

**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**

August 13, 2024

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, August 13, 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:	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 July 23, 2024, meetings, and the Joint Special Meeting of August 6, 2024, and the Agenda of the August 13, 2024, meetings in accordance with State Law and El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- 2024 National Night Out Recap and Sponsor Recognition

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 12)

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY METSCHEL, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 12.

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 of the July 23, 2024, Meetings and the Joint Special Meeting of August 6, 2024, 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. 117-24 proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities.

5. Continuation of Emergency for Sewer System Repairs

Adopt Resolution No. 118-24 proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Sewer System Repairs.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

6. Award of Bid No. 015-25 – Jamacha Road Safety Improvements

1. Adopt Resolution No. 119-24 to Approve the Plans and Specifications for Jamacha Road Safety Improvements, Bid No. 015-25;
2. Consent to the withdrawal of the first apparent low bidder's bid submission; and
3. Appropriate \$400,000 of available TransNet Funds (EL03) to increase the budget for the Jamacha Road Safety Improvements project (203688PWCP), and Adopt Resolution No. 120-24 to Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Blue Pacific Engineering Construction, Inc. (BPECI) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$3,674,158.75 contingent upon the requirements as set forth in the agenda report. If conditions are not met, award to the next lowest, responsive responsible bidder, Granite Construction Company (GCC) in the not-to-exceed amount of \$3,729,360.

7. Award of Bid No. 012-25 – Citywide Street Beautification

1. Adopt Resolution No. 121-24 to Approve the Plans and Specifications for Citywide Street Beautification, Bid No. 012-25;
2. Find the first and third low bidders non-responsive for the reasons set forth in this agenda report;
3. Reallocate \$400,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from Economic Development (ARP08) to Citywide Street Beautification (ARP10);
4. Appropriate \$400,000 of additional ARPA (ARP10) funds for the purpose of increasing the El Cajon Boulevard, Johnson Ave, and Magnolia Beautification project (243833PWCP); and
5. Adopt Resolution No. 122-24 to Award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Eagle Paving, LLC, in the not-to-exceed amount of \$2,319,000.

8. Rescission of RFP No. 003-25 – Design-Build Recreation Center Upgrades – Cool Zones & Evacuation Sites – Phase 2

1. Adopt Resolution No. 123-24 to Rescind the Request for Proposals due to the absence of proposal submissions; and
2. Direct the Purchasing Agent to proceed with an open market purchase.

9. Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget Amendments

Increase Fiscal Year 2024-25 Post Employment Benefit Fund appropriations from the estimated revenue by \$9,476,122; and Authorizes the proposed personnel and appropriation changes detailed in this report.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

10. Encroachment Agreement with Netly Fiber Holdings (Ubiquity), LLC for the Installation and Operation of Fiber Optic Network in the City's Right-of-Way

Adopt Resolution No. 124-24 authorizing an Encroachment Agreement with Netly Fiber Holdings (Ubiquity), LLC for the installation and operation of a fiber optic telecommunications network within the City's right-of-way.

11. Urban and Community Forestry Grant

Adopt Resolution No. 125-24 to:

1. Authorize the City Manager or designee to accept, appropriate, and expend funds received from the Urban and Community Forestry 2023 Grant (USDAFOR25); and
2. Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute any documents and agreements necessary to receive and use the Urban and Community Forestry 2023 Grant funds.

12. Acceptance of ADA Concrete Improvements Project

Accept the ADA Concrete Improvements 2022 project (213021PWCP), Bid No. 002-23; and 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 concept of 'see something, say something'.

Maryann Ostermeyer, City of El Cajon resident, spoke of the dangers for school aged children going to Naranca Elementary School, as they walk pass homeless encampments.

Conversation ensued amongst Ms. Ostermeyer, the City Council and staff regarding the homeless encampments on Evilo Street.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

13. All-Way Stop Sign Request on Gina Avenue at Joliet Street

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to establish permanent all-way stop signs on Gina Avenue at the intersection of Joliet Street, in order to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety.

DISCUSSION

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

No public comment was received for the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Speed surveys;
- The need for a four-way stop signs; and
- Street being used as a short cut for neighboring streets.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 126-24, to establish permanent all-way stop signs on Gina Avenue at the intersection of Joliet Street, in order to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

14. All-Way Stop Sign Request on Lexington Avenue at Claydelle Avenue

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to establish permanent all-way stop signs on Lexington Avenue at the intersection of Claydelle Avenue, in order to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety.

DISCUSSION

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

No public comment was received for the Item.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 127-24, to establish permanent all-way stop signs on Lexington Avenue at the intersection of Claydelle Avenue, in order to enhance pedestrian and traffic safety.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

15. Service Provider Program Update

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receives the Service Provider Program Update and, if desired, provides feedback, recommendations, and direction on implementation of the program.

DISCUSSION

Deputy Director of Community Development, Noah Alvey, provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received for the Item.

Discussion ensued among Council and Staff concerning the following:

- Information for number of service calls received by the City's Fire and Police Departments;
- Request for information on serious crimes in the city; and
- Praise that the program seems to be operating well.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to RECEIVE the Service Provider Program update.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

16. Funding and Purchase of Pierce Type I Fire Engine Outfitting

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, to re-appropriate \$25,000 of the Wildfire Early Action Program 2021 grant (WEAP21) from the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Program project (233794PWCP-GEN PRJCT) to the Wildfire Early Action Program 2021 Fire Hazard Mitigation Equipment (WEAP21.TASK7) budget.

DISCUSSION

Engineering Services Director, Yazmin Arellano, provided detailed information of the Item.

No public comment was received for the Item.

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 16 - Continued)

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 128-24, to re-appropriate \$25,000 of the Wildfire Early Action Program 2021 grant (WEAP21) from the Wildfire and Forest Resilience Program project (233794PWCP-GEN PRJCT) to the Wildfire Early Action Program 2021 Fire Hazard Mitigation Equipment (WEAP21.TASK7) budget.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

17. Resolution in Support of Proposition 36 ("The Homeless, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act")

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution (attached), in order, supporting Proposition 36 ("The Homeless, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act").

DISCUSSION

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

No public comment was received for the Item.

MOTION BY ORTIZ, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADOPT Resolution No. 129-24, to support Proposition 36 – The Homeless, Drug Addition, and Theft Reduction Act.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

18. Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as submitted.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

19. 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 spoke about State mandated new electric vehicles.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments.

Report as submitted.

21. 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 stated she attended the East County Economic Development Council meeting.

22. 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 did not attend the East County Economic Development Council meeting.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

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:

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

Property:

APN 487-331-22-00

ADDRESS 425 West Main Street, El Cajon

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 3:54 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

RECONVENED to Open Session at 4:18 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

- Direction was given to City negotiators.

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 13th day of August, 2024, at 4:18 p.m., to Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.



ANGELA L. CORTÉZ, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary