

**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**

June 25, 2024

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/ Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, June 25, 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:	Kendrick, Metschel, and Goble
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 June 11, 2024, meeting and the Agenda of the June 25, 2024, meeting in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Edible Food Recovery Program Status (SB 1383)

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 13)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 6 and 8-13, pulling item 7 to be discussed after Agenda Item 19, as requested by City Manager Mitchell.

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 June 11, 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. Continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities

Adopt Resolution No. 089-24 proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities.

5. Rejection of Bid No. 004-25 – Solar PV and Battery Storage Improvements

Adopt Resolution No. 090-24 to reject the sole bid.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

6. Award of Bid No. 013-25 – As-Needed Miscellaneous Fence/Guardrail Repair & Installation
 1. Adopt Resolution No. 091-24 to Approve the Plans and Specifications for As-Needed Miscellaneous Fence/Guardrail Repair & Installation, Bid No. 013-25; and
 2. Find the first low bidder non-responsive for the reason set forth in this agenda report, and Adopt Resolution No. 092-24 to award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Ferreira Construction Co., Inc. dba Ferreira Coastal Construction Co., in the not-to-exceed amount of \$315,000, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods.

(PULLED BY CITY MANAGER MITCHELL)

7. Continuation of Emergency for Sewer System Repairs

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Sewer System Repairs.

8. CalRecycle SB 1383 Grant - Edible Food Recovery and Recycling

Adopt Resolution No. 094-24 to:

1. Authorize the City Manager or designee to accept, appropriate, and expend funds, in the amount of \$278,977, received from the FY2022-23 CalRecycle SB 1383 Grant (SB-1383-23); and
 2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any documents and agreements necessary to receive and use these funds.
9. Award of RFP No. 009-25 – Washington Avenue Safety Improvements Project Professional Services

Adopt Resolution No. 095-24 to enter into an agreement with Dokken Engineering (DE), in an amount not to exceed \$364,945 for a one-year term.

10. Disposal of Retired Property

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

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

11. Minor Budget Adjustments and Amendments

Adopt Resolution No. 096-24 to:

1. Modify the appropriations as detailed in the report;
2. Allocate, appropriate, and expend additional CDBG funds for the NSL Project in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (233784PWCP) in the amount of \$3,724.92; and
3. Allocate, appropriate and expend \$5,917 in CDBG Program Income for administrative costs (C1116) in Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

12. Board of Supervisors Appointment to Gillespie Field Development Council

Ratify the Board of Supervisors appointment of Barry Bardack to the Gillespie Field Development Council for a term to expire December 31, 2028.

13. Conflict of Interest Code - Biennial Review

Adopt Resolution No. 097-24 approving changes to the designated employee and official positions required to be filed under the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Skip Hammann, Susan Schroeder, Ann Matchinske, Jackie Zoellick, and Bill Davies, representing the United Sovereign Americans, presented a Resolution to the City Council and spoke about having accurate and legal elections.

David Condit spoke about forming a citizen's review group and meeting with state representatives to discuss concerns about state bills.

Brenda Hammond spoke about her reputation of being an environmentalist and stated she is grateful for the concerts in the park.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 14. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual City, Housing Authority, and Successor Agency Budgets

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council, Housing Authority, and the City of El Cajon as Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency hold a joint public hearing to consider the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Proposed Budgets. After closing the public hearing, staff recommends the following:

- 1. Acting as the City Council, individually adopt the following:
 - a. Resolution of the City of El Cajon Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Budget.
 - b. Resolution Approving and Adopting the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-25.
 - c. Resolution Approving Designation of General Fund Balances.
- 2. Acting as the Housing Authority Board of Directors, adopt Resolution titled: Resolution of the El Cajon Housing Authority Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.
- 3. Acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors, adopt Resolution titled: Resolution of the City Council of the City Of El Cajon as the Successor Agency to the former El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Adopting the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

DISCUSSION

Director of Finance, Clay Shoen, and Senior Management Analyst, Autumn Reberger, provided a summary of the Item.

Mayor Wells opened the Public Hearing.

No public comment was received for the Item.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY WELLS, to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to, Acting as the City Council, ADOPT Resolution No. 098-24 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Annual Budget; ADOPT Resolution No. 099-24 to Approve and Adopt the Annual Appropriations Limit for Fiscal Year 2024-25; and ADOPT Resolution No. 100-24 to Approve the Designation of General Fund Balances.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 14 – Continued)

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to, Acting as the Housing Authority Board of Directors, ADOPT Resolution No. ECHA-40 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSHCEL, to, Acting as the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency Board of Directors, ADOPT Resolution No. SA 001-24 to Adopt the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

15. Interview for City Committee

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council conducts an interview for a City of El Cajon representative on the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION

Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee

Vacancy: One (1) member vacancy to be appointed by the City Council directly, with a term expiring on 01/31/2026.

Applicant for the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee:

1. Scott Penwell

No public comment was received for the Item.

The City Council thanked Mr. Penwell for applying, and spoke of the connection between the City and Mission Trails Park.

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPOINT Scott Penwell to the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizens' Advisory Committee, with a term to expire on January 31, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

16. All-Way Stop Sign Request on Sandalwood Drive at Applewood Drive

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order to establish permanent all-way stop signs on Sandalwood Drive at the intersection of Applewood Drive in order to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety.

DISCUSSION

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

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Adding red curbs at the intersection, in addition to the stop signs;
- No parking of vehicles over 6 feet; and
- The sight distance at the intersection.

No public comment was received for the Item.

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 101-24, to establish permanent all-way stop signs on Sandalwood Drive at the intersection of Applewood Drive in order to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

17. Third Amendment to Management Agreement with Live Nation – Incentive Bonus

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council authorizes the City Manager to execute the Third Amendment to the Management Agreement between the City and Live Nation Worldwide, Inc.

DISCUSSION

Interim Director of Public Works Operations, David Richards, and Paris Landen, Live Nation’s General Manager, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Term of the current contract;
- The Magnolia being a part of the PBID board;
- The new breakeven point on the City’s return on investment; and
- The variety and amount of shows that Live Nation has been able to offer.

No public comment was received for the Item.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 17 – Continued)

MOTION BY KENDRICK, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to AUTHORIZE the City Manager to execute the Third Amendment to the Management Agreement between the City and Live Nation Worldwide, Inc.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

18. Report on a Ballot Initiative to Amend Proposition 47 and a Review of Various Related Legislative Bills

RECOMMENDATION: This is an informational item only. No action is required by the City Council.

DISCUSSION

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

No public comment was received for the Item.

No Motion was needed for the Item.

19. Summary of Town Hall Meetings Regarding Possible Sales Tax Measure

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive the report.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received for the Item.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to RECEIVE the report.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

CONSENT ITEMS:

Item 7 was pulled for discussion at the request of City Manager Mitchell.

7. Continuation of Emergency for Sewer System Repairs

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Sewer System Repairs.

DISCUSSION

Interim Director of Public Works Operations, David Richards, and Director of Engineering Services, Yazmin Arellano, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Costs incurred with abandoning the robot in the sewer pipe;
- Working with CalTrans;
- Potential for a sinkhole;
- Benefits of the alarms in the sewer system;
- Funding source for the emergency project;
- Installation of the failed liner;
- Reimbursement options;
- Cost of installing a parallel pipe; and
- Concern of potential for additional liner failures installed by the same company.

No public comment was received for the Item.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 093-24 to proclaim the Continuation of Emergency for Sewer System Repairs.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

20. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

21. 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 thanked the IT Department and the City Clerk’s Office for the redesigned Public Records Portal.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

23. 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.

24. 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 stated that he attended a Measure J meeting on June 25, 2024. Deputy Mayor Ortiz also thanked the Community Development Department and City Manager’s Office for the business roundtable discussion with developers.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

CLOSED SESSIONS: None

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 25 day of June, 2024, at 5:20 p.m., to Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.



ANGELA L. CORTEZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary