

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

October 10, 2023

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, October 10, 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 absent:	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 Deputy Mayor Goble and
MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

POSTINGS: The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the September 26, 2023, meeting and the Agenda of the October 10, 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: Fire Prevention Week
- Proclamation: HR Professionals Day
- Proclamation: National Community Planning Month
- Presentation: HauntFest on Main

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 7)

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 7.

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

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

Approve Minutes of the September 26, 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.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

4. 2021 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) – Amendment No. 1, Increase in Funding Reallocation
 1. Authorize the City Manager or designee to accept the 2021 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) Amendment No. 1, allocating the additional funding of \$110,000, and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds; and
 2. Appropriate \$110,000 of additional funding to reimburse the El Cajon Police Department for overtime (\$106,065) and fringe benefits (\$3,935) costs while participating in OPSG coordinated operations.

5. Contract Amendment for RFP No. 020-17, Interview Room Recording System & Consolidated Video Management System
 1. Determine that the contract amendment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) subject to section 15301 (Existing Facilities) of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
 2. Adopt Resolution, No. 090-23, to extend the current agreement and compensation for the Interview Room Recording System with Axon Enterprise, Inc., for one year and authorizes the City Manager to approve up to four additional one-year options, each in the annual not-to-exceed amount of \$17,168.10.

6. FY 2023 U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG23) Award
 1. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the FY 2023 U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG23) in the amount of \$44,545.00 and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds; and
 2. Appropriate \$44,545.00 of the FY 2023 U.S. Department of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG23) to purchase Inspection, Training, and Personnel software, 2 E-bikes, 25 Red Dot Sight Optics & accessories, and 25 holsters.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

7. Professional Services Agreement for Continued Assessment of Existing Box Culverts
 1. Determine that the service is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with section 15309 of the State CEQA Guidelines; and
 2. Adopt Resolution, No. 091-23, to execute a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Kleinfelder, Inc., for a one-year term in the not-to-exceed amount of \$25,000.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Charlotte Kall invited the public to the Old Spanish Trail Centennial Celebration on November 2-5, 2023.

Michael Cartwright spoke about the City not providing a free place for Senior Citizens to meet monthly.

Todd Bleichwehl expressed concern about speeding traffic on Dorothy Street.

Brenda Hammond spoke about Ila Ruth Devine, a minister and professional clown.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

8. Downtown El Cajon Business Partners Annual Financial Statement and Audit

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the annual financial statement and audit, and provides feedback.

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager, Vince DiMaggio, introduced Mark Clifton and Cathy Zeman, Board Members for the Downtown El Cajon Business Partners, who provided detailed information of the Item.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 8 – Continued)

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning events and programs organized by the Downtown El Cajon Business Partners.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to RECEIVE the Annual Financial Statement and Audit from the Downtown El Cajon Business Partners.

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

9. Annual Report on the El Cajon Animal Shelter

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the report from the San Diego Humane Society as an informational item.

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager, Vince DiMaggio, introduced Michael Lowry, the CFO for the San Diego Humane Society, who provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- The amount of animals who have been microchipped;
- Stray El Cajon pets would have priority at the El Cajon Animal Shelter;
- Potential options to partner with the City to help homeless pets;
- Food and supplies that are provided to pet owners who cannot afford those items;
- Project Wildlife merging with the San Diego Humane Society;
- Healthy animals not being euthanized at the San Diego Humane Society, only animals with health or behavioral issues; and
- Coyotes being a concern within the City.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to RECEIVE the Annual Financial Statement and Audit from the San Diego Humane Society.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

10. Bonfire at Foothills Christian Church

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council considers the allowance of a bonfire at Foothills Christian Church on October 13, 2023.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE a bonfire at Foothills Christian Church on October 13, 2023.

Deputy Mayor Goble suggested to include an indemnification or hold harmless clause.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Air quality concerns;
- Definition of a bonfire;
- Indemnification or Hold Harmless clause; and
- The dimensions of the bonfire.

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE a bonfire at Foothills Christian Church with an Indemnification and Hold Harmless clause.

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

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.

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.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

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

16. First Reading of the proposed Ordinance Amending Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) and adopting amendments to the California Building Code, 2022 Edition and the California Fire Code, 2022 Edition by Reference

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Introduces the Ordinance and holds first reading;
2. Requests the City Clerk to recite the title of the Ordinance; and
3. Directs the City Clerk to schedule a public hearing for a second reading and adoption of the Ordinance on October 24, 2023.

DISCUSSION

City Attorney Foley, provided a summary of the Item.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY GOBLE, to INTRODUCE the Ordinance.

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

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15.04.105 OF CHAPTER 15.04,
AND SECTIONS 15.56.010, 15.56.070 AND 15.56.080 OF CHAPTER 15.56,
OF TITLE 15 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE; ADOPTING AMENDMENTS
TO THE CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE, 2022 EDITION AND THE
CALIFORNIA FIRE CODE, 2022 EDITION BY REFERENCE

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

CLOSED SESSIONS:

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

17. Closed Session - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of section 54956.9:
One (1) potential case

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 4:08 p.m.

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

RECONVENED to Open Session at 4:35 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

- Direction was given to the City Attorney

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 10th day of October, 2023, at 5:35 p.m., to Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary