

JOINT MEETING OF THE EL CAJON CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY



MINUTES

CITY OF EL CAJON EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

May 27, 2014

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council and Redevelopment Agency of the City of El Cajon, California held Tuesday, May 27, 2014, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California. This meeting was adjourned from the Adjourned Regular Joint meeting held at 3:00 p.m. on May 13, 2014.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Ambrose, Bales and McClellan
Council/Agencymembers absent:	None
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair present:	Kendrick
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 May 13, 2014, meeting and the Agenda of the May 27, 2014, meeting in accordance to State Law and Council/Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **PROCLAMATION: Building Safety Month – May 2014**
- **Project Assistance Center – Public Works & Community Development Departments**
- **World’s Largest Swimming Class**
- **Cajon Valley Middle School Leadership Class (E/Vapor cigarettes)**
- **Diego Valley Public Charter School**
- **Heartland Fire and Rescue Sidewalk CPR Event**

AGENDA CHANGES: None

CONSENT ITEMS: (1.1 – 1.6)

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY BALES, to APPROVE Consent Items 1.1 to 1.6.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

1.1 MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETINGS

Approve Minutes of the May 13, 2014, meeting of the El Cajon City Council/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.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

1.4 RESOLUTIONS: APPROVAL OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SEWER AND STORM DRAIN REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT 2013, BID NO. 004-14/ENGINEERING JOB NO. WW3448 (Report: Deputy Director of Public Works)

Adopt RESOLUTION No. 049-14 to approve Plans and Specifications and RESOLUTION No. 050-14 to direct a Notice Inviting Sealed Bids for the Sewer and Storm Drain Repair and Replacement 2013 project to be opened on June 26, 2014.

1.5 RESOLUTION: AWARD OF BID NO. 021-14, INSTALLATION OF PROTECTED LEFT-TURN PHASING AT GREENFIELD DRIVE/NORTH SECOND STREET, FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM 5211(027) (Report: Purchasing Agent)

- Find Traffic Development Services, Inc. non-responsive for failure to provide pricing on the bid schedule form.
- Adopt RESOLUTION No. 051-14 and award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, T&M Electric, Inc., dba Perry Electric in the amount of \$119,502.00.

1.6 ACCEPTANCE OF INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS AT JAMACHA ROAD AND EAST MAIN STREET PROJECT, BID NO. 011-13/ JOB NO. PW 3402 (Report: Deputy Director of Public Works)

Accept the project, authorize the City Clerk to record a Notice of Completion and release the bonds in accordance with the contract terms.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brenda Hammond mentioned she is not afraid to appear on TV, and stated that people should be able to speak out about what happens in their personal lives.

Elizabeth Valles, a pediatric, cardiovascular and critical care nurse, spoke in support of the e-cigarette ban and gave numerous facts about the health effects these cause, particularly in the youth.

Tamara Otero, Board President for El Cajon Valley Union School District, spoke about the health concerns for their students who are being targeted to use e-cigarettes or vaping products.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

Monica Zech reminded citizens about upcoming events in the City: KaBOOM playground build days on June 5th and 7th; America on Main Street on June 14th. On June 17th it will be Jimmie Johnson Day in the City of El Cajon.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

4-A ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING – APPEAL – DENIAL OF SPECIAL OPERATION LICENSE FOR BOULEVARD RESTAURANT (Report: Planning Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

- Conduct the Administrative Hearing;
- Review documents submitted;
- Receive testimony from witnesses who have been identified on each party's witness list;

AND

- Determine whether the City Council's denial of the Special Operation License to operate a card room at 315 El Cajon Boulevard should be upheld or overturned.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Williford notified the City Council that the appellant reported a family emergency and was not able to attend the meeting. He recommends that the item be continued to the next scheduled meeting.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to CONTINUE the Administrative Hearing Appeal to June 10, 2014.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

4.1 DESIGNATION OF VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE TO LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE – SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2014 (Report: City Manager)

RECOMMENDATION: That the **City Council** designate Mayor Bill Wells as the Voting Delegate for the City of El Cajon, and Assistant to the City Manager, Brett Channing, as the Alternate, for the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Williford gave information on League of California Cities Annual Conference and made the recommendation to designate Mayor Bill Wells as the Voting Delegate for the City of El Cajon, and Assistant to the City Manager, Brett Channing, as the Alternate.

MOTION BY AMBROSE, SECOND BY BALES, to DESIGNATE Mayor Bill Wells as the Voting Delegate for the City of El Cajon, and Assistant to the City Manager, Brett Channing, as the Alternate, and Councilmember Bales as optional Alternate for the League of California Cities Annual Conference.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

4.2 RESIGNATION OF VETERANS' COMMISSION MEMBERS AND SCHEDULE FOR VETERANS' COMMISSION INTERVIEWS (Report: City Clerk)

RECOMMENDATION: That the **City Council:**

1. Accept the resignations of Commissioners Robin Sink and James Lewis; and
2. Open the application period for candidates from May 30, 2014 through June 27, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., and conduct the interviews at the 3:00 p.m. City Council meeting on July 8, 2014.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Williford introduced the item to the City Council.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS: Item 4.2 (Continued)

MOTION BY AMBROSE, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to ACCEPT the resignations of Commissioners Robin Sink and James Lewis; and open the application period for candidates from May 30, 2014 through June 27, 2014 at 5:00 p.m., and conduct the interviews at the 3:00 p.m. City Council meeting on July 8, 2014.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

5. COMMISSION REPORTS: None

6. ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF MAYOR WELLS/COMMENTS

SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments); SANDAG Public Safety Committee; 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: None

6.3 INDIAN GAMING LOCAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMITTEE

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

DISCUSSION

Assistant City Manager Al-Ghafry gave a summary of the Item, and detailed the equipment purchased and the two projects funded with the four grants received.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to RECEIVE and FILE the report.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

6.4 CITY OF EL CAJON APPOINTMENT TO MISSION TRAILS REGIONAL PARK CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council accept the City's recommended appointment to the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizen Advisory Committee.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Williford gave information on the item and stated that Mr. Gellar is interested in continuing as a member of the advisory committee.

No one came forward to speak.

MOTION BY BALES, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to ACCEPT the City's recommended appointment to the Mission Trails Regional Park Citizen Advisory Committee.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

6.5 CHALDEAN AMERICAN MONTH

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council listen to Mr. Alkatib's request to proclaim September 2014 as "Chaldean American Month" in the City of El Cajon.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Williford introduced **Peter Alkatib** who requested the month of September be named Chaldean American Month.

Mr. Alkatib, representing Diego Valley Charter School, spoke in support of the request.

Councilmember Bales asked for more information on the goal/purpose of this request. **Mr. Alkatib** explained the students at Diego Valley Charter School want to be able to express their voice within the community.

Sana Kappouta, resident of El Cajon, questions the length of the request (one month) and what the impact of the request would be on the City as a whole.

Raphael Ablahad expressed he does not believe that Chaldeans need to be singled out from other minorities by a special proclamation.

6.5 CHALDEAN AMERICAN MONTH: (Continued)

Sandro Setto, a student at Diego Valley Charter School, spoke in support of the request. **Mr. Setto** answered questions by **Councilmember Ambrose** and **Mayor Wells**. He said he has been in the United States for a year and a half, and would like to be able to let other ethnic groups learn more about the Chaldean culture through the requested proclamation.

Mark Arabo thanked the Council and Staff for the opportunity to speak about the request.

Johnny Oram, President of the first State wide Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce of California, thanked **Mayor Wells** for supporting the pledge for a Chaldean month.

Besma Coda, from Chaldean-Middle Eastern Social Services, spoke in support of the request to proclaim September as Chaldean American Month.

Johnny Jacob thanked the Council for the opportunity to express his opinion, but he feels there is no need to proclaim a month for the Chaldean community to be recognized.

Stephen Nissou, expressed that while American on Main Street is a good platform to celebrate the multiple cultures in our city, he feels there is a need to celebrate the growing Chaldean population.

Farouk Gewarges spoke of the many ethnicities, and religions represented in El Cajon. He feels supporting the proclamation is supporting division within the community.

Lundon Attisha asked Council to focus on the original request to name September as Chaldean American Month.

No one else came forward to speak.

Mayor Wells reminds **Councilmembers** that the request on today's agenda is for September to be Chaldean American Month, any other request, ideas, or proposals need to be formally put on a future agenda for discussion and action.

Councilmembers discussed the following:

- The different ethnic groups that could possibly make a similar request;
- Diversity in the City of El Cajon;
- The opportunity taken by the students of Diego Valley Charter School to participate in civic affairs;
- A suggestion to declare the month of June to celebrate all the different ethnic groups in the City of El Cajon.

6.5 CHALDEAN AMERICAN MONTH: (Continued)

MOTION by WELLS to PROCLAIM September as “Chaldean American Month” in the City of El Cajon, SECOND by Ambrose, requesting further discussion.

Councilmember Bales offers to make a substitute motion to proclaim June as El Cajon Cultural Diversity Month.

City Attorney Foley clarified that only items posted on the current agenda may be voted on. Therefore the substitute motion cannot be voted on.

MOTION BY BALES, to POSTPONE the Item and bring it back in a future meeting.

MOTION FAILS DUE TO LACK OF A SECOND.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY AMBROSE, to PROCLAIM September as “Chaldean American Month” the City of El Cajon.

**MOTION CARRIES BY 4 – 1 VOTE.
(BALES – NO)**

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS

7.

MAYOR PRO TEM GARY KENDRICK

Heartland Communications JPA; Heartland Fire Training JPA; SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments) - Alternate; SANDAG Public Safety Committee – Alternate.

7.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

REPORT AS STATED.

8.

COUNCILMEMBER TONY AMBROSE

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

REPORT AS STATED.

9.

COUNCILMEMBER STAR BALES

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

9.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

REPORT AS STATED.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

10.

COUNCILMEMBER BOB McCLELLAN

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

10.1 Council Activities Report/Comments

REPORT AS STATED.

11. LEGISLATIVE REPORT: None

12. GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: None

13. ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

14. ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

15. CLOSED SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Wells adjourned the Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the City Council and the Redevelopment Agency held this 27th day of May 2014, at 5:25 p.m. to Tuesday June 10, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

BELINDA A. HAWLEY, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary