

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

February 13, 2024

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, February 13, 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, Kendrick, Metschel
Council/Agencymembers absent:	None
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 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 January 23, 2024, meeting and the Agenda of the February 13, 2024, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Guinness World Record Attempt

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 8)

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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

Approve Minutes of the January 23, 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. FY 2022 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Grant Funding Modification for Hi-Lo Sirens

Adopt Resolution No. 011-24, authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept and appropriate the modification to the FY 2022 UASI Grant funds in the amount of \$18,753, and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.

5. City Attorney Staff Members

Adopt Resolution No. 012-24, appointing the professional staff of the City Attorney's Department effective February 13, 2024.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

6. Authorization to Submit an Application for the San Diego River Conservancy Direct Grant Program

Adopt Resolution No. 013-24, to authorize the City Manager, or approved designee, to submit an application for the San Diego River Conservancy (SDRC).

7. Purchase of Polaris Vehicles

Adopt Resolution No. 014-24, authorizing the purchase from Polaris Sales, Inc. of two Ranger XP 1000 Polaris in the total amount of \$45,000 utilizing the SB 1383 CalRecycle grant funds.

8. Extension of Automated License Plate Reader Cameras Agreement

Adopt Resolution No. 015-24, to enter into a new agreement with Flock Group Inc. (FGI), for an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) camera subscription/implementation system in the amount of \$100,000, for the initial one-year term and four additional one-year term renewals with such changes as may be approved by the City Manager.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kaye Turpin, representing the Chaldean Community Council, spoke in support of Item 18, to negotiate price and terms of payment for the lease of 405 E. Lexington Avenue to the San Diego Chaldean Community Council.

Robert Germann spoke against the expansion at the Gillespie Field Airport. Mr. Germann provided a handout with information about lead in aviation gas.

Brenda Hammond requested that drains be cleaned out on a regular basis to avoid flooding during heavy rains.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

9. Analysis of the Operations of the Downtown Property Business Improvement District (PBID)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council receives the report and provides appropriate direction to staff.

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager DiMaggio, provided information of the Item, and introduced Marco Li Mandri, President of New City America.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- PBID yearly events;
- Grant possibilities for special events;
- Expanding the PBID board to include The Magnolia and the Marriott Hotel;
- Cleanliness of the downtown area; and
- Economic incentives for new businesses.

At the request of Councilmember Kendrick, Gabriel Marrujo, owner of local restaurants and PBID board member spoke of needing more restaurants and housing in the downtown area.

Cathy Zeman, representing PBID, stated she does not support the idea of changing to an assessment district. She spoke of the special events in the downtown area and added that some of the ideas presented by the consultant could be implemented to support the local vendors.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE for the PBID to make changes to the operations proposal, and for city staff to review such changes and make recommendations to the City Council.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

10. Parks & Recreation Master Plan and 2024-2029 Strategic Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves:

1. An update to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan; and
2. The 2024-2029 Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 10 – Continued)

DISCUSSION

Director of Parks and Recreation, Frank Carson, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Kaiser property; and
- Consideration of public/private partnerships.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE an update to the Parks & Recreation Master Plan; and The 2024-2029 Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

11. Award of RFP No. 028-24 – Oakdale Alameda Construction Management Services

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Decreases Citywide Street Beautification & Safety Projects (233780PWMP) project budget and related appropriations by \$400,000;
2. Increases Oakdale Alameda Gateway Beautification (233785PWCP) project budget and related appropriations by \$400,000; and
3. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, to enter into an agreement with Unico Engineering, Inc. (UEI), in an amount not to exceed \$550,448.95, effective through December 31, 2024.

DISCUSSION

Deputy Director of Public Works, Mario Sanchez, provided detailed information of the Item and confirmed the area for the project for the City Council.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to DECREASE the Citywide Street Beautification & Safety Projects (233780PWMP) budget and related appropriations by \$400,000; Increase Oakdale Alameda Gateway Beautification (233785PWCP) project budget and related appropriations by \$400,000; and Adopt Resolution No. 016-24 to enter into an agreement with Unico Engineering, Inc. (UEI), in an amount not to exceed \$550,448.95, effective through December 31, 2024.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

12. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

13. 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.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

15. 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)

16. 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.

In addition to the submitted report, Deputy Mayor Ortiz added that he attended the League of California Conference and spoke about Prop 47 (statutory provisions to felony sentencing laws), and AB1999 (Electricity usage).

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

17. Introduction of Ordinance to Amend ECMC Chapter 3.20 – Bidding and Written Contracts

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Moves to introduce the next Ordinance, in order; and
2. Directs the City Clerk to read the Ordinance by title only.

DISCUSSION

City Attorney Foley provided a summary of the Item.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 3.20.010, OF
CHAPTER 3.20 OF TITLE 3 OF THE EL CAJON MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO ACQUISITION OF SERVICES, SUPPLIES, OR EQUIPMENT

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:

18. 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 KENDRICK, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 5:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

RECONVENED to Open Session at 6:35 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

- Direction given to city negotiators.

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 13th day of February, 2024, at 6:36 p.m., to Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.



ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary