



City Council Participation



Time and Location

2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. 3:00 PM

Council Chambers
200 Civic Center Way
El Cajon, CA 92020



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In-Person Comments

Members of the public may address the City Council/Agency Members on any item listed on the agenda, or on matters which are not listed on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, Housing Authority and Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person, per agenda item.
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Written Comments

Comments must be emailed to acortez@elcajon.gov or mailed to the City Clerk at 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, CA 92020 and received by 4:00 pm the day prior to the City Council meeting for prompt distribution. Written public comments will be recorded in the public record and will be provided to the City Council in advance of the meeting for review.



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CITY COUNCIL
HOUSING AUTHORITY AND
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE EL CAJON
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Council Chamber
200 Civic Center Way
El Cajon, CA 92020

Agenda

OCTOBER 22, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Bill Wells, Mayor

Steve Goble, Councilmember

Gary Kendrick, Councilmember

Michelle Metschel, Councilmember

Phil Ortiz, Deputy Mayor

Graham Mitchell, City Manager

Vince DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager

Morgan Foley, City Attorney

Angela Cortez, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Bill Wells

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Angela Cortez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

POSTINGS: The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the October 8, 2024, Meeting and the Agenda of the October 22, 2024, Meeting in accordance to State Law and City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

AGENDA CHANGES:

CONSENT ITEMS:

Consent Items are routine matters enacted by one motion according to the RECOMMENDATION listed below. With the concurrence of the City Council, a Council Member or person in attendance may request discussion of a *Consent Item* at this time.

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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency approves Minutes of the October 8, 2024, Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

2. Warrants

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves payment of Warrants as submitted by the Finance Department.

3. Approval of Reading Ordinances by Title Only

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approves 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

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, proclaiming the Continuation of Emergency for Storm Damage Repairs to Public Facilities.

5. 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.

6. Central Zone Radio Grant Acceptance and Cost Share Approval

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, authorizing the City Manager or designee to accept El Cajon's share of the Central Zone Radio Grant for 23 radios, approve the expenditure of cost share funds in the amount of \$5,201, and to execute any documents and agreements necessary for receipt of the radios.

7. Authorization to Accept, Appropriate, and Expend the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program Funds

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute any documents and agreements necessary to receive and use Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant funds;
2. Accept, appropriate, and expend \$155,020 from the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG25) program; and
3. Appropriate the \$155,020 of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG25) funds to increase the Traffic Signals Upgrades 2025 Project (253853PWCP).

8. San Diego River Conservancy Direct Grant Program Funds for Broadway Creek Restoration Phase B

RECOMMENDATION:

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

1. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the San Diego River Conservancy grant agreement and such other documents associated with this grant;
2. Accept, appropriate, and expend the \$2,000,000 San Diego River Conservancy Grant (SDRGB2202); and
3. Appropriate the \$2,000,000 San Diego River Conservancy Grant (SDRGB2202) and \$200,000 of existing Wastewater Enterprise Fund (650740) funding to increase the Broadway Creek Restoration Phase B Project (223756PWCP) by \$2,200,000.

9. Acceptance of the Neighborhood Streetlights 2022 Project (223742PWCP)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Accepts the Neighborhood Streetlights 2022 Project (223742PWCP), Bid No. 011-23; and
2. Authorizes the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

10. 2024-2025 Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Authorizes the City Manager or his designee to accept the California Office of Traffic Safety STEP Grant in the amount of \$100,000 and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds; and
2. Appropriates and expends the California Office of Traffic Safety STEP Grant funds in the amount of \$83,049 for overtime, \$2,482 for training and travel, \$3,269 for supplies, and \$11,200 for a Lidar Device for a total grant award of \$100,000.

11. Initiation of Zoning Code Amendments to Align with Recently Adopted State Laws, and Clarifications and Refinements to Existing Regulations

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council, in accordance with El Cajon Municipal Code section 17.20.020(D), initiates an amendment of Title 17 (Zoning Code).

PUBLIC COMMENT:

At this time, any person may address a matter within the jurisdiction of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency that is not on the Agenda. Comments relating to items on today's docket are to be taken at the time the item is heard. State law prohibits discussion or action on items not on the Agenda; however, Council, Authority and Agency Members may briefly respond to statements or questions. An item may be placed on a future Agenda.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

12. Reallocation of American Recovery Program Act Funds and Grant Agreements with the Chaldean Community Council, the Newcomers Support & Development, and the Downtown El Cajon Business Partners, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving a grant agreement for an amount not to exceed \$609,950 with the Chaldean Community Council for tenant improvements at 405 East Lexington Avenue;
2. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving a grant agreement for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 with Newcomers Support & Development;
3. Adopts the next Resolution, in order, approving a grant agreement for a minimum of \$300,000 with the Downtown El Cajon Business Partners for capital improvements to the downtown area; and
4. Accepts the proposed ARPA adjustments as follows:
 - Re-allocate \$5,771 from Emergency Wells Park Restroom Repairs (ARP18) to ARP25: “Downtown Public Space Enhancements”;
 - Re-allocate \$609,950 from Economic Development (ARP08) to ARP20: “Small Business Incubator”;
 - Re-allocate \$150,000 from ARP08 to ARP24: “Newcomers Support & Development”;
 - Re-allocate the residual ARP08 funds to ARP25: “Downtown Public Space Enhancements”; and
 - Re-allocate \$68,000 from APR08 to ARP26: Fire Station Wellness.

13. Summary of the 2024 State Legislative Session

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an informational item only. No action from the City Council is required.

14. Annual Report from the Downtown El Cajon Business Partners and Property-Based Improvement District (PBID) Considerations

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council:

1. Considers receiving the 2024 Annual Report from the Downtown El Cajon Business Partners;
2. Receives an update on progress made towards recommendations from the New City America report from February 13, 2024; and
3. Provides feedback on possible action related to the Property-Based Improvement District (PBID).

15. Mayor and City Council Cafeteria Benefits Review

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopts the next Resolution, in order, adjusting the cafeteria benefit allotment from \$1,450 per month to \$1,550 per month, effective January 2025, for Mayor and City Councilmembers.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS

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

16. Council Activity Report

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

17. **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.

18. **COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK**

METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

19. **COUNCILMEMBER MICHELLE METSCHEL**

Harry Griffen Park Joint Steering Committee; METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA – Alternate; Heartland Communications – Alternate; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate.

20. **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.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS:

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION

CLOSED SESSIONS:

21. Closed Session - Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation - pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code section 54956.9: Robert Farren v. City of El Cajon; WC Claim No. 24000956
22. Closed Session - Public Employee Performance Evaluation: City Manager

ADJOURNMENT: The Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/El Cajon Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 22nd day of October 2024, is adjourned to Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.