

# 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

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**MAY 14, 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, May 14, 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

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 April 23, 2013, meeting and the Agenda of the May 14, 2013, meeting in accordance to State Law and Council/Agency Policy.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- **Proclamation – “Bike to Work Week” – May 13 – 17, 2013**
- **Proclamation – “Public Works Week” – May 19 – 25, 2013**
- **Proclamation – “Building Safety Month”**
- **Certificate of Achievement – Krystina Perez, Volunteer**

**AGENDA CHANGES: None**

**CONSENT ITEMS: (1.1 – 1.9)**

**MOTION BY LEWIS, SECOND BY AMBROSE, to APPROVE Consent Items 1.1 through 1.9.**

**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 April 23, 2013, meeting 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 SPECIAL OPERATION LICENSE – MEZZAH CAFÉ  
169 East Main Street**

Approve the application submitted by Ghassan Nissan for a cabaret at Mezzah Café located at 169 East Main Street.

**CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)**

**1.5 JOHNSON AVENUE SEWER RELIEF PROJECT – ACQUISITION OF SEWER EASEMENTS (Report: Deputy Director of Public Works)**

1. Approve Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with Parkway Plaza, Ltd., Sears Roebuck and Co. and Sunterra Home Owners Association that itemize the terms for the acquisition of sewer easements; and
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the MOUs with Parkway Plaza, Ltd., Sears Roebuck and Co., and Sunterra Home Owners Association.

**1.6 RESOLUTIONS: APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR PEDESTRIAN SAFETY JOHNSON AVENUE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT, SRTS 5211(023), PW3433, Bid No. 021-13 (Report: Deputy Director of Public Works)**

Adopt RESOLUTION NO. 55-13 to approve Plans and Specifications for Pedestrian Safety Johnson Avenue Safe Routes to School Project, SRTS 5211(023), and RESOLUTION NO. 56-13 to direct a Notice Inviting Sealed Bids to be opened on June 20, 2013.

**1.7 JANUARY – MARCH 2013 QUARTERLY TREASURER’S REPORT (Report: Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance and Treasurer)**

Receive the quarterly Treasurer’s Report for the period ending March 31, 2013.

**1.8 PURCHASE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT (Report: Purchasing Agent)**

Authorize the Purchasing Agent in accordance with Municipal Code 3.20.010(C)(5) to execute a purchase agreement with Nth Generation Computing, Inc. in the amount of \$109,815.54 for the purchase of information technology equipment for the Public Safety Center (PSC).

**1.9 RETIREMENT/RELINQUISHMENT OF PD SERVICE DOG “DAX” (Report: Chief of Police)**

Transfer sole ownership of El Cajon Police Service Dog “Dax” to Officer Chase, his experienced handler.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Emilce Gonzalez, representing El Cajon Resident Leadership Academy,** suggests that the City consider inclusion of a health and wellness element in its General Plan update, to benefit members of the community.

**Nora Kurdy, owner of Broadway Residential Facility,** requests a waiver of back sewer service charges, as an audit revealed they had not been billed for two of three meters on the property. She submits a profit/loss statement, and explains she is unable to pay the \$9,000 owed, even with installment payments.

**City Manager Williford** offers to meet with **Ms. Kurdy** to discuss the matter.

**Jackie Horton Taft, representing ACES Foundation,** speaks about the Barkitecture fundraising event taking place at O's restaurant in Parkway Plaza, to support the El Cajon Animal Shelter. She indicates that doghouses are currently on display and will be auctioned off at the event.

**John Berg, representing Downtown EC Business Partners,** gives an update on Concerts on the Green series, Cajon Classic Cruise car shows, and the Farmers' Market.

**Chuck Hansen** introduces **Eric Lund, President and CEO, San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce.**

**Sunshine Horton** invites everyone to a fundraiser at Belmont Park to benefit Rady's Children's' Hospital. She comments on other charitable events, and thanks Chris Shamoon for his help in the community.

**Mayor Lewis** mentions several upcoming events in the City, and reads a historical fact from 100 years ago.

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**2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

**2.1 CENTENNIAL EVENT RECOGNITION – WINGS OVER GILLESPIE  
(Report: Director of Recreation)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the **City Council** review the letter from Air Group One and approve the request to recognize the Wings Over Gillespie Air Show, being held on June 1-2, 2013, as an official El Cajon Centennial Event.

**DISCUSSION**

**Councilmember Tony Ambrose** encourages everyone to attend the event as it is a great chance to see antique aircraft.

No further comments made.

**MOTION BY LEWIS, SECOND BY WELLS, to APPROVE the request to recognize the Wings Over Gillespie Air Show as an official El Cajon Centennial Event.**

**MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT.  
(MCCLELLAN - ABSENT).**

**2.2 DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES FOR 2013  
LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Letter from League of California Cities requesting the designation of Voting Delegates and Alternates for 2013 League Annual Conference September 18-20, 2013, in Sacramento and requesting Voting Delegate Form be completed and returned to them no later than August 2, 2013.

**DISCUSSION**

No one comes forward to speak.

**MOTION BY LEWIS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to DESIGNATE Mayor Pro Tem Wells as the Voting Delegate and City Manager Williford as the Alternate for the 2013 League Annual Conference.**

**MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT.  
(MCCLELLAN - ABSENT).**

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: (Continued)**

**2.3 REQUEST FROM NOAH HOMES TO SUPPORT AN ACOUSTIC MUSIC FESTIVAL SPECIAL EVENT IN DOWNTOWN EL CAJON  
(Report: Deputy City Manager/Director of Finance)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council review the letter from Noah Homes and local organizations requesting \$10,000 for a two-day music festival to be held in Downtown El Cajon in addition to City services and provide direction to staff.

**DISCUSSION**

**Meredith Munger-Stowers** speaks in support of the event, which will feature a Battle of the Bands, and will raise funds for St. Madeleine Sophie's Center and the Noah Homes program. They have incurred extensive inaugural expenses and are requesting funding from the City.

**Mayor Pro Tem Wells** praises the services provided by Noah Homes.

No one else comes forward to speak.

**MOTION BY LEWIS, SECOND BY AMBROSE, to APPROVE the request for funding of \$10,000.00 and City services for the two-day music festival in downtown El Cajon.**

**MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT.  
(MCCLELLAN - ABSENT).**

**3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**3.1 RESOLUTION: ADOPTION OF NEW FEES; MODIFICATION AND ELIMINATION OF EXISTING FEES; AND AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE OF MISCELLANEOUS FEES (Report: City Attorney)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council:

- Open the Public Hearing and receive testimony;
- Close the Public Hearing; and
- Adopt the next RESOLUTION in order to modify and eliminate certain existing fees, add certain fees, and amend the City's Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees.

**ITEM 3.1 (Continued)**

**DISCUSSION**

**City Attorney Foley** explains that the Fee Schedule is periodically updated.

The Public Hearing is now open.

No one comes forward to speak.

**MOTION BY LEWIS, SECOND BY AMBROSE, to CLOSE the Public Hearing.**

**MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT.  
(MCCLELLAN - ABSENT).**

**MOTION BY LEWIS, SECOND BY AMBROSE, to ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 57-13 to modify and eliminate certain existing fees, add certain fees, and amend the City's Schedule of Miscellaneous Fees.**

**MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT.  
(MCCLELLAN - ABSENT).**

**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 SANDAG Board of Directors Agenda – April 26, 2013**

**REPORT AS STATED.**

## ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

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### 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 Legislative Report

### DISCUSSION

**Mayor Pro Tem Wells** discusses AB 5, the “Homeless Bill of Rights”, which the League of California Cities opposes, and that he feels, the City should also oppose. The bill, as written, would undermine the local decision-making process and will put costly mandates on cities to monitor many of the activities of the homeless, such as sleeping in public, soliciting donations, and bathing in public places. The bill would also likely require, among other things, that the government provide “sufficient” health and hygiene centers. He recommends sending a letter of opposition to the author of the bill and any other signers.

**City Manager Williford** states a letter will be sent as requested, and will also be sent to local representatives.

No further comments made.

**MOTION BY LEWIS, SECOND BY AMBROSE, to SEND a letter of OPPOSITION to AB 5.**

**MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT.  
(MCCLELLAN - ABSENT).**

#### 7.3 League of California Cities Bulletins dated April 18, 19, 22, 25, 26, 29, May 2, and May 6, 2013 – *City Advocate Weekly*

**NO RECOMMENDED ACTION.**



**ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)**

**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.**

**10.**

**COUNCILMEMBER BOB McCLELLAN**

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

**10.1 Council Activities Report**

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## JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS

### 11.1 ANNUAL CITY CELEBRATION PLANNING (Report: Councilmembers Kendrick and Ambrose)

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the City Council direct the City Manager to create a plan for a major annual City celebration, to first be held in the spring of 2014 and bring this plan back to the City Council for consideration and approval.

#### DISCUSSION

**Councilmember Kendrick** speaks about the City's previous Friendship Festivals, which drew about 100,000 people. He suggests hosting a similar type event, over two days, to attract people in San Diego County to El Cajon. He feels it is a way to celebrate our diversity and also have some great food.

**Councilmember Tony Ambrose** states that community members have said they miss the Friendship Festival. He feels the event would allow people to enjoy the company of others, in this melting pot community, and that it is time to bring back the festival.

**Mayor Lewis** concurs with the comments made and supports the proposal.

No further comments made.

**MOTION BY LEWIS, SECOND BY AMBROSE, to DIRECT the City Manager to create a plan for a major annual City celebration, to first be held in the spring of 2014, and bring the plan back to the City Council for consideration and approval.**

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

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 adjourn to Closed Session as follows:

### 15.1

- **CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6**

Agency Designated Representatives: Nancy Palm  
Jim Lynch

Employee Organizations:

El Cajon Mid-Management and Professional Employees Group  
El Cajon Municipal Employees Association  
El Cajon Police Officers Association  
El Cajon Police Officers Association Management Group  
El Cajon Professional Firefighters International Association of Fire  
Fighters Local 4603 (includes El Cajon Fire Supervisory Unit  
and El Cajon Firefighters' Association)  
Executive, Unrepresented and Confidential Employees

### 15.2

- **PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**  
Title: City Manager

**MOTION BY LEWIS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to Adjourn to Closed Session at 4:01 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THOSE PRESENT.  
(MCCLELLAN - ABSENT).**

## 16. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 5:18 P.M.

**ITEM 15.1 - City Attorney Foley** reports direction was given to the City's Labor Negotiators.

**ITEM 15.2 – Mayor Lewis** reports that **Council** feels **City Manager Williford** is doing an excellent job, and they would like to keep him around.

**Adjournment:** Mayor Lewis adjourned the Regular Joint Meeting of the City Council/ Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013, at 5:20 p.m. to Tuesday, May 28, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

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**KATHIE J. RUTLEDGE, CMC**  
**City Clerk/Secretary**