

JOINT MEETING OF THE EL CAJON CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY



MINUTES

CITY OF EL CAJON EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

September 22, 2015

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of El Cajon, California held Tuesday, September 22, 2015, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:03 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Ambrose and Kendrick
Council/Agencymembers absent:	Bales
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair present:	McClellan
Mayor/Chair present:	Wells
Other Officers present:	Hawley, City Clerk/Secretary Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel Williford, City Manager/Executive Director Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG led by Mayor Wells and MOMENT OF SILENCE. (The Courts have concluded that sectarian prayer as part of City Council Meetings is not permitted under the Constitution).

POSTINGS: The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the September 8, 2015, meeting and the Agenda of the September 22, 2015, meeting in accordance with State Law and Council/Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **R.E.C. Campaign**
- **ACES Foundation: Remember Me Thursday**

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1.1 – 1.12)

1.1 MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL/HOUSING AUTHORITY/SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE EL CAJON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Approve Minutes of the September 8, 2015 Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

1.2 WARRANTS

Approve payment of Warrants as submitted by the Finance Department.

1.3 APPROVAL OF READING BY TITLE AND WAIVER OF READING IN FULL OF ORDINANCES ON AGENDA

Approve the reading by title and waive the reading in full of all Ordinances on the Agenda.

1.4 PULLED FOR DISCUSSION

**1.5 PROCLAMATION: GERMAN AMERICAN MONTH
(Report: Assistant to the City Manager)**

Receive and file the proclamation.

**1.6 PROCLAMATION: FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 4-11, 2015
(Report: Assistant to the City Manager)**

Receive and file the proclamation.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

**1.7 PROCLAMATION: CHALDEAN AMERICAN MONTH, SEPTEMBER 2015
(Report: Assistant to the City Manager)**

Receive and file the proclamation.

**1.8 COMMUNITY EVENT IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY: HAUNTFEST
(Report: Recreation Services Manager)**

- Approve the 4th Annual HauntFest event to be held Friday, October 23, 2015 with St. Madeleine Sophie's Center as the lead agency; and
- Review and approve the submitted road closures and traffic control plan.

**1.9 FY 2015 SAN DIEGO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FOUNDATION
GRANT (Report: Chief of Police)**

- Authorize the City Manager or designee to accept the 2015 San Diego County Law Enforcement Foundation Grant in the total amount of \$2,135.75 and to execute any grant documents and agreements necessary for the receipt and use of these funds; and
- Appropriate \$2,135.75 for the 2015 San Diego County Law Enforcement Foundation Grant to purchase a handheld thermal imager.

1.10 PURCHASING OF UTILITY VEHICLES (Report: Purchasing Agent)

Authorize the Purchasing Agent to waive the bidding requirements in accordance with Municipal Code 3.20.010.C.5, and execute a purchase agreement with Turf Star, for the purchase of three (3) Workman Utility Vehicles (Model No. 07390) in the amount of \$87,776.04.

**1.11 HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT - FY 2014-15 (Report: Assistant
City Manager / Director of Community Development)**

Approve the Annual Report and authorize the Executive Director to transmit it, in a form substantially as presented, to the California Department of Housing and Community Development as required by State law.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

**1.12 FIRST QUARTER BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR
2015-16 (Report: Director of Finance)**

- Appropriate carry-over funding of \$3,358,289 from Fiscal Year 2014-15 approved Capital Improvement Projects, capital outlay requests, and programs, to be expended in Fiscal Year 2015-16 (Table 1).
- Appropriate \$265,128 for the results of labor negotiations which concluded with Unrepresented classifications and Police Officers' Association Management Group subsequent to the presentation of the budget (Table 2).
- Approve the transfer of \$198,000 from the City Manager Economic Development Program to the Citywide Capital Improvement Program, and appropriate \$160,000 in Project #IFM3566 for off-site improvements on Rea Avenue and Civic Center Way and \$38,000 in Project #IFM3567 for the Johnson Avenue Sign (Capital Improvement Project budget sheets attached to Agenda Report).

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

**1.4 PROCLAMATION: KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CENTENNIAL
ANNIVERSARY AND KIWANIS CLUB OF EL CAJON VALLEY 70TH
ANNIVERSARY (Report: Assistant to the City Manager)**

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council receive and file the proclamation.

DISCUSSION

Richard Campbell, representing Kiwanis Club of El Cajon Valley, introduced himself to receive the proclamation from **Council**.

**MOTION BY WELLS SECOND BY AMBROSE, to APPROVE Consent
Items 1.1 to 1.12.**

**MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF
THOSE PRESENT (BALES – ABSENT)**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Alexis Frost, representing CDC, invited the **Council** and citizens to the last concert of the season, Gary Puckett.

Chris Leeper, Pastor at New Beginnings Church, shared a prayer.

Mike Andersen invited everyone to German American Society's Oktoberfest in El Cajon, October 2nd through Oct.4th and Oct. 9th through Oct. 11th.

Sunshine Horton shared her humble beginnings and invited the public to join her at the La Mesa Police Department on September 23rd to collect funds for 'Shop with a Cop'.

Robert Clark stated that comments made during Public Comment should only be allowed if they involve a matter within the jurisdiction of the City Council. He demanded an explanation as to why this was allowed.

City Attorney Foley clarified that while the Brown Act states that public comments are to be within the jurisdiction of the City, it does not mean the City Council has to limit comments to those items. The City Council has a history of allowing comments regarding other cities, religious and non-religious matters, and it has been acceptable.

Councilmember Kendrick pointed out that there have been many comments against religious groups and/or beliefs expressed in the Chambers and those have also been allowed by **Council**.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.1 SECOND AMENDMENT TO FY 2015-2016 ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN TO RE-ALLOCATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS

NOTE: The Public Hearing has been continued to the City Council meeting of October 13, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

**4.1 REQUEST FOR FUNDING PARTNERSHIP WITH CAJON VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO'S NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROGRAM GRANT
(Report: Assistant to the City Manager)**

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council appropriate \$35,000 as a community partner to the Cajon Valley Union School District for the installment of grass and irrigation at the Madison elementary School Field.

DISCUSSION

Assistant to the City Manager Brett Channing gave information on the Item.

David Myashiro, Cajon Valley Union School District Superintendent, thanked the **Council** for their continued support.

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROPRIATE \$35,000 as a community partner to the Cajon Valley Union School District for the installment of grass and irrigation at the Madison Elementary School Field.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (BALES – Absent).

**4.2 FEES FOR SECONDHAND BUSINESSES
(Report: Deputy Director of Community Development)**

RECOMMENDATION: INFORMATIONAL

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager Al-Ghafry clarified that the fee for special operational licenses renewal of \$640 per year as quoted by a member of the public at the last meeting was incorrect. The actual fee is \$640, every two years, including a \$300 fee to the State, which is in comparable with other municipalities.

In answer to a question by **Councilmember Kendrick**, **City Manager Williford** stated that there have been cases where stolen merchandise has been reported at second-hand stores.

Jason Jackson thanked the **Council** for their quick response to his concerns. He added that considering the fee is \$170 per year, compared to other cities, such as La Mesa where the fee is \$100 per year, El Cajon is still high.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Continued)

4.3 FISCAL YEAR 2015/2016 YOUTH LEAGUE UTILITY SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION (Report: Recreation Services Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: That the **City Council** approve the Recreation Council recommendation to provide utility support to eight Executive Member youth leagues.

DISCUSSION

Director of Recreation Sara Ramirez introduced **Recreation Council President Lu Tejeda**, who gave important information about the programs provided by the Youth League Utility Council.

Discussion ensued among **Council** to support the participation of the City in the Youth League Council.

MOTION BY AMBROSE, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to APPROVE the Recreation Council recommendation to provide utility support to eight Executive Member Youth Leagues.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (BALES – Absent).

4.4 RESOLUTION: ALS DEPLOYMENT AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITH AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. (AMR) (Report: City Attorney)

RECOMMENDATION: That the **City Council** adopt the next RESOLUTION in order to approve the proposed ALS Deployment Agreement to Provide Emergency Medical Services with American Medical Response Ambulance Service, Inc., substantially in the form as it is presented at this meeting, with such changes as may be approved by the City Manager; and to authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the agreement.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Williford gave a summary of the Item.

Discussion ensued among **Council** and **Staff** concerning the following:

- Areas covered by ambulance service
- The central location of Station 6 relative to service requests
- Savings possibilities if AMR provides all ambulance services instead of the Fire Department

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: (Item 4.4 Continued)

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY AMBROSE, to ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 095-15 to approve the proposed ALS Deployment Agreement to Provide Emergency Medical Services with American Medical Response Ambulance Service, Inc., substantially in the form as it is presented at this meeting, with such changes as may be approved by the City Manager; and to authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the agreement.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT (BALES – Absent).

5. COMMISSION REPORTS: None

6. ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF MAYOR WELLS/COMMENTS

SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments); SANDAG Public Safety Committee – Chair; League of California Cities, San Diego Division; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate; Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee.

6.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

REPORT AS STATED.

6.2 LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Mayor Wells reported the State Legislature concluded its 2015 session on September 11. All Bills that were passed have been sent to Governor Brown and he has until October 11 to sign or veto them. A follow up report will be given at the October 13th meeting on the signed Bills that will have an impact on the City of El Cajon, and on Bill AB 2 – Community Revitalization Authority, which was signed today.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

7.

COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK

Heartland Communications JPA; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

7.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

REPORT AS STATED.

8.

COUNCILMEMBER TONY AMBROSE

SANDAG – Alternate; SANDAG Public Safety Committee – Alternate; Chamber of Commerce – Government Affairs; MTS (Metropolitan Transit System Board) – Alternate; East County Economic Development Council; METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA.

8.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

In addition to the submitted report, **Council Member Ambrose** made a request for Staff to conduct a study on the number of unsupervised and unlicensed group homes and whether the City might be able to control the number, and report back to **Council** at a future meeting.

9.

MAYOR PRO TEM BOB McCLELLAN

MTS (Metropolitan Transit System Board); Harry Griffen Park Joint Steering Committee; Heartland Communications JPA – Alternate.

9.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

REPORT AS STATED.

10.

COUNCILMEMBER STAR BALES

East County Economic Development Council – Alternate; METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA – Alternate; Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee – Alternate.

10.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

- 11. **JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None**
- 12. **GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None**
- 13. **ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None**
- 14. **ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None**

15. CLOSED SESSIONS

RECOMMENDATION: That the **City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency** adjourns to Closed Session as follows:

15.1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9:

Name of Case: Genevieve Annmarie Abbott v. Timothy James Roberts, et al.

San Diego Superior Court
Case No. 37-2014-00007226-CU-PA-CTL

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 3:58 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

16. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 4:16 P.M.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

15.1 Direction was given to the City’s legal representatives.

Students from Valhalla High School in attendance introduced themselves to **Council**.

Adjournment: Mayor Wells adjourned the Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency held this 22nd day of September 2015, at 4:18 p.m. to Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.

BELINDA A. HAWLEY, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary