

**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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**January 23, 2024**

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, January 23, 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, 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 January 9, 2024, meeting and the Agenda of the January 23, 2024, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- Chamber of Commerce Annual Update
- IRC Leadership Academy – Community Enhancement Presentation

**AGENDA CHANGES:** None

**CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 5)**

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

**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 9, 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. Updates to City Council Policy A-29

Approve the modifications to City Council Policy A-29.

5. Water Quality Improvements - Trash Capture Device Installation - Project Acceptance

1. Accept the Water Quality Improvements - Trash Capture Device Installation Project, Job No. 193655PWCP, Bid No. 003-24; and
2. Authorize the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release the Bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Brenda Hammond spoke about the homeless population helping other citizens during the recent rain storm.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

6. Homeless Programs and Services Update

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council receives the homeless programs and services report and, if desired, provides feedback, recommendations, and direction on homeless-related programming and funding.

**DISCUSSION**

Management Analyst, Deyanira Pelayo, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council, Home Start Coordinator, Karina Hernandez, and Staff concerning the following:

- Housing available v. number of individuals needing housing;
- Clean-up educational programs;
- Emergency program and monies allocated;
- Cost analysis of the various programs offered by the City;
- Explore proactive methods to help homelessness;
- Community expectations for a clean and safe City; and
- ECTLC turning El Cajon residents away.

No public comment was received for the Item.

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ACCEPT the homeless programs and services report.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**



## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)**

### 7. Traffic Calming Request for Dorothy Street

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to:

1. Establish permanent all-way stop signs on Dorothy Street at the intersections of Bosworth Street and Saddlevue Court;
2. Install two speed radar feedback signs along Dorothy Street;
3. Install new roadway striping along the entire length of Dorothy Street from Jamacha Road to the southerly terminus at Shanessey Road to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety; and
4. Determine that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines section 15301(c).

#### **DISCUSSION**

City Engineer, Mario Sanchez, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the recommended stops signs and the results of the traffic surveys.

Paul Garibay spoke in support of the staff recommendation and added that more needs to be done on Washington Avenue in regards to speeding vehicles.

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 008-24 to establish permanent all-way stop signs on Dorothy Street at the intersections of Bosworth Street and Saddlevue Court; Install two speed radar feedback signs along Dorothy Street; and Install new roadway striping along the entire length of Dorothy Street from Jamacha Road to the southerly terminus at Shanessey Road to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety.**

#### **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

### 8. Traffic Calming Request for Bostonia Street

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to:

1. Establish permanent all-way stop signs on Bostonia Street at the intersection of Coker Way;
2. Install two-way stop signs on Bluebell Way at Bostonia Street, Navello Street at Bluebell Way, Bluebell Way at Tangerine Street, and Tangerine Street at Coker Way;

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 8 - Continued)**

3. Install two speed radar feedback signs along Bostonia Street;
4. Install new roadway striping along the entire length of Bostonia Street from Greenfield Drive to Broadway to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety; and
5. Determine that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines section 15301(c).

**DISCUSSION**

City Engineer, Mario Sanchez, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Field data information not showing excessive speeding; and
- Traffic studies of the area.

Marlene Young submitted a letter of support for the proposed traffic calming request.

Frank Kalinoski stated that the only speeding area is on Bostonia Street and does not agree with the proposed stop signs.

Vickie Kalinoski spoke in support of the proposed traffic calming request.

**MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 009-24 to establish permanent all-way stop signs on Bostonia Street at the intersection of Coker Way; Install two-way stop signs on Bluebell Way at Bostonia Street, Navello Street at Bluebell Way, Bluebell Way at Tangerine Street, and Tangerine Street at Coker Way; Install two speed radar feedback signs along Bostonia Street; and Install new roadway striping along the entire length of Bostonia Street from Greenfield Drive to Broadway to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY 4 - 1 VOTE (GOBLE – No).**

9. Homeless Court Program: Clean Plates Memorandum of Understanding

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council authorizes the City Manager to enter into the Homeless Court Program: Clean Plates Memorandum of Understanding.

**DISCUSSION**

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 9 - Continued)**

No public comment was received.

**MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ENTER into the Homeless Court Program: Clean Plates Memorandum of Understanding.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

10. Authorization to Establish "El Cajon On-Demand" Flexible Fleet/Clean Mobility Options Grant Project, Grant Number (MPV23W2A)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to:

1. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) Pilot Program agreement; and
2. Accept, appropriate, and expend \$1.5 million State Funded Clean Mobility Options Grant (MPV23W2A), contingent on award.

**DISCUSSION**

City Engineer, Mario Sanchez, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Help for senior citizens; and
- Hours of operation for proposed services.

No public comment was received for the Item.

**MOTION BY GOBLE, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 010-24 to Authorize the City Manager to execute the Clean Mobility Options (CMO) Pilot Program agreement; and Accept, appropriate, and expend \$1.5 million State Funded Clean Mobility Options Grant (MPV23W2A), contingent on award.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**COMMISSION REPORTS: None**



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

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

11. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

12. City Council Assignments

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council approves City Council assignments (as identified in the report) to various boards and commissions representing El Cajon.

No public comment was received for the Item.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to APPROVE the City Council assignments (as identified in the report) to various boards and commissions representing El Cajon.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**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.

**ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)**

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.

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:** None

**GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:** None

**ORDINANCES: FIRST READING -** None

**ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION**

17. Amendment of Section 2.16.020 of Chapter 10.20 of the El Cajon Municipal Code Regarding Salaries of Councilmembers and Mayor

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Mayor Wells requests the City Clerk to recite the title.

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.



**ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION: (Item 17 - Continued)**

The proposed ordinance amendment is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) because the activity is not a "project" since it is an organizational or administrative activity of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

**DISCUSSION**

No public comment was received for the Item.

The City Clerk recited the title of the ordinance for a second 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.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADOPT Ordinance No. 5140, 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.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**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 Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: Brandon Farrelly v. City of El Cajon; WC Claim No. 22012029
  
19. 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

**CLOSED SESSIONS: (Item 19 - Continued)**

City Negotiators:

City Manager  
Assistant City Manager  
City Attorney

Under Negotiation:

Price and terms of payment for acquisition

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:

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

Mayor Wells stated that due to a business relationship with Centro de Salud de la Comunidad de San Ysidro, Inc., he would abstain from a vote on Items 19 and 20.

**MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY ORTIZ, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 4:53p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**


Mayor Wells returned to the Chamber at 4:58 p.m.

RECONVENED to Open Session at 5:36 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

- Item 18: Tentative settlement agreement approved
- Item 19: Direction given to city negotiators
- Item 20: Direction given to the City Manager

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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2024, at 5:37 p.m., to Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.



ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC  
City Clerk/Secretary