

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

April 9, 2024

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, April 9, 2024, was called to order by Deputy Mayor/Chair Phil Ortiz at 3:01 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 absent:	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 Deputy Mayor Ortiz 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 with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Parks & Recreation Leadership Academy

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 5)

MOTION BY METSCHEL, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 5.

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

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

Approve 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

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 RFP No. 019-24 – Video Management System

Adopt Resolution No. 034-24 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

Adopt Resolution No. 035-24 proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brenda Hammond stated that she enjoys the summer concerts and car shows in the City.

Sherry Ashbaugh, Representing CA Native Plant Society, shared information about National Plant Week.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

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.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

MOTION BY METSCHEL, SECOND BY GOBLE, to ADOPT Resolution No. 036-24 to approve a five-year extension of an existing agreement with the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System (MTS) for For-Hire Vehicle Regulation.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

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.

DISCUSSION

Senior Management Analyst, Ryan Villegas, provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Allocation for large purchases;
- Damage to Wells Park during the January 2024 rain, and possible FEMA reimbursement;
- Completion of Business Grant Program, no further interest from local businesses; and
- Possible solutions for speeding issues in the City.

No Motion Required for the Item.

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.

DISCUSSION

Deputy City Manager DiMaggio, provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff regarding various Assembly and Senate bills.

MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to PREPARE and send a letter of opposition for SB1494, as introduced, Glazer. Local Agencies: Sales and Use Tax: Retailers.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 8 - Continued)

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY GOBLE, to PREPARE and send a letter of opposition for AB2923, as introduced, Jones-Sawyer. Peace Officers: Public Complaints.

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

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

9. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS 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.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

In addition to the submitted Report, Councilmember Goble shared a story about a young homeless man from Texas who came to El Cajon for East County Transitional Living Center services.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

12. 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.

In addition to the submitted Report, Councilmember Metschel reported that she attended a meeting on April 9, 2024 with the East County Development Council.

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.

Council Activities Report/Comments.

In addition to the submitted Report, Deputy Mayor Ortiz clarified that the meeting for the Prop J Survey Recap was on April 8, 2024 and not April 9, 2024 as stated on the report.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

CLOSED SESSIONS: None

Adjournment: Deputy Mayor Ortiz 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 April, 2024, at 4:24 p.m., to Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.


ANGELA L. CORTÉZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary