

**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**

January 9, 2024

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, January 9, 2024, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Goble and Metschel
Council/Agencymembers absent:	Kendrick
Deputy Mayor/Vice Chair present:	Ortiz
Mayor/Chair present:	Wells
Other Officers present:	Mitchell, City Manager/Executive Director DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel Janzer, Deputy 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 December 12, 2023, meetings and the Agenda of the January 9, 2024, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Proclamation: National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

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 OF THOSE PRESENT (KENDRICK – Absent).

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

Approve Minutes of the December 12, 2023, Meetings 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. Award of Bid No. 024-24 – Elevator Maintenance & Repair

Adopt Resolution No. 001-24 to Approve Plans and Specifications for Elevator Maintenance & Repair, Bid No. 024-24; Find the third low bidder non-responsive for the reasons set forth in the agenda report, and Adopt Resolution No. 002-24 to award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, 24 Hour Elevator, Inc., in the amount of \$40,160.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

5. Authorization to Establish the Main Street Green Street Phase 2 Project (243830PWCP)

Adopt Resolution No. 003-24 to Accept \$5.984 million Caltrans Active Transportation Program Grant (ATPL5211); Appropriate \$5.984 million Caltrans Active Transportation Program Grant (ATPL5211) and \$816,000 of TransNet (EL03/EL11) funding for the purpose of establishing a Main Street Green Street Phase 2 Roundabout Project (243830PWCP); and Authorize the City Manager to execute the Caltrans Program Supplement Agreement 11-5211S21 in the amount of \$3,000.00 for preliminary project approval and environmental documentation.

6. Award of Bid No. 025-24 – Fiber Broadband Project

Adopt Resolution No. 004-24 to Approve Plans and Specifications for the Fiber Broadband Project, Bid No. 025-24; and Resolution number 005-24 to Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Baker Electric & Renewables, LLC, in the amount of \$1,729,116.

7. Madison Avenue Safety Improvements - Project Acceptance

1. Accept the Madison Avenue Safety Improvements Project, Job No. 203689PWCP, Bid No. 005-23; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release the bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

8. Revised Master JUA with CVUSD

Approve the Revised Master Joint Use Agreement with the Cajon Valley Union School District for joint use of sports fields, parks, and gymnasium.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Hunter Plescia spoke about businesses within the City of El Cajon operating without a valid Business License.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

9. Rejection of Sole Proposal to RFP No. 004-24 – Design-Build-Operate of Digital Message Board Re-Bid

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to reject the sole proposal

DISCUSSION

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

No public comment was received for the Item.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 006-24, to reject the sole proposal to RFP No. 004-24, Design-Build-Operate of Digital Message Board Re-Bid.

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

10. Review of Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Program

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receives the report as an informational item and provides feedback to staff.

DISCUSSION

Police Chief, Mike Moulton, provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received for the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- The success of the program;
- Creating an educational video about how the ALPR system works;
- Extending the current ALPR contract with the option to terminate the contract at any time;
- Costs associated with terminating the contract early;
- City of El Cajon being an early adopter of the program;
- Increase to public and officer safety;
- Accountability for someone misusing the data;
- Length of time that data is stored; and
- Program is not part of a plan to make the City of El Cajon a 15 minute city.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 10 – Continued)

No Motion was required as it was an informational Item only.

11. Business Façade & Sign Improvement Grant

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, allocating \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for a Business Façade & Sign Improvement Grant.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell, provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received for the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- The value of using ARPA money for economic development;
- Painting the Façade would include painting the exterior of the building as well as the trim;
- Eligibility for national companies or franchised businesses;
- Including damaged glass repairs as part of the grant;
- Concerns of distracting, non-professional signage;
- Review process for applications; and
- Process to establish fund limits.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 007-24 allocating \$500,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for a Business Façade & Sign Improvement Grant with the inclusion of replacement for cracked, broken, chipped, or otherwise damaged glass.

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

12. Consider appointment of a Measure J City Council Ad Hoc Subcommittee

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the City Council considers the appointment of two of its members to a Measure J Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

DISCUSSION

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

No public comment was received for the Item.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 12 – Continued)

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff to select City Councilmembers to serve in the Measure J Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

MOTION BY METSCHEL, SECOND BY WELLS, to APPOINT Councilmember Goble and Deputy Mayor Ortiz to serve on the Measure J Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

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

13. Introduction of an Ordinance Amending Section 2.16.020 of the El Cajon Municipal Code Regarding Salaries of Councilmembers and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council considers introducing an Ordinance amending Section 2.16.020 of the El Cajon Municipal Code (ECMC) related to salaries of Councilmembers and Mayor, and directs the City Clerk to read the title of the Ordinance.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided a summary of the Item.

No public comment was received for the Item.

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

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

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

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 2.16.020 OF CHAPTER 2.16 AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 2.16.020 OF CHAPTER 2.16 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE ADJUSTING SALARIES OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND MAYOR EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

14. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

15. 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.

In addition to the submitted Report, Councilmember Goble reported that he met with Pastor Rolland Slade of Meridian Baptist Church. Councilmember Goble reported that the tiny homes at Meridian Baptist Church have helped 32 people in the last 9 months.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

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

In addition to the submitted Report, Councilmember Metschel added that she also attended the recording for a City promotional video.

18. 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.

In addition to the submitted Report, Deputy Mayor Ortiz added that he attended the meeting the of League of California Cities on January 8, 2024 and the East County Economic Development Council Gillespie Field Committee meeting on January 9, 2024.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

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:

19. Closed Session - Conference with Labor Negotiators pursuant to Government Code section 54957.6:

Agency Designated Representatives:

Graham Mitchell, City Manager
Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager
Clay Schoen, Director of Finance
Marisol Thorn, Director of Human Resources

Employee Organizations:

El Cajon Police Officers' Association
El Cajon Police Officers' Association Management Group

20. Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiators - pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8:

Property:

APN 488-242-43-00
405 E. Lexington Avenue

Negotiating Party:

Centro de Salud de la Comunidad de San Ysidro, Inc.
Kevin Mattson, CEO

City Negotiators:

City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney

Under Negotiation:

Price and terms of payment for acquisition

CLOSED SESSIONS: (Continued)

21. Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiators - pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8:

Property:
APN 488-242-43-00
405 E. Lexington Avenue

Negotiating Party:
San Diego Chaldean Community Council
Dr. Noori Barka

City Negotiators:
City Manager
Assistant City Manager
City Attorney

Under Negotiation:
Price and terms of payment for lease of property

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 4:06 p.m.

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

RECONVENED to Open Session at 5:11 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

Mayor Wells was disqualified from participating on Items 20 and 21 because one of the parties involved is a source of income to his business.

- Item 19 - Direction was given to the City's negotiators; and
- Items 20 and 21 - no decisions were made, Items will be continued on the January 23, 2024 meeting.

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 9th day of January, 2024, at 5:12 p.m., to Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.



ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
for: City Clerk/Secretary