. Directs City staff to submit to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) a list of proposed projects to receive RMRA funding for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

8. Tentative Agreement and Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding for the El Cajon Municipal Employees' Association

Approve the tentative agreement reached with the El Cajon Municipal Employees' Association (ECMEA), and adopt Resolution No. 051-23 approving the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the ECMEA substantially in the form as presented at this meeting, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a final MOU with such changes as approved by the City Manager provided that no change shall be made contrary to the terms of the tentative agreement.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

9. Tentative Agreement and Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding for the El Cajon Mid-Management and Professional Employees Group

Approve the tentative agreement reached with the El Cajon Mid-Management and Professional Employees Group (MMPEG), and adopt Resolution No. 052-23, approving the Memorandum of Understanding with MMPEG (MOU) substantially in the form as presented at this meeting, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a final MOU provided that no change shall be made contrary to the terms of the tentative agreement.

10. Tentative Agreement and Adoption of Memorandum of Understanding for the El Cajon Professional Firefighters Local 4603

Approve the tentative agreement reached with the El Cajon Professional Firefighters Local 4603 (ECPFF), and adopt Resolution No. 053-23, approving the Memorandum of Understanding with the ECPFF (MOU) substantially in the form as presented at this meeting, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a final MOU with such changes as approved by the City Manager provided that no change shall be made contrary to the terms of the tentative agreement.

11. Travel Expenses for the Smart Cities Connect Conference - Goble

Review and approve the claim for advance/reimbursement of travel expense form for Deputy Mayor Steve Goble, submitted in accordance with City Council Policy G-1.

12. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Administrative Costs

Approve the allocation and appropriation change from the ARPA Small Business Grant Program to ARPA Admin for \$12,000.

PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

13. FY 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Funding

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept and appropriate the FY 2022 UASI Grant funds in the amount of \$55,300 and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Item 13 - Continued)

DISCUSSION

In answer to a question by Mayor Wells, City Manager explained that grant funds will be used for a Police Department Arjis Live 911 training and Fire Department's confined space technical support.

Adopt Resolution No. 054-23 authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept and appropriate the FY 2022 UASI Grant funds in the amount of \$55,300 and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.

14. Heartland Training Lease Amendment and License Agreement

Approve:

1. An Amendment to the Heartland Training Facility Lease Agreement; and
2. A Use and Occupancy License with Heartland Training for a portion of the former Animal Shelter property.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 14.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

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PUBLIC HEARINGS:

15. Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual City, Housing Authority, and Successor Agency Budgets

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council, Housing Authority, and the City of El Cajon as Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency hold a joint public hearing to consider the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Proposed Budgets. After closing the public hearing, staff recommends the following:

1. Acting as the City Council, individually adopt the following:
 - a) Resolution of the City of El Cajon Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Budget.
 - b) Resolution Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2023-24.
 - c) Resolution Approving Designation of General Fund Balances.
2. Acting as the Housing Authority Board of Directors, adopt Resolution titled: Resolution of the El Cajon Housing Authority Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.
3. Acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors, adopt Resolution titled: Resolution of the City Council of the City Of El Cajon as the Successor Agency to the former El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.
4. Acting as the City Council, increase General Fund Fiscal Year 2023-24 appropriations, from fund equity, and transfer \$5.0 million to the City Capital Improvement Program Fund.

DISCUSSION

Director of Finance, Clay Schoen and Senior Management Analyst, Autumn Reberger provided detailed information on the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Capital Improvement Projects;
- Projects funded by the American Rescue Plan Act;
- Prop O funding; and
- Consideration of self-insuring for Workers' Comp.

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 15 – Continued)

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to Acting as the City Council, ADOPT Resolution No. 055-23 to adopt Fiscal Year 2023-24 Annual Budget; ADOPT Resolution No. 056-23 Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2023-24; and ADOPT Resolution No. 057-23 Approving Designation of General Fund Balances.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, Acting as the Housing Authority Board of Directors, ADOPT Resolution No. ECHA-38 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, Acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors, ADOPT Resolution No. SA 001-23 Adopting the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY KENDRICK, Acting as the City Council, INCREASE the General Fund Fiscal Year 2023-24 appropriations, from fund equity, and transfer \$5.0 million to the City Capital Improvement Program Fund.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

16. Nurse Navigator Program Status Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives and files this report.

DISCUSSION

Fire Chief, Bent Koch, and Fire Division Chief, Brian Hayward, provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Public education on the Nurse Navigation program; and
- Determine the best way to provide information to citizens.

No Motion was needed for the Item.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

17. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

18. 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 spoke about the MTS strike.

19. COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK

METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

20. 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.

21. 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:

22. No Public Camping Regulations

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council directs staff to analyze the proposed Unsafe Camping Ordinance being considered by the City of San Diego and to draft a similar Ordinance for City Council consideration.

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Ortiz requested to analyze the City of San Diego’s proposed Ordinance on No Public Camping Regulations to perhaps draft a similar Ordinance for the City of El Cajon.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to DIRECT staff to analyze the proposed Unsafe Camping Ordinance being considered by the City of San Diego and to draft a similar Ordinance for City Council consideration.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

23. Zoning Code Update Amendment No. 2023-0001

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 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.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5136, 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.

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:

24. Closed Session - Conference with Labor Negotiator pursuant to subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54957.6

Agency designated representative:

Graham Mitchell, City Manager

Unrepresented employees under A-29:

City Executive Management; Unrepresented Management; Confidential; and Unrepresented General Classifications (City Council Policy A-29)

CLOSED SESSIONS: (Continued)

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

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 4:24 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

RECONVENED to Open Session at 5:03 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

24: Direction given to City Representatives

25: Evaluation of City Attorney performed

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 13th day of June, 2023, at 5:03 p.m., to Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary