

**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**

July 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, July 23, 2024, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:02 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 Mr. Alwin Norman Olstad and
MOMENT OF SILENCE.**

Mayor Wells, along with the City Council, presented Mr. Olstad a Proclamation to celebrate his 100th birthday. Mr. Olstad turned 100 years old on July 21, 2024.

POSTINGS: The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the July 9, 2024, meeting and the Agenda of the July 23, 2024, meetings in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Certificate of Appreciation for Town Hall Attendees

- June Bloom of El Cajon

Mr. Charles Edward Gauss spoke about the changes to the date of the judging for the event.

- Heartland Fire & Rescue's – "Dogs Days of Summer"

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 8)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, 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 July 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.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

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

Adopt Resolution No. 107-24, proclaiming the continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities.

5. Continuation of Emergency for Sewer System Repairs

Adopt Resolution No. 108-24, proclaiming the continuation of Emergency for Sewer System Repairs.

6. 2023 State Homeland Security Grant Program Funding

Adopt Resolution No. 109-24, authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept, appropriate, and expend the FY 2023 State Homeland Security Grant (SHSG23) funds in the amount of \$60,910, and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.

7. 2023 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Funding

Adopt Resolution No. 110-24, authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept, appropriate, and expend the FY2023 Urban Area Security Initiative Grant (UASI23) funding in the amount of \$52,153, and execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds.

8. Subdivision Agreement for Public/Private Improvements and Final Map No. 2023-0009 for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) No. 2021-0007; 1369 East Main Street; Engineering Job No. 3818

1. Approve the Subdivision Agreements for Public/Private Improvements for Final Map (No. 2023-0009), 1369 East Main Street, Engineering Job No. 3818;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the agreements and related documentation; and
3. Authorize the City Clerk to release bonds after completion of improvements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Steve Lordigyan, representing Cajon Cruise, requested permission to present a video of the El Cajon Cruise event, and provided other updates about the same.

City Manager Mitchell clarified that presentation about the event should be made through the PBID, who manages the event.

Brenda Hammond, shared concerns about voter fraud, and stated that homeless people are used for political gain.

Michael Maher spoke about the lack of maintenance on sidewalks on Third street, between Madison and Oakdale Avenues.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

9. "No Panhandling" Signs - Re-Design and Locations

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council provides direction to staff on re-design options and locations for "No Panhandling" signs.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell, provided detailed information of the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Removal of old signs;
- New locations for the signs; and
- Changing the message on the signs to not shame people struggling with addictions.

Brenda Hammond suggested changing the color of the hand shown on the sign.

No Motion was required for the Item.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

10. Update on Homeless Programs and Services

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

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

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Intake screening process for tiny homes; and
- Creating smaller tiny homes communities instead of one large homeless shelter.

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

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

11. All-Way Stop Sign Request on Greenfield Drive at Camillo Way

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to establish permanent all-way stop signs on Greenfield Drive at the intersection with Camillo Way.

DISCUSSION

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

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff to consider different sign options.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to ADOPT Resolution No. 111-24, to establish permanent all-way stop signs on Greenfield Drive at the intersection with Camillo Way.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

12. Sign Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council discusses the City's Sign Ordinance and either:

1. Accepts the information provided in the report and takes no further action; or
2. Provides alternative policy direction to staff.

DISCUSSION

Deputy Director of Community Development, Noah Alvey, provided detailed information of the Item, and presented an errata for Item 12.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- LED lighting options;
- Stationary v. flashing lights;
- White v. colored lights; and
- Review what other cities are doing in regards to this topic.

No Motion was required for the Item.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

13. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

14. 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.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

16. 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.

17. 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 the East County Economic Board meeting, on July 17, 2024.

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 23rd day of July, 2024, at 4:49 p.m., to Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.



ANGELA L. CORTÉZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary