

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 24, 2023

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, October 24, 2023, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:02 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 October 10, 2023, meeting and the Agenda of the October 24, 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: Professionals and GIS Day

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 13)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 13.

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 October 10, 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. Fee Adjustment for Ambulance Transports

Adopt Resolution No. 092-23 authorizing an update to the fee schedule to match the current ambulance rates charged by American Medical Response Ambulance Services, Inc. (“AMR”).

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

5. Award of Bid No. 018-24 – Oakdale Alameda Street Beautification Project
 1. Determine that the project is categorically exempt in accordance with section 15301 and 15304 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines; and
 2. Adopt Resolution No. 093-23 to Approve Plans and Specifications for Oakdale Alameda Street Beautification Project, Bid No. 018-24; and Adopt Resolution No. 094-23 to Waive the minor irregularity in the low bidder's bid response and award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Blue Pacific Engineering Construction, Inc. (BPECI) in the amount of \$6,438,650.00.

6. San Diego Cal-ID Remote Access Network (RAN) Board Funding Approval
 1. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to accept the Cal-ID RAN Board-approved funding of \$104,041 to execute any documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds; and
 2. Accept, appropriate, and expend \$104,041 of Cal-ID RAN Board funding to purchase the RECOVER chemical processing device for the Police Forensic Lab.

7. Reject & Re-Bid of RFP No. 013-24 – Audio Visual Upgrades & As-Needed Support Services

Adopt Resolution No. 095-23 to reject all proposals and authorize re-bidding of the project with revised specifications.

8. 2022 Operation Stonegarden Grant (OPSG) - Funded by the Office of Homeland Security
 1. Authorize the City Manager or designee to accept the 2022 Operation Stonegarden Grant (STNGRDN22) in the amount of \$89,000, and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds; and
 2. Accept, appropriate, and expend 2022 Operation Stonegarden Grant (STNGRDN22) funding in the amount of \$89,000 to reimburse the El Cajon Police Department for overtime (\$76,820), fringe benefits (\$3,180), and equipment costs (\$9,000), while participating in OPSG coordinated operations.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

9. 2023-2024 Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant
 1. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to accept the California Office of Traffic Safety STEP Grant in the amount of \$115,000 to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds; and
 2. Accept, appropriate, and expend California Office of Traffic Safety STEP Grant (OTS24 ALC/OTS24NOALC) funds in the amount of \$107,644 for overtime, \$2,266 for training and travel, and \$5,090 for supplies, for a total grant award of \$115,000.

10. Award of Bid No. 011-24 – Factory Loaded Ammunition
 1. Determine that the purchase of ammunition is exempt in accordance with section 15378(b)(2) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); and
 2. Adopt Resolution No. 096-23 to find the first low bidder non-responsive to Item 11; and Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders for the initial term, in the following not-to-exceed (NTE) amounts with up to four additional one-year renewal options:
 - San Diego Police Equipment, Inc. for Items 1-3, 9,10, and 14 - \$25,076;
 - Miwall Corporation for Items 4, 5, 8, 12, and 13 - \$44,751; and
 - Dooley Enterprises for Items 6, 7, and 11 - \$14,336.

11. Professional Services Agreement for Continued Jamacha Road Safety Improvements
 1. Determine that the service is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with section 15301 of the state CEQA Guidelines; and
 2. Adopt Resolution No. 097-23 to execute a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Chen Ryan Associates, Inc., for a one-year term in the not-to-exceed amount of \$52,750.

12. New Classification Specification and Salary Setting for Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation.

Approve and authorize the classification specification and salary setting for Deputy Director of Parks and Recreation.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

13. Revision to the Project Assistant Classification Specification

Approves and authorizes the proposed changes to the Project Assistant classification specification.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jose Sabedra and Edith Hernandez invited the City Council to performances at Los Cochec Creek Middle School.

Brenda Hammond spoke about HauntFest and Ila Ruth Devine.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

14. Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance to Amend 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. Opens the Public Hearing and considers public testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing;
3. Adopts by reference an Ordinance to Amend Title 15 Buildings and Construction and adopting amendments to the California Building Code, 2022 Edition and the California Fire Code, 2022; and
4. Requests the City Clerk to recite the title of the Ordinance.

DISCUSSION

Building Official, Andre Sanchez, provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment was received.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 14 – Continued)

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5139, 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.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

15. Legislative Report - End of the 2023 Legislative Session

RECOMMENDATION: This is an informational item. No action is required by the City Council.

DISCUSSION

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

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding several of the bills presented.

No public comment was received.

No Motion was required for the Item.

16. Mayor and City Council Cafeteria Benefits Review

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, adjusting the cafeteria benefit allotment from \$1,350 per month to \$1,450 per month, effective January 2024, for Mayor and City Councilmembers.

DISCUSSION

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

In answer to a question by Mayor Wells, Director of Human Resources, Marisol Thorn, confirmed that the proposed changes align with other municipal employee groups.

No public comment was received.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 16 – continued)

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 098-23, to adjust the cafeteria benefit allotment from \$1,350 per month to \$1,450 per month, effective January 2024, for Mayor and City Councilmembers.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

17. Small Business Revolving Loan Program

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council provides feedback on the concept of a small business revolving loan program and its interest in allocating up to \$300,000 toward the fund.

DISCUSSION

City Manager, Mitchell, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- The \$300,000 allocation being a one-time investment;
- Fund distribution amongst the contributing jurisdictions;
- Interest rates for loan;
- Funds would be available to existing businesses verses new businesses;
- Program Management; and
- Eligibility for the loan program.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to conditionally ALLOCATE \$300,000 to a Small Business Revolving Loan Program.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

18. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

19. 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.

In addition to the submitted report, Deputy Mayor Goble provided information about safety and ticket enforcement by MTS.

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

In addition to the submitted report, Councilmember Kendrick stated he did not attend HauntFest, but he did attend the METRO Wastewater meeting.

21. 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.

22. 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.

In addition to the submitted report Councilmember Ortiz stated that he attended HauntFest.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING – None

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 24th day of October, 2023, at 4:09 p.m., to Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 3:00 p.m.

ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary