



# City Council Participation



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2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. 3:00 PM

Council Chambers  
200 Civic Center Way  
El Cajon, CA 92020



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CITY COUNCIL  
HOUSING AUTHORITY AND  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE EL CAJON  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Council Chamber  
200 Civic Center Way  
El Cajon, CA 92020

## Agenda

APRIL 9, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Bill Wells, Mayor

Steve Goble, Councilmember

Gary Kendrick, Councilmember

Michelle Metschel, Councilmember

Phil Ortiz, Deputy Mayor

Graham Mitchell, City Manager

Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager

Morgan Foley, City Attorney

Angela Cortez, City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bill Wells**

**ROLL CALL: City Clerk Angela Cortez**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**POSTINGS:** The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the March 26, 2024, Meeting and the Agenda of the April 9, 2024, Meeting in accordance to State Law and City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Policy.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Parks & Recreation Leadership Academy

**AGENDA CHANGES:**

## CONSENT ITEMS:

Consent Items are routine matters enacted by one motion according to the RECOMMENDATION listed below. With the concurrence of the City Council, a Council Member or person in attendance may request discussion of a *Consent Item* at this time.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency approves Minutes of the March 26, 2024, Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

2. Warrants

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves payment of Warrants as submitted by the Finance Department.

3. Approval of Reading Ordinances by Title Only

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves the reading by title and waives the reading in full of all Ordinances on the Agenda.

4. Award of RFP No. 019-24 – Video Management System

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to enter into an agreement with IREX AI, Inc. (IREX), in an amount not to exceed \$45,300 for the initial one-year term, with up to four additional one-year terms.

5. Continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities.

## PUBLIC COMMENT:

At this time, any person may address a matter within the jurisdiction of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency that is not on the Agenda. Comments relating to items on today's docket are to be taken at the time the item is heard. State law prohibits discussion or action on items not on the Agenda; however, Council, Authority and Agency Members may briefly respond to statements or questions. An item may be placed on a future Agenda.

## **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

6. Agreement Renewal with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System to Regulate For-Hire Vehicle Services

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving a five-year extension of an existing agreement with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) for For-Hire Vehicle Regulation.

7. ARPA Project Update

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives a report on the progress of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) related projects and provides feedback.

8. Legislative Report for the 2024 California Legislative Session

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an informational report only. No action is required by the City Council. However, the City Council may direct staff to submit letters in support or opposition to specific legislative bills presented herein.

## **COMMISSION REPORTS:**

### **ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS**

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

9. Council Activity Report

## **ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:**

10. **COUNCILMEMBER 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.
11. **COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK**  
METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

12. **COUNCILMEMBER MICHELLE METSCHEL**  
Harry Griffen Park Joint Steering Committee; METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA – Alternate; Heartland Communications – Alternate; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate.
  
13. **DEPUTY MAYOR 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.

**JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

**GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**ORDINANCES: FIRST READING**

**ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION**

**CLOSED SESSIONS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/ El Cajon Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 9th day of April 2024, is adjourned to Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.



City Council  
Agenda Report

Agenda Item 1.

**DATE:** April 9, 2024

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Angela Cortez, City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Minutes of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Meeting

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency approves Minutes of the March 26, 2024, Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

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Attachments

03-26-24DRAFTminutes - 3PM

# 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

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**March 26, 2024**

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 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 March 12, 2024, meeting and the Agenda of the March 26, 2024, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- April Pool's Day

**AGENDA CHANGES: None**

**CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 10)**

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

Approve Minutes of the March 12, 2024, 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. Classification Specifications for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Analyst I/II

Approve the classification specifications for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Analyst I/II.

5. Contract Amendment for El Cajon Transit Center Community Improvements Construction Management Services

Adopt Resolution No. 028-24 to approve a second amendment to the Public Works Contract with Project Professionals Corporation (PPC) for El Cajon Transit Center Community Improvements increasing construction management services by the not-to-exceed amount of \$135,801.51, for work to be performed through and including September 30, 2024.



**CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)**

6. Request for Additional Funds for Increased Vehicle Costs

Adopts Resolution No. 029-24 to Appropriate \$204,540 of Fleet Replacement Fund (606) Balance for increased vehicle costs; and Authorize the purchase of remaining replacement vehicles in the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.

**DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Goble stated that the 20% increase reflects an increase from when the budget was prepared for fleet replacement. Mr. Goble suggested replacing vehicles a year sooner than scheduled to avoid repair costs.

7. Continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities

Adopt Resolution No. 030-24, proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities.

8. Award of Bid No. 032-24 – Trunk Sewer Cleaning & Video Inspection

Adopt Resolution No. 031-24 to Approve Plans and Specifications for Trunk Sewer Cleaning & Video Inspection, Bid No. 032-24; and Adopt Resolution No. 032-24 to Award the bid to the sole responsive, responsible bidder, National Plant Services, Inc., in the amount of \$241,727.12.

9. Events in the Right of Way - Cajon Classic Cruise

Review and approve the proposed road closures and traffic control plan for the "Cajon Classic Cruise" events.

10. Events in the Right of Way - Dinner and a Concert

Review and approve the submitted road closures for the "Dinner and a Concert" events.

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY WELLS, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 10.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Brenda Hammond spoke about being harassed by radical groups.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

11. Consideration of an Adjustment to the SANDAG Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) Fee

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council:

1. Opens the Public Hearing and receives testimony;
2. Closes the Public Hearing; and
3. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving an adjustment to the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) Fee to the new amount of \$2,875.06, for each newly-constructed residential unit.

**DISCUSSION**

Deputy Director of Public Works, Mario Sanchez, provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Construction Cost Index;
- Regional Arterial System explanation; and
- City does not charge a development impact fee to encourage new businesses.

No public comments were received for the Item.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to CLOSE the Public Hearing.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 033-24 approving an adjustment to the Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program (RTCIP) Fee to the new amount of \$2,875.06, for each newly-constructed residential unit.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

12. 2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council:

1. Accepts the 2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and
2. Directs staff to forward the report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

### **DISCUSSION**

Director of Community Development, Anthony Shute, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Development impact fee waived;
- Section 8 housing in the City; and
- Need for multi-housing units.

No public comments were received for the Item.

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY GOBLE, to Accept the 2023 General Plan Annual Progress Report; and Direct staff to forward the report to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

13. A Summary of the Downtown Business Partners Review and Consideration of the Recommendations from the New City America Report on the Property Business Improvement District (PBID).

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an informational report only. No action is required.

### **DISCUSSION**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 13 – Continued)**

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Expanding boundaries for PBID businesses;
- Reconsider zoning for bars and nightlife in downtown El Cajon;
- Low involvement on the PBID board;
- Incentives for building residences in downtown, above businesses; and
- Need for a satisfaction survey among PBID businesses.

No public comments were received for the Item.

No Motion was required for the Item.

14. Report on Implementing Fire Engine 208

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives a report on the status of implementing Fire Engine 208.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

City Council spoke in support of the Item, and the suggestion to promote for lateral transfers from local agencies was made.

No public comments were received for the Item.

No Motion was required for the Item.

**COMMISSION REPORTS:** None

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:**

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

15. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:**

16. COUNCILMEMBER 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.

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. DEPUTY MAYOR 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.

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

Councilmember Kendrick did not return to the Chamber after recess was called.

**JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

20. Maintenance of Bus Stops and Addition of New Bus Shelters

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council directs staff to provide an analysis of the pros and cons of turning over the bus stop shelter and maintenance program to MTS.

**DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Goble provided detailed information on the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Pros & Cons of turning bus stop shelter maintenance to MTS;
- Concern for alcohol and drug advertising; and
- Concern for any other inappropriate advertising.

No public comment was received for the Item.

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to DIRECT staff to provide an analysis of the pros and cons of turning over the bus stop shelter and maintenance program to MTS.**

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

**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 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, at 4:45 p.m., to Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.**

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ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary



## City Council Agenda Report

**Agenda Item 4.**

**DATE:** April 9, 2024  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Mara Romano, Purchasing Agent  
**SUBJECT:** Award of RFP No. 019-24 – Video Management System

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to enter into an agreement with IREX AI, Inc. (IREX), in an amount not to exceed \$45,300 for the initial one-year term, with up to four additional one-year terms.

### BACKGROUND:

On October 19, 2023, the City of El Cajon issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Video Management System. The project encompasses technical support, installation, and maintenance services for a video management system which supports IP cameras located both internally and externally at City office buildings, fire stations, recreation centers, community center, parks, and at traffic intersections for a one-year term with an opportunity for the City to renew the contract for up to four optional terms, each not to exceed one year in length. The use of IREX also fulfills one of the City Council's goals of using technology to safeguard public spaces.

Five proposals were received before 5:00 p.m. on December 11, 2023, and were independently reviewed by a five-person evaluation committee. The committee based its assessment on the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP: project management; key personnel; experience; exceptions; project methodology; technical competence; and cost.

After thorough evaluation of the responses, the City conducted interviews with the top four ranking firms and requested a Best and Final Offer from IREX. It was determined the proposal received from IREX best met the City's requirements. IREX is a leader in video analysis with modules to detect too many people, smoke, persons during unauthorized hours, handguns, traffic accidents, etc. IREX technology will be applied to all City cameras including those at City facilities and parks to alert staff of potential issues in real time.

If approved by City Council, the City Manager would have the authority to execute the agreement and subsequent renewals. The attached memorandum details the evaluation process.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:**

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(2). It will not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment because it solely provides authorization for the purchase of equipment, and the maintenance and servicing of a video management system.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact for the initial one-year term is \$45,300. American Rescue Plan Act (ARP02) funds in the amount of \$135,900 (\$45,300/annually) will fund the first three years of the agreement. Subsequent two one-year renewals are estimated to total \$90,600 (\$45,300/annually) and will be funded by the IT Services Citywide Fund.

Prepared By: Mara Romano, Purchasing Agent

Reviewed By: Sara Diaz, Director of Information Technology

Approved By: Graham Mitchell, City Manager

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**Attachments**

Resolution

Memorandum - 019-24



RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-24

RESOLUTION AWARDDING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 019-24  
FOR VIDEO MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2023, the City of El Cajon (the "City") issued Request for Proposals No. 019-24 for Video Management System (the "RFP"), to include technical support, installation, and maintenance services for a video management system that supports IP cameras located both internally and externally at City office buildings, fire stations, recreation centers, community center, parks, and at traffic intersections, for a one-year term with the option to renew the agreement for four (4) optional one-year periods; and

WHEREAS, five (5) proposals were received before the 5:00 p.m. deadline on December 11, 2023, and were independently reviewed by a five-person evaluation committee, which based its assessment on the evaluation criteria specified in the RFP, including project management; key personnel; experience; exceptions; project methodology; technical competence; and cost; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough evaluation of the responses, City staff conducted interviews with the top four (4) ranking firms, and requested a Best and Final Offer from IREXAI Inc. ("IREX") as it was determined the proposal received from IREX best met the City's requirements; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact for the initial one-year term, and any subsequent one-year renewal periods, is \$45,300, and American Rescue Plan Act (ARP02) funds in the cumulative amount of \$135,900 will fund the first three (3) years of the agreement; and

WHEREAS, two (2) additional one-year renewals are estimated to total \$90,600, and will be funded by the IT Services Citywide Fund; and

WHEREAS, this action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), pursuant to section 15378(b)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines, as it will not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment because it solely provides authorization for the purchase of equipment, and the maintenance and servicing of a video management system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it to be in the City's best interest to award the RFP to IREX, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$45,300 for an initial one-year term, with the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CAJON AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are true and correct, and are the findings of the City Council.
2. The City Council hereby finds that this action is exempt from CEQA as it will not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment because it solely

provides authorization for the purchase of equipment, and the maintenance and servicing of a video management system.

3. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to execute an agreement with IREXAI Inc. in the not-to-exceed amount of \$45,300 for an initial one-year term, with the option to renew for four (4) additional one-year periods, in such form as approved by the City Manager, and with such changes or other amendments as may be approved by the City Manager.

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Reso – RFP 019-24 – Video Mgmt System – Awd (IREX) 032024

# CITY OF EL CAJON



## MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 2024  
TO: Mara Romano, Purchasing Agent  
FROM: Nicholas Kemp, IT Analyst via Sara Diaz, IT Director  
SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO AWARD – RFP No.019-24 – Video Management System

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The City of El Cajon received five proposals for the above referenced Request for Proposal (RFP). The selection committee, comprised of personnel from the City of El Cajon, independently scored each proposal on the evaluation form included in RFP No. 019-24. The proposal evaluation form is based on a weighted scale with criteria including: 1) ability to manage project 2) key personnel 3) project experience 4) exceptions to the RFP/City's agreement 5) establishing project methodology 6) technical competence 7) project cost, with a possible weighted average score of 100 points.

The weighted scores for Video Management System (RFP No. 019-24) after initial evaluations resulted in the following ranking:

Vendor	Total Weighted Average Score
Convergint	87.8
Vector	82.3
Irex	58
ADT	52.8
Nth	39.8

The top four firms were shortlisted (weighted average score of 50 cutoff) and invited for interviews with the selection committee. After interviews, the selection committee concluded the following final ranking:

Vendor	Ranking
Irex	1
Vector	2
Convergint	3
ADT	4

Following this determination, Irex was asked to provide a Best and Final Offer (BAFO) cost proposal.

Recommendation:

After reviewing proposals, cost proposals, interviews, and BAFO, the selection committee recommends that the City of El Cajon enter into a 5-year contract with Irex for Video Management System services.

The cost of the contract is estimated to total \$226,500. The annual amount is \$45,300. The first 3 years will be funded by ARPA, while the remaining two years will be budgeted in IT services Citywide. The proposed term of this contract is one year with four one-year renewal options.

Submitted by: Nicholas Kemp, IT Analyst

Reviewed by:

*Sara Diaz*

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Sara Diaz  
IT Directory



## City Council Agenda Report

**Agenda Item 5.**

**DATE:** April 9, 2024

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Yazmin Arellano, Director of Public of Works

**SUBJECT:** Continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities.

### BACKGROUND:

This report provides an update on the Emergency Storm Damage Repairs to public facilities incurred by our City due to recent storms. On February 15, 2024, the City Manager declared an emergency for immediate repairs to protect surrounding property, maintain the integrity of critical stormwater infrastructure, and preserve life and safety. On February 27, 2024, the City Council ratified the City Manager's Declaration and established a Declaration of Emergency with Resolution No. 021-24. The following is an overview of actions taken and next steps:

#### **Stormwater Channels**

On March 27, 2024, Jimenez Inc. dba MJC Construction (MJC Construction) completed the concrete channel bottom and wall repairs on the County Channel and Forester Creek. The repairs included water diversion and the removal and replacement of steel-reinforced concrete. The initial anticipated cost estimate for repairs was \$200,000. With all work completed, the final amount was \$150,000.

#### **Collapsed Trees**

West Coast Arborist completed the removal of a collapsed tree on Avocado Avenue and a tree obstructing the natural storm channel along the east side of Avocado Avenue. The estimated cost for removal is \$10,000, with the final cost being \$11,281.25.

#### **Slope Erosion**

On March 12, 2024, Kleinfelder, a geotechnical engineering company, visited the site to observe the slide area. The geologist completed the geologic mapping of the western slope of Avocado Avenue north of Skywood Drive and provided preliminary recommendations on addressing the slope erosion. The recommendations included methods to mitigate the existing slope erosion, including digging back the upper ten feet of the slope to a shallower gradient, removing overhangs and vertical slope sections, and installing a catchment structure along the slope toe to impede or slow any failed material. Staff coordinated the work to remove immediate hazards with contractors experienced with slope remediation techniques. Montano Pipeline will perform work associated with the upper slope area (digging back to a shallower gradient) for an

approximate cost of \$229,827. Kleinfelder will perform a more profound study using geotechnical borings to provide the catchment structure design. Geotechnical engineering work is estimated to cost \$200,000. Once the design of the catchment structure is completed, Montano Pipeline will provide the installation cost for approval. A professional Land Surveying consultant marked the City of El Cajon's slope-and-drainage easement, recorded in 1973, and confirmed the jurisdictional boundaries. The #2 southbound lane of Avocado Avenue remains closed to traffic.

Initially, there were some assumptions that several private property owners had liability in the slope failure. However, after further investigation, it is apparent that the City will bear responsibility for repairs and mitigation measures.

### **Wells Park Baseball Dugouts**

The Wells Park dugout roofs on the baseball fields collapsed during the storm due to heavy rain and moisture. On March 12, 2024, Public Works staff demolished and disposed of one of the collapsed dugout roofs. Staff coordinated the structural design and replacement of both structures with MJC Construction. The estimated cost is \$36,260.

On March 12, 2024, City staff attended a mandatory meeting regarding authorized California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding for San Diego County for the January 2024 Winter Storm to help impacted communities recover from the event. City staff is compiling the necessary documentation to apply for reimbursement utilizing the CDAA Program. If it is determined that our emergency expenditures are eligible costs, Cal OES will reimburse the City for 75% of eligible repair work costs related to this emergency.

### **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:**

Emergency repairs to publicly-owned service facilities necessary to maintain service essential to the public health, safety, or general welfare are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15269(b) (Emergency Projects) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

In the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget, funding is available in the amount of \$600,000 in Wastewater Maintenance Annual (650720).

Prepared By: Monica Martinez, Sr. Management Analyst

Reviewed By: Yazmin Arellano, Director of Public Works

Approved By: Graham Mitchell, City Manager

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### **Attachments**

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF EL CAJON PROCLAIMING THE  
CONTINUATION OF EMERGENCY FOR STORM DAMAGE REPAIRS

WHEREAS, the El Cajon City Council ("City Council") is authorized under section 8630 of the California Government Code to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when conditions exist within the jurisdiction of the City of El Cajon (the "City") which pose an extreme peril to public health, safety and life; and

WHEREAS, section 8.08.060 of the El Cajon Municipal Code empowers the City Council to proclaim a local emergency when the City is affected or likely to be affected by a public calamity; and

WHEREAS, after the discovery of storm-caused damage in three (3) locations in Forester Creek and damage at another location of a storm drain channel north of Johnson Avenue (the "County Channel"); fallen and damaged trees on, and erosion on the western slope of, Avocado Avenue, north of Skywood Drive (adjoining City limits to the west); and later discovered collapsed dugout roofs at the Wells Park baseball fields, the City Manager declared an emergency on February 15, 2024; and

WHEREAS, while the repairs to the County Channel, the removal of fallen and damaged trees on Avocado Avenue, the repairs to the channel bottom of Forester Creek, and replacement of the collapsed dugout roofs at the Wells Park baseball fields have been completed, repairs to the slope erosion to the western slope of Avocado Avenue remain ongoing, and it is necessary for the City Council to again ratify the City Manager's proclamation of emergency on February 15, 2024, as ratified by the City Council on February 27, 2024, by Resolution No. 021-24; on March 12, 2024, by Resolution No. 024-24; and on March 26, 2024, by Resolution No. 030-24.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CAJON AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and are the findings of the City Council.
2. That in adopting Resolution No. 021-24, the City Council approved an exemption from further environmental review under section 15269(b) (Emergency Projects) of California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines, and authorized staff to file a notice of exemption for this emergency project.
3. That the City Council hereby proclaims the continuation of the local emergency for storm damage repairs.
4. That the City Manager, or such person designated by the City Manager, is authorized and directed to apply for, and execute such documents required to establish eligibility to, reimbursement of storm repair work in accordance with such state and

federal disaster relief programs established to assist local governments following the January 2024 Winter Storm, including, but not limited to, the California Disaster Assistance Act through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

5. That the local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of El Cajon.

04/09/24 CC Agenda  
Reso - Proclaiming Emergency Continuation #3 for Storm Damage Repairs 040124





## City Council Agenda Report

Agenda Item 6.

**DATE:** April 9, 2024

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Graham Mitchell, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Agreement Renewal with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System to Regulate For-Hire Vehicle Services

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving a five-year extension of an existing agreement with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) for For-Hire Vehicle Regulation.

### BACKGROUND:

Vehicles for-hire, such as taxicabs and charter vehicles, are required to meet certain requirements under the California Vehicle Code. The City of El Cajon, along with the cities of Chula Vista, Imperial Beach, La Mesa, Lemon Grove, National City, Poway, San Diego, and Santee, has relied on MTS to provide regulatory service for these types of vehicles. MTS has provided this service to the City since 1990. The agreement allows vehicles to obtain one permit, rather than a different permit in each city in which they choose to operate.

MTS manages the for-hire vehicle regulations, which include:

- a vehicle has undergone a safety inspection;
- the operator possesses valid liability insurance;
- the operator passed a fingerprint-based criminal background check; and
- all drivers have been validly licensed.

Also, under the agreement, MTS investigates passenger complaints.

The City's agreement with MTS is set to expire on June 30, 2024. Staff has prepared a resolution for City Council consideration (attached) that will approve another five-year agreement with MTS to provide the service. If the City opts not to enter into an agreement with MTS, the City would be required to perform the inspections of vehicles and manage the permit process. Also, vehicles headquartered out of El Cajon would only be allowed to service the El Cajon area, unless they obtained an MTS permit to operate in other areas of the County.

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:**

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(2). It will not result in any direct or indirect physical change in the environment because it solely approves an extension of an existing agreement to regulate for-hire vehicle service.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no cost to the City for participation in the program. Staff has not calculated the cost to operate its own permitting and inspection program. However, if the City were to do so, the cost of the program would be passed to the permit applicants.

Prepared By: Graham Mitchell, City Manager

Reviewed By:

Approved By: Graham Mitchell, City Manager

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**Attachments**

Resolution

8th Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_-24

RESOLUTION APPROVING EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO  
AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION OF TAXICAB AND OTHER  
FOR-HIRE VEHICLE REGULATIONS BETWEEN THE  
SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM  
AND THE CITY OF EL CAJON

WHEREAS, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System ("MTS"), formerly known as the San Diego Metropolitan Transit Development Board ("MTDB"), is authorized under Section 120266, Chapter 2, Division 11 of the California Public Utilities Code ("PUC") to enter into contracts to regulate transportation services within a city in its area of jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, by Resolution No. 307-90 adopted on July 24, 1990, entered into an agreement with MTDB (the "Agreement") for such services within the City of El Cajon (the "City") for the period of July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1995; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, by Resolution No. 111-95 adopted on April 25, 1995, entered into a first amendment to the Agreement, extending the period of said Agreement through June 30, 1998; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, by Resolution No. 201-97 adopted on December 23, 1997, entered into a second amendment to the Agreement, extending the period of said Agreement through June 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, by Resolution No. 83-03 adopted on May 13, 2003, entered into a third amendment to the Agreement, extending the period of said Agreement through June 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, on February 26, 2008, voted to enter into a fourth amendment to the Agreement, extending the period of said Agreement through June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2013, the City entered into a fifth amendment to the Agreement, extending the period of said Agreement through June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, by Resolution No. 095-14, adopted on September 9, 2014, entered into a sixth amendment to the Agreement, extending the period of said Agreement through June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, by Resolution No. 037-19, adopted on April 23, 2019, entered into a seventh amendment to the Agreement, extending the period of said Agreement through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, City and MTS now desire to enter into an eighth amendment to the Agreement to extend the period of said Agreement through June 30, 2029.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CAJON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct, and are the findings of the City Council.

Section 2. The City Council of the City of El Cajon hereby approves the Eighth Amendment to Agreement for Administration of Taxicab and Other For-Hire Vehicle Regulations between San Diego Metropolitan Transit System and City of El Cajon, to extend the Agreement for the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029, substantially in the form as presented to the City Council at this meeting, with such changes as may be approved by the City Manager.

Section 3. The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute said Eighth Amendment, and any amendments thereto approved by the City Manager, on behalf of the City of El Cajon.

03/26/24 CC Agenda  
Reso Approve 8<sup>th</sup> Amendment to Taxicab Agmt w-SDMTS 030724

**EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR  
ADMINISTRATION OF FOR-HIRE VEHICLE REGULATIONS  
BETWEEN  
SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM  
AND  
CITY OF EL CAJON**

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THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between the City of El Cajon, a charter city and municipal corporation, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, CA (herein called "CITY"), and the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, a public agency, 1255 Imperial Avenue, Suite 1000, San Diego, CA (herein called "MTS"), in view of the following recitals, which are a substantive part of this Agreement:

**RECITALS**

- A. MTS is authorized under Section 120266, Chapter 2, Division 11 of the California Public Utilities Code (PUC), to enter into contracts with any city in the County of San Diego and with the County of San Diego to license or regulate by ordinance any For-Hire Vehicle Services rendered wholly within the city's corporate limits or within the unincorporated area of the county;
- B. For-Hire Vehicle Services means vehicles, other than public transportation vehicles, transporting passengers over public streets for compensation, which includes taxicabs, non-emergency medical vehicles, passenger jitney service, low-speed vehicles, charters, and sightseeing vehicles;
- C. CITY regulated taxicab and other for-hire vehicles in accordance with the El Cajon Municipal Code, Chapter 5.68;
- D. CITY desires that MTS regulate For-Hire Vehicle Services pursuant to PUC Section 120266 and in accordance with MTS Ordinance No. 11, "An Ordinance Providing for the Licensing and Regulating of Transportation Services Within the City and County by the Adoption of a Uniform Paratransit Ordinance" and its other policies and regulations;
- E. CITY and MTS entered into an agreement for the period of July 1, 1990, through June 30, 1995; a first amendment to that agreement for the period of July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1998; a second amendment to that agreement for the period of July 1, 1998, through June 30, 2003; a third amendment to that agreement for the period of July 1, 2003, through June 30, 2008; a fourth amendment to that agreement for the period of July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2013; a fifth amendment to that agreement for the period of July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014; a sixth amendment to that agreement for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019; and a seventh amendment to that agreement for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024; and
- F. CITY and MTS now desire to enter into an agreement to extend the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions contained in this Agreement, CITY and MTS agree as follows:

1. MTS will administer and enforce For-Hire Vehicle Services regulations through MTS Ordinance No. 11 and its other policies and regulations as in effect on July 1, 2024, and as thereafter from time to time amended by MTS, and thereby regulate For-Hire Vehicle Services rendered wholly within the CITY's corporate limits during the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029, pursuant to PUC Section 120266.

2. MTS will collect and administer all such regulatory fees, fines, and forfeitures as now or hereafter provided by the MTS Ordinance No. 11 and its other policies and regulations.

3. The CITY's City Manager and MTS Chief Executive Officer may supplement this Agreement by executing a Memorandum of Understanding relative to administrative and operating procedures of For-Hire Vehicle Services regulation and to provide for reimbursable staff and legal support services.

4. This Agreement shall be effective upon execution by the CITY and MTS and shall continue until written notice of termination. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by either party upon 180 days' written notice to the other party.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, this eighth amendment to the Agreement is executed by the CITY acting by and through its City Manager pursuant to Council Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, and by MTS acting through its Chief Executive Officer.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2024.

CITY OF EL CAJON

SAN DIEGO METROPOLITAN TRANSIT SYSTEM

\_\_\_\_\_  
Graham Mitchell  
City Manager

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Sharon Cooney  
Chief Executive Officer

WE HEREBY APPROVE the form of the foregoing Agreement.

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Morgan L. Foley  
City Attorney

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General Counsel

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Angela L. Cortez, CMC, City Clerk



City Council  
Agenda Report

**DATE:** April 9, 2024  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Ryan Villegas, Senior Management Analyst  
**SUBJECT:** ARPA Project Update

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives a report on the progress of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) related projects and provides feedback.

**BACKGROUND:**

On May 11, 2021, the City Council adopted a resolution allocating the City's approximately \$30 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Since then, several re-allocation amendments have been adopted by the City Council as new priorities or the ability to spend the funds by the deadline has changed.

The City Council last received an update on ARPA spending across all projects on September 13, 2022. The purpose of this agenda item is to provide the City Council with a status report on the projects that have ARPA allocations and seek feedback on any changing priorities.

The following table summarizes the budget allocations of ARPA funds and the expected amounts spent or committed by the December 31, 2024 deadline.

CATEGORY	PROJECT	ALLOCATION	PROJECTED TOTAL
CITY RELIEF	Economic Development	\$573,650	\$1,794,922
	ARPA Admin	\$12,000	\$12,000
BUSINESS RELIEF	<b>Business Grant Program</b>	<b>\$3,582,022</b>	<b>\$3,101,882</b>
	Business Incubator	\$2,750,000	\$2,750,000
	Business Facade (Sign) Grant	\$500,000	\$500,000
	<b>Business License Assistance</b>	<b>\$198,010</b>	<b>\$198,999</b>
COMMUNITY SUPPORT	Cool Zones/Evacuation Site Upgrades at Recreation Centers	\$3,067,000	\$3,067,000
	<b>"Dollar Days" Recreation Program</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$699,962</b>
	<b>El Cajon Foodie Fest</b>	<b>\$247,981</b>	<b>\$247,981</b>
	Park Amenities	\$2,925,000	\$2,925,000

INFRASTRUCTURE	<b><i>Aerial Platform Truck</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,208,000</i></b>	<b><i>\$1,208,000</i></b>
	City Network / Cybersecurity / A/V Upgrades	\$1,355,000	\$1,355,000
	<b><i>Digital Radar Signs</i></b>	<b><i>\$130,000</i></b>	<b><i>\$82,139</i></b>
	Expand Broadband	\$2,300,000	\$2,300,000
	<b><i>LED Mobile Screen Wall</i></b>	<b><i>\$250,000</i></b>	<b><i>\$170,778</i></b>
	Solar/Battery Project	\$5,000,000	\$4,500,000
	Street Beautification	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
	Street Camera System	\$320,000	\$320,000
PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORT	<b><i>Emergency Homeless Sleeping Cabins (AMIKAS)</i></b>	<b><i>\$25,000</i></b>	<b><i>\$25,000</i></b>
	<b><i>Vaccine Hotlines</i></b>	<b><i>\$6,088</i></b>	<b><i>\$6,088</i></b>
	<b><i>Wells Park Emergency Renovations</i></b>	<b><i>\$250,000</i></b>	<b><i>\$135,000</i></b>
	<b>TOTALS:</b>	\$30,399,751	\$30,399,751

*\*Projects in bold and italics are complete and fully expended. The residual budgets for these projects have been moved to the Economic Development Project.*

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:**

This is an informational item being considered by the City Council. Therefore, it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a "project" under Section 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines. Funding changes or new priorities may require environmental review which will be addressed prior to project approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

Prepared By: Ryan Villegas, Senior Management Analyst

Reviewed By: Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager

Approved By: Graham Mitchell, City Manager





City Council  
Agenda Report

**DATE:** April 9, 2024  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Legislative Report for the 2024 California Legislative Session

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

This is an informational report only. No action is required by the City Council. However, the City Council may direct staff to submit letters in support or opposition to specific legislative bills presented herein.

**BACKGROUND:**

The 2024 California Legislative Session has seen a total of 2,124 bills introduced. Overall, the themes remain unchanged from the past several years, and include efforts to continue to move toward "statewide zoning" as opposed to local control, opposing efforts at the legislative level to provide any meaningful reform of Prop. 47, and being an election year, there are several "sentencing enhancement" bills that are aimed at making the individual legislator look tough on crime, when in reality they are little more than virtue signaling.

Several staff members have been appointed to various committees at the League of California Cities. During a recent meeting of these committees in Burbank, it was interesting to note that the League lobbyists are taking a very tepid approach to opposing any bills for fear of offending or upsetting the bill's author. This strategy drew angry pushback from many committee members (who are also local elected officials). For example, none of the bills included in this report are actually being "opposed" by the League at this time; their position at the moment is either "no position, unless amended," or their position is "pending." This "kid-gloves" approach may be part of the reason the League's position no longer carries the same weight it did in the 1990s.

There are several ballot initiatives that deserve mention and, if passed, could have significant local consequences.

A citizen-led ballot measure, "The Homeless, Drug Addiction, and Retail Theft Reduction Act" is looking like it will qualify for the November ballot. The measure seeks to repeal the major parts of Proposition 47 and is backed by Walmart, Target, and the California Police Chiefs Association, among others. The measure includes the startling statistic that since the passage of Proposition 47 in 2014, homelessness in California has increased 51%, while the rest of the country saw an 11% reduction.

Another initiative that has qualified for the November ballot is the oddly-worded "California Prohibit State Limitations on Local Rent Control Initiative." This ballot measure would repeal the Costa-Hawkins Act of 1995 which prohibited cities from enacting rent control. If approved, this measure would allow local cities to impose any type of rent control they see fit, although local ordinances could not "limit a landlord's right to a 'fair rate of return'" (a term of art that is undefined in the measure).

The "California Two-Thirds Legislative Vote and Voter Approval for New or Increased Taxes Initiative" is sponsored by the California Business Roundtable and has qualified for the November ballot. The thrust of this initiative is that it would require a two-thirds vote of the electorate for any new or increased taxes proposed by local governments. To date, over \$17M has been raised in support of this initiative.

Competing with the above initiative is the "California Vote Requirements for Initiatives Requiring Supermajority Votes Amendment." This initiative is meant to counter the above measure by requiring that any initiative that seeks to raise vote thresholds to two-thirds, must itself pass the electorate by that same majority requirement.

Below is the list of the most impactful bills currently moving through the legislature.

**[SB 1164](#) (Newman) Property Taxation: New Construction Exclusion: Accessory Dwelling Units.** This measure would exempt new ADU construction from property tax assessment for 15 years from the date of completion or until the property is sold. (Status: In Revenue/Taxation Committee; Scheduled for hearing).

**[AB 2274](#) (Dixon) Taxation: Sales and Use Taxes: Exemption: Tax Holiday.** This measure would create sales tax exemptions for qualified school supplies purchased during the first weekend in August of each year. (Status: In Revenue/Taxation Committee).

**[SB 1494](#) (Glazer) Local Agencies: Sales and Use Tax: Retailers.** This measure, as of January 1, 2024, would prohibit a city from entering a sales tax rebate agreement with a retailer. As of January 1, 2030, this measure would make all existing sales tax rebate agreements void and unenforceable. (Status: In Revenue/Taxation Committee; Scheduled for hearing).

**[AB 2418](#) (Patterson) Federal Pre-emption.** This measure would allow the federal emissions standards to preempt California's more restrictive requirements. (Status: In Transportation Committee).

**[AB 2626](#) (Dixon) 10-Year Delay.** This measure would allow local governments a 10-year delay in converting fleet vehicles (trucks) to emission-free vehicles. (Status: In Transportation and Natural Resources committees)

**[AB 3005](#) (Wallis) Motor Vehicle Fuel Tax Law: Adjustment Suspension.** This measure would authorize the Governor to suspend the annual adjustment to the motor vehicle fuel tax if, in the Governor's opinion, the upward adjustment would adversely impact low and middle income families. (Status: In Transportation Committee).

### **AB 1794 (McCarty) Crimes.**

This measure would make changes to retail theft (reforming Prop. 47) by allowing value of items taken in multiple thefts at different locations to be aggregated and if over \$950, prosecuted as felony grand theft. (Status: In Public Safety Committee).

### **AB 2943 (Rivas and Zbur) Crimes: Shoplifting.**

This bill is very similar to AB 1794 above, with the important added diluting provision that the aggregated items that exceed \$950 are not *for personal use*. (Status: In Public Safety Committee).

### **AB 1960 (Soria) Sentencing Enhancements: Property Loss.**

This measure would create sentencing enhancements for taking, damaging, or destroying property in the commission or attempted commission of a felony. (Status: In Public Safety Committee).

### **AB 1772 (Ramos) Theft.**

This measure would make changes to Proposition 47 including reinstating felony theft with two prior convictions and a mandatory jail term. (Status: In Public Safety Committee)

### **SB 982 (Wahab) Crimes: Organized Theft.**

This measure permanently repeals the sunset date on the organized retail theft statute, which is currently January 1, 2026. (Status: In Appropriations Committee).

### **SB 1242 (McGuire) Community Correctional Facilities.**

This bill makes a fire set for the purpose of committing retail theft an aggravating factor in the other offense(s) carried out as a result. (Status: In Public Safety Committee/hearing scheduled).

### **SB 1416 (Newman) Retail Theft.**

This bill would create sentencing enhancements for property acquired through an act of professional organized retail theft for the purpose of large-scale resale schemes. (Status: In Rules Committee).

### **SB 820 (Alvarado-Gil) Cannabis: Enforcement: Seizure of Property.**

This measure would provide that the civil asset forfeiture provisions, currently applicable to unlicensed manufacturing of alcoholic beverages (i.e., moonshining), to cover unlicensed commercial cannabis activities. (Status: Passed in Senate/In Assembly).

### **AB 3171 (Soria) Controlled Substances: Fentanyl.**

Basically a meaningless bill and an example of “virtue signaling,” the bill would increase penalties for the sale or purchase of more than 28.35 grams of fentanyl – or enough fentanyl to kill about 20,000 people. (Status: In Public Safety Committee).

### **SB 1502 (Ashby) Controlled Substances: Xylazine.**

This bill simply adds the drug xylazine, also known as “tranq” or “zombie drug”, to a list of other drugs that state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to increase criminal penalties for the illicit use of xylazine.

### **SB 21 (Umberg) Controlled Substances.**

This measure would require a person who is convicted of crimes related to controlled substances to receive a written advisory of the danger of manufacturing or distribution of controlled substances and that, if a person dies because of that action, the distributor can be charged with voluntary manslaughter or murder. (Status: Two-year bill submitted in 2022; Approved in Senate; currently in Assembly Appropriations Committee).

### **AB 2034 (Rodriguez) Crimes: Loitering for the Purpose of Engaging in a Prostitution Offense.**

This measure would make it a misdemeanor to loiter in a public place with the intent to commit prostitution. This measure would also provide that a person's clothing shall not solely determine whether a person is loitering. (Status: In Public Safety Committee).

### **AB 2042 (Jackson) Police Canines: Standards and Training.**

This measure would require the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) to develop standards and training guidelines for the use of canines by law enforcement which focus on restricting canine activity. It would also require each law enforcement agency in California, on or before January 1, 2027, to adopt a policy for the use of canines that complies with these standards. (Status: In Public Safety Committee).

### **AB 3241 (Pacheco) Law Enforcement: Police Canines.**

This measure would require the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) to develop standards and training guidelines for the use of canines by law enforcement by referencing existing law and procedures. It would also require each law enforcement agency in California to adopt a policy for the use of canines that complies with these standards. (Status: In Public Safety Committee).

### **AB 1820 (Schiavo) Housing Development Projects: Applications. Fees And Exactions.**

This measure would require local agencies to provide an estimate of all taxes and fees within 20 business days of a request from a project applicant during the preliminary application process. (Status: In Housing & Community Development Committee).

### **SB 937 (Wiener) Development Projects: Permits And Other Entitlements: Fees And Charges.**

This measure would limit the ability of local governments to collect mitigation fees to either when a certificate of occupancy is issued, or once construction commences for the projects the fees will be used for. It also prohibits local governments from specific agreements with developers for fee payment. (Status: In Local Government Committee/Set for hearing).

### **SB 1210 (Skinner) New Housing Construction: Electrical, Gas, Sewer, and Water Service Connections: Charges.**

This measure would cap fees for electrical, gas, or water services at 1% of the total building permit value of new housing construction. (Status: In Committees – EUC & Local Government)

### **SB 1116 (Portantino and Durazo) Unemployment Insurance: Trade Disputes: Eligibility For Benefits.**

This measure would grant employees unemployment eligibility after two weeks of leaving work to strike. (Status: In L, PE, & R Committee)

**SB 252 (Gonzalez) Public Retirement Systems: Fossil Fuels: Divestment.**

This measure would prohibit the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) from investing in the 200 largest fossil fuel companies effective on January 1, 2024, and would require the system to divest existing investments in the companies on or before July 1, 2031. (Status: Passed Senate; In Assembly L, PE, & R Committee; no movement since 6/23).

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT:**

This is an informational item. Therefore, it is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a "project" under section 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines. It is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in a direct or indirect physical change in the environment.

Prepared By: Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager

Reviewed By:

Approved By: Graham Mitchell, City Manager

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**City Council  
Agenda Report**

**DATE:** April 9, 2024  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Mayor Wells  
**SUBJECT:** Council Activity Report

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council accepts and files the following report of Council/Mayor activities attended during the current agenda period.

**BACKGROUND:**

Government Code Section 53232.3(d) requires members of a legislative body to provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency at the next regular meeting of the legislative body. This City Administrative Activity is not a project and therefore not subject to CEQA.

**REPORT:**

Since the last City Council meeting, I have attended the following events on behalf of the City of El Cajon:

March 29, 2024 – Special SANDAG Board of Directors Meeting  
April 9, 2024 – Prop J Survey Recap Meeting  
April 9, 2024 – City Council Meeting(s)

I am available to answer questions.

Submitted By: Bill Wells, Mayor

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## City Council Agenda Report

**Agenda Item 10.**

**DATE:** April 9, 2024

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Councilmember Goble

**SUBJECT: COUNCILMEMBER 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.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council accepts and files the following report of Council/Mayor activities attended during the current agenda period.

**BACKGROUND:**

Government Code Section 53232.3(d) requires members of a legislative body to provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency at the next regular meeting of the legislative body. This City Administrative Activity is not a project and therefore not subject to CEQA.

**REPORT:**

Since the last City Council meeting, I have attended the following events on behalf of the City of El Cajon:

March 26, 2024 – Emails with City Manager re: speeding on Greenfield  
March 27, 2024 – Emails with JJ Gamelin, Gov't Liaison Camp Pendleton  
March 28, 2024 – Lunch with Dick Brown, former Supervisor/El Cajon Mayor  
March 29, 2024 – Meeting with Vince Kattoula re: Cash N Carry  
March 29, 2024 – Emails with Julia T @ MTS re: support letter  
March 30, 2024 – Emails with MTS, Professional Medical Supply  
April 1, 2024 – Meeting with City Manager and Community Development Director  
April 8, 2024 – Meeting with City Manager  
April 8, 2024 – SANDAG Military Working Group agenda meeting  
April 8, 2024 – Prop J Survey Meeting  
April 9, 2024 – City Council Meeting(s)

I am available to answer questions.

Submitted By: Steve Goble, Councilmember

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City Council  
Agenda Report

Agenda Item 11.

**DATE:** April 9, 2024  
**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**FROM:** Councilmember Kendrick  
**SUBJECT: COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK**  
METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications;  
Heartland Fire Training JPA.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council accepts and files the following report of Council/Mayor activities attended during the current agenda period.

**BACKGROUND:**

Government Code Section 53232.3(d) requires members of a legislative body to provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency at the next regular meeting of the legislative body. This City Administrative Activity is not a project and therefore not subject to CEQA.

**REPORT:**

Since the last City Council meeting, I have attended the following events on behalf of the City of El Cajon:

April 4, 2024 – Metro Wastewater JPA Meeting  
April 5, 2024 – Prop J Survey Recap Meeting  
April 9, 2024 – City Council Meeting(s)

I am available to answer questions.

Submitted By: Gary Kendrick, Councilmember

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City Council  
Agenda Report

Agenda Item 12.

**DATE:** April 9, 2024

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

**FROM:** Councilmember Metschel

**SUBJECT: COUNCILMEMBER MICHELLE METSCHEL**

Harry Griffen Park Joint Steering Committee; METRO  
Commission/Wastewater JPA – Alternate; Heartland Communications –  
Alternate; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council accepts and files the following report of Council/Mayor activities attended during the current agenda period.

**BACKGROUND:**

Government Code Section 53232.3(d) requires members of a legislative body to provide brief reports on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency at the next regular meeting of the legislative body. This City Administrative Activity is not a project and therefore not subject to CEQA.

**REPORT:**

Since the last City Council meeting, I have attended the following events on behalf of the City of El Cajon:

March 28, 2024 – Spoke with resident Shirley F. regarding parking and traffic concerns

April 3, 2024 – Interview with Blake Nelson, Union Tribune, regarding homelessness

April 5, 2024 – Prop J Analysis Meeting

April 9, 2024 – City Council Meeting(s)

I am available to answer questions.

Submitted By: Michelle Metschel, Councilmember

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**FROM:** Deputy Mayor Ortiz

**SUBJECT: DEPUTY MAYOR 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.

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March 27, 2024 – Meeting with Taft Avenue Residents  
March 28, 2024 – San Diego River Conservancy Board Meeting  
March 29, 2024 – Meeting with Union Tribune  
April 8, 2024 – League of CA Cities Meeting  
April 9, 2024 – Prop J Survey Recap Meeting  
April 9, 2024 – City Council Meeting(s)

I am available to answer questions.

Submitted By: Phil Ortiz, Deputy Mayor

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