

**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 12, 2024**

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, March 12, 2024, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:03 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

**ROLL CALL**

Council/Agencymembers present:	Goble, Kendrick, and 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 February 27, 2024, meetings and the Agenda of the March 12, 2024, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**AGENDA CHANGES:** None

**CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 10)**

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

**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 February 27, 2024, 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. Community Event - 2024 July 4th Picnic at Kennedy Park

Approve the use of the public right-of-way for the July 4th picnic and fireworks display and authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to execute the necessary agreements and forms for the associated fireworks display at Granite Hills High School.

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

Adopt Resolution No. 024-24 proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities.

**CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)**

6. Disposal of Retired Property

Declare the listed property retired and authorizes disposal in accordance with policy.

7. Purchase of Latent Fingerprint Technology System & Related Training Services

Adopt Resolution No. 025-24 to authorize the Purchasing Agent to waive the bidding requirements in accordance with El Cajon Municipal Code section 3.20.010(C)(5), and to execute a purchase agreement with Foster & Freeman USA, Inc (F&F) for the purchase of Recover® Latent Fingerprint Technology System & related training services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$103,372.21.

8. Contract Amendment for RFP No. 012-23 – Oakdale Alameda Beautification Project Professional Services

Adopt Resolution No. 026-24 to increase the Agreement for Professional Services with Chen Ryan & Associates, Inc. for Oakdale Alameda Beautification Project Professional Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$97,500 through January 11, 2025.

9. Reject & Re-Bid of RFP No. 029-24 – East County Market Nights Management Services

Adopt Resolution No. 027-24 to reject the sole proposal and authorize re-bidding the service with revised specifications.

10. Appropriation of funds for Replacement In-Car Laptops in Police Vehicles

Appropriate \$305,100 of available IT Services Fund balance (615) for the purpose described in the report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Barbie Bates spoke about cars driving dangerously fast on Taft Avenue.

Eleanor Hankin also shared information about cars speeding on Taft Avenue.

Brenda Hammond spoke about harassment from agencies who are supposed to be helping homeless individuals.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)**

Jessica Johnson spoke about a vehicle losing control, due to speeding and ending up in her front yard. Ms. Johnson resides on Taft Avenue.

Shannon Bell spoke about the homeless problem in the City.

Mayor Wells invited Ms. Bell to schedule a meeting with him to further discuss the homeless situation.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

11. City Council Action Plan (2024)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council reviews the draft City Council Action Plan, provides feedback, and approves the document.

**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:

- Possibility of a sensor or monitor to detect roads that need resurfacing;
- Illegal activities after dark;
- Importance of an Economic Development Manager;
- Importance of the passage of Measure J to implement some of the City Council requests; and
- Grants from the East County Development Council.

**No Motion was required for the Item.**

Mayor Wells acknowledge the students from Valhalla High School in the audience.

**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.

Councilmember Goble Reported he was not able to attend the Arbor Day Event, as previously submitted on the report.

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.

Report as submitted.

**JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:**

17. Modifying Regulations Related to Fences in Residential Zones

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council directs staff to analyze Municipal Code 17.130.170 regarding fence regulations and refer a recommendation to the Planning Commission and then the City Council for consideration.

**DISCUSSION**

Councilmember Goble stated that some of the requirements in Municipal Code 17.130.170 were outdated and City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received for the Item.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to DIRECT staff to analyze Municipal Code 17.130.170 regarding fence regulations and refer a recommendation to the Planning Commission and then the City Council for consideration.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**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:

18. 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  
Morgan Foley, City Attorney

Employee Organizations:

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

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

Property:

APN 487-331-22-00  
425 W. Main Street

Negotiating Party:

Jala, Inc.  
Hitesh C. Patel, CEO

City Negotiators:

City Manager  
Assistant City Manager  
City Attorney

Under Negotiation:

Price and terms of payment for acquisition of property

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 4:02 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

RECONVENED to Open Session at 4:43 p.m.

**CLOSED SESSIONS: (Continued)**

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

Item 18: Approved for negotiators to prepare tentative agreements

Item 19: No action was taken

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, at 4:44 p.m., to Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

  
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ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary