

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

February 12, 2013

A Regular Joint Meeting of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency of the City of El Cajon, California held Tuesday, February 12, 2013, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Mark Lewis at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

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| Council/Agencymembers present: | Ambrose and Kendrick |
| Council/Agencymembers absent: | McClellan |
| Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair present: | Wells |
| Mayor/Chair present: | Lewis |
| Other Officers present: | Rutledge, City Clerk/Secretary Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel Williford, City Manager/Executive Director Griffiths, Deputy Director of Public Works Ranu, Planning Manager |

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG led by Mayor Lewis 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 January 22, 2013, meetings and the Agenda of the February 13, 2013, meeting in accordance to State Law and Council/Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Nicolosi's Grand Opening (No one present)**
- **Commendation – Lialla and Audrey Sass for efforts on behalf of ACES**
- **Proclamation – “San Diego Saves”**
- **Proclamation – “Wear Red Day”**
- **Presentation – “New Innovations in Permit Processing”**

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1.1 – 1.15)

MOTION BY LEWIS, SECOND BY WELLS, to APPROVE Consent Items 1.1 to 1.15.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT. (MCCLELLAN – Absent)

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

Approve Minutes of the January 22, 2013, meetings of the 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 COMMUNITY EVENT IN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY: RunEC HALF-MARATHON (Report: Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)

Concur with the City's Special Events Committee and approve the request for a Community Event in the right-of-way to be held on Sunday, March 17, 2013, with conditions listed in Agenda Report.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

1.5 NEW CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATION AND SALARY RANGE FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN (Report: Director of Human Resources)

Approve the proposed classification specification and salary range of 59.2 (\$12.31 - \$15.00 per hour) for Emergency Medical Technicians in accordance with the adopted Fiscal Year 2012-13 Budget.

1.6 RESOLUTION: AWARD OF BID NO. 015-13, MOTOR VEHICLES (Report: Purchasing Agent)

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 11-13 and award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidders, Raceway Ford for the Ford F-250s and Ford Explorers in the amount of \$200,767.53, and Winner Chevrolet for the Chevrolet Impalas and Chevrolet Traverse in the amount of \$74,291.15.

1.7 OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2012 QUARTERLY TREASURER’S REPORT (Report: Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance and Treasurer)

Receive the quarterly Treasurer’s Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2012.

1.8 REALIGNMENT OF STAFFING IN THE CITY MANAGER’S OFFICE AND OTHER DEPARTMENTS; REVISIONS TO COUNCIL POLICY A-29 RE: COMPENSATION FOR EXECUTIVES, ET AL CLASSIFICATION SPECIFICATIONS FOR ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER (Report: City Manager)

Approve:

- 1) The elimination of the Deputy City Manager/Director of Public Works and the Director of Community Development positions;
- 2) The addition of one Assistant City Manager and one Assistant to the City Manager position;
- 3) The corresponding changes and some technical changes to Council Policy A-29; and
- 4) The revisions to the classification specifications for the Assistant City Manager classification.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

1.9 RESOLUTION: AWARD OF BID NO. 011-13, INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT JAMACHA ROAD AND EAST MAIN STREET FEDERAL-AID PROJECT – HSIP 5211(022), Engineering Job No. 3402 (Report: Purchasing Agent)

- Appropriate \$100,000.00 from TransNet Capital Improvement Projects Fund 503 to augment the original budget for Intersection Improvements at Jamacha Road and East Main Street, Project PW3402 in Budget Activity Number 550000; and
- Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 12-13 and award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Just Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$339,000.00.

1.10 RESOLUTIONS: APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS 2012, Bid No. 018-13, Engineering Job No. 3446 (Report: Deputy Director of Public Works)

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 13-13 to approve the Plans and Specifications and RESOLUTION NO. 14-13 to direct a Notice Inviting Sealed Bids to be opened on March 14, 2013.

1.11 SECOND AMENDMENT TO SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT FOR TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP (TSM) 544 – 436 Emerald Avenue Engineering Job No. 2913 (Report: Deputy Director of Public Works)

Approve a second amendment to the Subdivision Agreement for TSM 544, Final Map No. 15666, approved by the City Council on December 18, 2007, to allow for an additional time extension, setting the new expiration date to December 27, 2013.

1.12 FINAL MAP FOR TENTATIVE SUBDIVISION MAP (TSM) 648 Cary Court/Rancho Terrace Estates, Engineering Job No. 3366 (Report: Deputy Director of Public Works)

Approve the Final Map for Tentative Subdivision Map (TSM) 648 at the terminus of Cary Court.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

**1.13 RESOLUTION: SECOND AMENDMENT TO GROUND LEASE
DOMENICO DONATO
(Report: Community Development Department Housing Manager)**

The City Council in its capacity as the governing board of the Successor Agency:

1. Adopt RESOLUTION NO.15-13 to approve a Second Amendment to the Ground Lease between the former El Cajon Redevelopment Agency and Domenico Donato, with terms and conditions set forth in the Agenda Report; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute all documents necessary to implement approved terms and conditions.

**1.14 AMEND FISCAL YEAR 2012-13 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE CITY ACTING AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER EL CAJON REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
(Report: Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)**

1. Amend the FY 2012-13 budget to increase General Fund revenue for reimbursement of \$1,295,102 from the City Acting as Successor Agency to the former El Cajon Redevelopment Agency ("Successor Agency"); and
2. Appropriate funds received from Successor Agency to make a lump sum payment to CalPERS towards the unfunded liability resulting from the former El Cajon Redevelopment Agency employees.

**1.15 LOAN MODIFICATION AGREEMENT - LAUREL VILLAGE APARTMENTS,
909-977 Leslie Road
(Report: Community Development Department Housing Manager)**

Authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the Loan Modification Agreement between El Cajon Gardens II, L.P. and the City of El Cajon, substantially in the form as presented, with such changes as may be approved by the City Manager.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

Riad Yalda, representing several taxi drivers in El Cajon, states they are having problems with MTS (Metropolitan Transit System) and feel they are being treated differently from other taxi drivers. They are seeking some assistance from the City.

Mayor Lewis states that **Councilmember McClellan** is the City's representative to MTS, however, he is not present today. He informs **Mr. Yalda** that he has a right to attend MTS meetings.

City Manager Williford suggests the speaker send to the City Manager's office written information on the concerns, and the information will be shared with **Councilmember McClellan**.

In response to questions from **Council**, **City Attorney Foley** remarks that some time ago **Council** felt it would more cost effective to allow MTS to manage issues such as regulations, the permit process, and inspection of vehicles. The recurring concern appears to be the ability of El Cajon taxi drivers to pick up fares outside the City limits. Part of the complaint is that if a fare goes from El Cajon to San Diego, the drivers are not allowed to pick up a return fare in San Diego.

Councilmember Wells offers his assistance to **Mr. Yalda** and invites him to call him to discuss the issues.

Mayor Lewis states there are a limited number of tags issued to taxi drivers by the City of San Diego, and that El Cajon has no control over that process.

LaVonna Connelly, representing El Cajon Collaborate speaks about an upcoming Resident Leadership Academy, and invites interested citizens to enroll in the Academy.

Monica Zech, Public Information Officer, provides an update on the Centennial Lectures Series held at the El Cajon Library at 201 E. Douglas Avenue, and a program to recognize volunteers in the community. More information can be found at www.elcajon100.com.

Mayor Lewis reads a fact from April 24, 1913, indicating that the Deputy Marshall was paid a salary of \$3.00 a day.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

3. **PUBLIC HEARINGS: None**

4. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: None**

5. **COMMISSION REPORTS: None**

6. ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF MAYOR LEWIS

SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments); SANDAG (Chair, Public Safety Committee); LAFCO (Local Agency Formation Commission) - Member; Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee

- 6.1 **County of San Diego City Selection Committee – Minutes for Special Meeting of January 14, 2013**

- 6.2 **League of California Cities San Diego Division – Agenda for Executive Committee Meeting of January 14, 2013**

- 6.3 **SANDAG Public Safety Committee Agenda – January 18, 2013**

- 6.4 **Indian Gaming Local Community Benefit Committee – January 23, 2013**

- 6.5 **SANDAG Board of Directors Agenda – January 25, 2013**

- 6.6 **Local Agency Formation Commission Agenda – February 4, 2013**

REPORTS AS STATED.

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ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

7.

MAYOR PRO TEM BILL WELLS

League of California Cities, San Diego Division; METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; East County Economic Development Council - Alternate; SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) – Alternate; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate

7.1 Council Activities Report

REPORT AS STATED.

7.2 RED LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION: That the **City Council** direct the City Manager to bring back information at the earliest possible time on the City's red light camera program, including information on possibly ending the program. In addition, it is recommended that the City Council set a Council Advisory Meeting for 2:00 p.m. on March 12, 2013, and another information session that same evening at 7:00 p.m. to gain input from the public.

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Wells speaks about the controversy involving the red light camera program. He comments that many people feel the program helps save lives and prevent accidents. However, some people have been complaining about the issue of civil liberties, and the cost and effectiveness of the program. He advises that over the past three years, \$2,000,000.00 in fines have been paid for red light camera violations in El Cajon, and that very little of that amount goes to the City. The City runs either a small deficit or just breaks even. The fines, he feels, are enormous, at approximately \$500.00 per violation. He requests that **Staff** research this topic, and possibly host two town hall meetings to gain input from the public, and to bring back findings to **Council**.

Mayor Lewis states he is in favor of the red light camera program. He feels this is a safety issue, rather than a revenue issue, and that the program prevent accidents and saves lives.

Councilmember Kendrick speaks about two accidents, and reads statistics from the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety pertaining to the reduction in fatalities and number of accidents at intersections with red light cameras. He feels it is the duty of cities to protect its citizens, and that the program helps change driving habits. He would like to know if there has been a decrease in the number of accidents at red light camera intersections within the City.

ITEM 7.2 (Continued)

City Manager Williford responds that a study done three years prior and three years after the installation of the red light cameras, which was a little over a decade ago, revealed a decrease in the number of accidents at seven intersections. If added together, the decrease in accidents averaged 31%. Should **Council** desire, **Staff** could evaluate recent statistics and report the findings.

Councilmember Ambrose suggests gathering the following information, before town hall meetings are scheduled:

- Cost of the program;
- Cost effectiveness to the City;
- Consistency of signal light timing at both camera and non-camera intersections;
- Perspective from the Police Department;
- Studies performed in last 10 years;
- Type of legal issues raised by the public;
- The reasons for discontinuing the program in other cities.

Mayor Lewis suggests continuing the item until a full council is present. **Mayor Pro Tem Wells** concurs with the suggestion.

MOTION BY LEWIS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to CONTINUE Item 7.2 to the next meeting for two weeks or until a full Council is present.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT. (MCCLELLAN – Absent)

8.

COUNCILMEMBER TONY AMBROSE

Chamber of Commerce – Government Affairs; MTS (Metropolitan Transit System Board) – Alternate); East County Economic Development Council.

8.1 Council Activities Report

REPORT AS STATED.

9.

COUNCILMEMBER GARY KENDRICK

Heartland Communications JPA; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

9.1 Council Activities Report

REPORT AS STATED.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

10.

COUNCILMEMBER BOB McCLELLAN

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

10.1 Council Activities Report

11. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

11.1 League of California Cities Legislative Bulletin dated January 18, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28, February 1 and 4, 2013 – *City Advocate Weekly*

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Wells reports that AB 2312, a bill that would have restricted local control on whether or not marijuana clinics would be allowed in municipalities, seems to have died in committee. A Supreme Court case is being considered by the Justices currently, involving the City of Riverside. If the decision is overturned, which may happen within the next 90 days, **Council** may need to take another look at the issue.

No further comments made.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

12. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

13. ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

14. ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

15. CLOSED SESSIONS: None

Adjournment: **Mayor Lewis** adjourned the Regular Joint Meeting of the City Council/ Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 12th day of February 12, 2013, at 4:10 p.m. to Tuesday, February 26, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

KATHIE J. RUTLEDGE, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary