

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 27, 2023

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, June 27, 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 Cortez, City Clerk/Secretary
Other Officers absent:	Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG led by Mayor Wells and MOMENT OF SILENCE.

POSTINGS: The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the June 13, 2023, meeting and the Agenda of the June 27, 2023, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Commendation: A.M. Ortega Construction, Inc.**

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 9)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 9.

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 June 13, 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. Amendment to the Heartland Communications Facility Authority's Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

Adopt Resolution No. 058-23 approving an Amended and Restated Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for the Heartland Communications Facility Authority.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

5. Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Grant Award from the County of San Diego
 1. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program (NRP) Grant award in the amount of \$40,671 and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.
 2. Appropriate \$40,671 of the NRP Grant to purchase a law enforcement Mobile Camera Trailer in order to enhance the ability of the El Cajon Police Department to monitor special events through improved safety and cost-effectiveness and to increase public confidence by monitoring and recording activities in high-risk and remote areas.

6. Award of RFP No. 005-24 – Plan Review & Inspection Services
 1. Determine the project is exempt under section 15378(b)(5) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
 2. Adopt Resolution No. 059-23 to enter into an agreement with Interwest Consulting Group, Inc. (ICGI), in an amount not to exceed \$285,000 for the initial one-year term, with up to four additional one-year renewal options.

7. Street Sweeping Services
 1. Determine that the project is exempt pursuant to section 15301(c) of the CEQA Guidelines; and
 2. Adopt Resolution No. 060-23 to authorize the City Manager, in accordance with El Cajon Municipal Code section 3.20.010 (C) (6), to execute an agreement with SCA of CA, LLC for the procurement of street sweeping services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$516,731.70 for the initial one-year term with two optional one-year renewals.

8. Continuation of Wells Park Restroom Emergency Declaration

Adopt Resolution No. 061-23 proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Wells Park restroom conditions.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

9. Vehicle Outfitting Services

1. Determine that the procurement of vehicles and maintenance service is exempt as a non-project in accordance with CEQA section 15378(b)(5); and
2. Adopt the next Resolution, in order, to award a contract to AEP California, LLC (AEP) for Vehicle Outfitting Services in the estimated amount of \$520,800 for the initial one-year term, with four additional one-year renewal options.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

10. Parkway Plaza Discussion

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the report regarding Parkway Plaza and provides feedback and direction.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Parkway Plaza is a large sales contributor for the City; and
- Consideration for a meeting with stakeholders to confirm they are interested in revitalization plan before spending City money on consultants.

Marshall Anderson, representing Sage Invest Company, spoke in support of the proposed improvements to Parkway Plaza.

No Motion was required for the Item.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

11. Summary of Town Hall Meetings Focusing on Homelessness

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives and discusses the findings of the Homeless Town Hall Meetings.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- What are other cities doing to help with the homeless problem;
- Concern of adding another shelter and having more homeless move into the area;
- Holding more town hall meetings for more feedback from community;
- People with mental or addiction issues should not be classified as homeless;
- Holding meetings for citizens and not activists;
- Space available at local shelters, no need to build more shelters; and
- Shortage of family shelters.

Rebecca Branstetter spoke in support of more town hall meetings to educate citizens on the homeless problem.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ACCEPT the Report.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Recess called at 4:34 p.m.
Meeting called back to order at 4:38 p.m.**

Mayor Wells approved the submittal of a late speaker card on Item 11.

Victor Navarro spoke about Parkway Plaza in regards to the bad reputation it has and that it needs better stores. He also stated that El Cajon does not need more shelters, as it would attract more homeless to the area.

Deputy Mayor Goble addressed Mr. Navarro's comment about Parkway Plaza being a trafficking center. Mr. Goble confirmed with Chief of Police Moulton, and stated that there has never been a report of kidnapping from the mall.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

City Manager Mitchell requested that Item 14, Compensation for Executive and Unrepresented Employees (A-29), City Manager, and City Attorney, be address before Item 12 and Item 13.

14. Compensation for Executive and Unrepresented Employees (A-29), City Manager, and City Attorney

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Mayor provides an oral report summarizing recommended changes in compensation for the City's "local agency executives" and, following the report, that the City Council:

1. Approves the changes to City Council Policy A-29 described below and reflected in the attachment; and
2. Adopts the next Resolutions, in order, to approve the amendments to the employment contracts with the city manager and city attorney, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the amendments, substantially in the forms as presented.

DISCUSSION

Human Resources Director, Marisol Thorn, gave detailed information of the Item.

Mayor Wells provided an oral report summarizing the recommended changes.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE the changes to City Council Policy A-29 described in the agenda report and reflected in the attachment; Adopt Resolution No. 063-23 to approve the amendments to the employment contract with the City Manager; Adopt Resolution No. 064-23 to approve the amendments to the employment contract with the City Attorney, and authorize the Mayor to execute the amendments, substantially in the forms as presented.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

12. An Analysis of the "Camping and Storage of Personal Property in Public Areas" Ordinance from the City of Poway and the "Unsafe Camping Ordinance" from the City of San Diego

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the staff report and provides appropriate direction to staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 12 - Continued)

DISCUSSION

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

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Municipal Code changes to Poway and City of San Diego for camping and personal storage of personal property in public areas;
- Procedures for inventory and disposal of abandoned items; and
- Regulations for homeless individuals camping in private or public areas.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ACCEPT the Report.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

13. Review Third Party Contractors Providing City Beautification Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the report and provides feedback and/or direction to staff.

DISCUSSION

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

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Pros and Cons of partnering with MTS for bus bench cleaning; and
- Pros and cons for street sweeping done in house v. outsourcing.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ACCEPT the Report.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

15. Council Activities Report/Comments

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 the submitted report, Deputy Mayor Goble announced the settlement of the MTS strike, he added all service will resume in the next few days.

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.

Report as submitted.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

20. Introduction of an Ordinance to Review and Approve the Amendments to Ordinance 5119; Renewing and Approving Policy 706 Military Equipment Use, 2023 Edition

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council moves to introduce the next Ordinance, in order, and direct the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only.

DISCUSSION

City Attorney, Jennifer Lyon, provided detailed information of the Item.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to INTRODUCE an Ordinance to Review and Approve the Amendments to Ordinance 119; Renewing and Approving Policy 706 Military Equipment Use, 2023 Edition.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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

AN ORDINANCE REVIEWING AND APPROVING ORDINANCE 5119 TO RENEW RESTRICTIONS RELATING TO PURCHASE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, OR OTHER PROPERTY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT USE; APPROVING THE EL CAJON POLICE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORT FOR 2023 AND APPROVING POLICY 706 MILITARY EQUIPMENT USE, 2023 EDITION

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

CLOSED SESSIONS: None

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 27th day of June, 2023, at 5:55 p.m., to Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary