

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

July 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, July 25, 2023, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:01 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 July 11, 2023, meeting and the Agenda of the July 25, 2023, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

Due to technical difficulties, microphones on the dais were not working and a hand-held microphone was available for the City Council and guests to make comments during the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Wells invited the Ms. El Cajon Pageant winners, who were in the audience, to introduce themselves to the community.

Mayor Wells acknowledged the passing of Sunny, the canine companion of a long time attendant of City Council meetings and resident of the City, Bobby.

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 8)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 8.

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 July 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.

4. Time Extension of Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 670; 2000 and 2075 East Madison Avenue; Engineering Job No. 3562

Grant a one-year time extension for Tentative Subdivision Map No. 670 (2000 and 2075 East Madison Avenue) and set the last expiration date to be September 24, 2024, in accordance with Municipal Code Section 16.12.110.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

5. Continuation of Wells Park Restroom Emergency Declaration

Adopt Resolution No. 067-23 proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Wells Park restroom conditions.

6. Authorization to Establish the San Diego River Watershed Water Quality Improvement Project in El Cajon (San Diego River Conservancy Grant)

Adopt Resolution No. 068-23 to:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute the San Diego River Conservancy Grant Agreement SDRG B22-07;
2. Accept, appropriate, and expend \$1.0 million from the San Diego River Watershed Water Quality Improvement Grant (SDRG-B2207); and
3. Establish a \$1.0 million San Diego River Watershed Water Quality Improvement Project (243819PWCP).

7. Contribution to Miss El Cajon Pageant Organization

Approve a contribution in the amount of \$2,500 to the Miss El Cajon Pageant Organization.

8. Subdivision Agreement for Public Improvements and Parcel Map for Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) No. 659; 636 S Johnson Ave; Engineering Job No. 3606

1. Approve the Parcel Map and Subdivision Agreement for Public Improvements for Tentative Parcel Map (TPM) 659, 636 South Johnson Avenue, Engineering Job No. 3606;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements and related documentation; and
3. Authorize the Department of Public Works to release bonds after completion of improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Lay Brother, Steven C. Sidlovsky, spoke about 'Personhood Sanctuary City'.

Evangelina Williams, spoke about 'Personhood Sanctuary City'.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

9. Update on Homeless Programs and Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the homeless programs and services report and, if desired, provides feedback, recommendations, and direction on homeless-related programming and funding.

DISCUSSION

Housing Manager, Jose Dorado, introduced Housing Specialist, Deyanira Pelayo-Brito, who provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Reasons to sunset contributions to East County Homeless Task Force (ECHTF);
- Funding for homeless programs;
- Housing availability at the East County Transitional Living Center (ECTLC);
- People dropping out of programs and staying in El Cajon rather than going back to their hometown; and
- Suggestion to reach out to ECHTF before stopping funding.

Dr. Julie Hayden, introduced herself as the new CEO for ECTLC.

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ACCEPT Staff's Recommendations.

MOTION CARRIED BY 4 – 1 VOTE, METSCHEL – NO.

10. City Hall Building: Opportunities & Considerations

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council provides feedback on options presented in the agenda report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 10 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- California Surplus Law considerations;
- Affordable housing options;
- If new a City Hall is built, considerations for the current building;
- Building new housing above the City Council Chamber;
- Consider Public/Private partnerships for cost of a new City Hall;
- Staff will bring ideas and proposals to the City Council in a year.

No comments were received for the Item.

No Motion was required for Item.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

11. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

12. 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.

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

14. 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.

15. 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

16. Review and Approve Amendments to Ord 5119; Renewing and Approving Policy 706 Military Equipment Use, 2023 Edition

RECOMMENDATION:

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

DISCUSSION

No comments were received for the Item.

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

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5137, Review and Approve Ordinance 5119 to Renew Restrictions Relating to Purchase of Military Equipment, Supplies, or Other Property for Law Enforcement Use; Approve the El Cajon Police Department's Annual Military Equipment Report for 2023 and Approve Policy 706 Military Equipment Use, 2023 Edition.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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 25th day of July, 2023, at 4:25 p.m., to Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary