

JOINT MEETING OF THE EL CAJON CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY



MINUTES

CITY OF EL CAJON EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA

OCTOBER 14, 2014

A Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council and Redevelopment Agency of the City of El Cajon, California held Tuesday, October 14, 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.

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.

POSTINGS: The City Clerk posted Orders of Adjournment of the September 23, 2014 meeting and the Agenda of the October 14, 2014, meeting in accordance to State Law and Council/Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Youth Choir of San Diego (Introduced later during the meeting)**
- **Re-Opening of Hillside Recreation Center**

Mayor Wells advised that due to transportation issues, the arrival of the Youth Choir will be delayed, and their presentation will take place when they arrive. He called upon the Recreation Department to give their presentation.

Mayor and **Councilmembers** invited the high school students present in the audience to introduce themselves.

AGENDA CHANGES: None

MOTION BY AMBROSE, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to APPROVE the Agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

CONSENT ITEMS: (1.1 – 1.15)

MOTION BY BALES, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE Consent Items 1.1 to 1.15, pulling Item 1.12, as requested by Councilmember Ambrose.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

1.1 MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETINGS

Approve Minutes of the September 23, 2014, 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.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

**1.4 SEWER MASTER PLAN UPDATE - PROJECT NO. WW3520
(Report: Deputy Director of Public Works)**

Authorize the City Manager or designee to negotiate and execute a multi-year professional services agreement and any subsequent amendments with RMC Water and Environment (RMC) for the purpose of updating the Sewer System Master Plan and providing on-call services to perform flow model calculations for various development scenarios.

1.5 RESOLUTION: AWARD OF BID NO. 013-15, UPGRADE TRAFFIC SIGNALS ON NORTH SECOND STREET AND JAMACHA ROAD (Report: Purchasing Agent)

- Find the second low bidder, Select Electric, Inc. non-responsive for failure to submit Local Agency DBE Commitment and DBE Information – Good Faith Efforts documentation.
- Adopt RESOLUTION No. 112-14 to award the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, DBX, Inc., in the amount of \$91,361.00.

**1.6 RESOLUTION: REJECTION OF BID NO. 020-15, BREATHING AIR COMPRESSOR AND PURIFICATION SYSTEM
(Report: Purchasing Agent)**

- Find the first and second low bidders non-responsive for failure to meet the delivery requirements of the bid, and find the third low bidder non-responsive for failure to meet the minimum equipment bid specifications.
- Adopt RESOLUTION No. 113-14 to reject all bids and authorize an open market purchase of the required equipment in accordance with Municipal Code 3.20.010.C.5.

1.7 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING ASSET FUNDS (LMIHAF) TO COMPLETE GREENOVATION ACQUISITION/REHABILITATION/ RESALE PROGRAM (Report: Assistant City Manager/Director of Community Development)

El Cajon Housing Authority appropriate \$100,000.00 from the Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund (LMIHAF) to increase the existing funding under the Greenovation Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Resale Program.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

**1.8 SUPPORT FOR 2015 MISS EL CAJON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
(Report: Assistant to the City Manager)**

Designate \$1,500.00 from the City Council Contingency Budget for the Miss El Cajon Scholarship Program.

1.9 RADIO EQUIPMENT PURCHASE (Report: Purchasing Agent)

Authorize the Purchasing Agent in accordance with Municipal Code 3.20.010.C.5 to execute a purchase agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. utilizing San Diego County RCS Contract No. 548289 for the purchase of 53 replacement radios in the amount of \$263,218.46.

**1.10 RESOLUTION: AWARD OF BID NO. 016-15, SWIMMING POOL AND
WATER FEATURE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR
(Report: Purchasing Agent)**

Adopt RESOLUTION No. 114-14 awarding the bid to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Victor Pool Service & Repair Inc., in the estimated amount of \$23,445.00 for the first year, with the option to renew for four additional one-year periods.

**1.11 ACCEPTANCE OF PEDESTRIAN COUNTDOWN SIGNALS PROJECT, PW
3487, BID NUMBER 018-14 (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.

1.12 PULLED FOR DISCUSSION.

**1.13 ROAD CLOSURES – MOTHER GOOSE PARADE
(Report: Director of Recreation)**

Review and approve the submitted road closures and traffic control plan for the Mother Goose Parade.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Continued)

1.14 REQUEST FROM RunEC TO SUPPORT A HALF-MARATHON SPECIAL EVENT (Report: Director of Recreation)

Support the RunEC nonprofit organization with a \$20,000.00 donation and in-kind City services for the 2015 St. Patrick's Day Half-Marathon/5K.

1.15 FIRST QUARTER BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15 (Report: Director of Finance)

The City Council, and the City Council acting in its capacity as the Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency:

- Appropriate carry-over funding of \$1,175,469 from Fiscal Year 2013-14 approved Capital Improvement Projects, Capital Outlay Requests, and programs, to be expended in Fiscal Year 2014-15 (Table 1).
- Amend and appropriate an increase of \$9,324 in the FY2014-15 Budget for reclassification of one Administrative Secretary in the Finance Department to an Accounting Technician, effective October 25, 2014, and the reclassification of one Secretary in the Fire Department to an Administrative Secretary, effective January 1, 2015.
- Approve and appropriate \$335,900 for FY2014-15 Successor Agency budget amendments approved by the Oversight Board on September 17, 2014 (Table 3).

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION:

1.12 RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZATION FOR THE EXECUTION OF A PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH CALTRANS FOR A HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HSIP) GRANT PROJECT (Report: Deputy Director of Public Works)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt the next RESOLUTION in order to approve Program Supplement Agreement No. 052-N for a Federal-aid Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) project.

CONSENT ITEMS PULLED FOR DISCUSSION: (Item 1.12 Continued)

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Ambrose requested a short presentation to explain to the public the benefits and costs of the project and to give a better understanding of what the City is doing to promote pedestrian safety.

Assistant City Manager Al-Ghafry gave a summary about the grant received for the supplement agreement with Caltrans.

Traffic Engineer Mario Sanchez explained that the project will take about four months to complete. He also explained that the grant was received through a competitive process within the County.

City Manager Williford praised the work of the Traffic Department team.

MOTION BY AMBROSE, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to ADOPT RESOLUTION No. 115-14 to APPROVE Program Supplement Agreement No. 052-N for a Federal-aid Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) project.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Trevor Free spoke in favor of the possible partnership between the Rock Church and the City. He believes the local economy will benefit from this partnership.

David Miyashiro, Superintendent of the Cajon Valley Union School District, thanked the Council for their continued support and spoke in support of Proposition C, a measure that would maintain and upgrade educational technology.

Justin Slagle, Board Member of the Cajon Valley Union School District, spoke in support of Proposition C.

Hildie Kraus, Branch Manager of the El Cajon Library, thanked members of El Cajon's emergency services staff for their continued work. **Ms. Kraus** invited the public to the 'California Reads' event on November 22, 2014.

Bonnie Price paid tribute to **Duane Swainston** and announced memorial services will be on Thursday, October 16 at 2:00 p.m. at Foothills Church.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (Continued)

Tamara Otero, President of the Cajon Valley District Board, spoke in support of Proposition C on the upcoming November ballot, and asked for continued support for the Anza Elementary Green Space. She highlighted the positive effects outdoor activities have on the community and people with disabilities. **City Manager Williford** announced this item will soon be on a Council agenda.

Monica Zech invites the City Council and the public to the Third Annual Event Haunt Fest on October 24th, a free event for the community.

Councilmember McClellan invited the public to an event about the history of America's Founding Fathers, to be held on October 17, 2014 at Foothill Christian Church.

Councilmember Bales spoke about attending the Miramar Air Show. **Councilmember McClellan** indicated that **Councilmember Bales** served as a translator during her tour in the Desert Storm operation.

City Manager Williford spoke about the new Marriott Courtyard Hotel coming to downtown El Cajon.

Mayor Wells commented on the Valley of Cars and the growing auto business, including Volkswagen, BMW and a state-of-the-art Mercedes Benz facility. He thanked staff for their hard work.

2. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

3.1 SUBSTANDARD CONDITIONS AT 581 S. MARSHALL AVENUE (Report: Building Official/Fire Marshal)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

- Open public hearing and receive testimony;
- Close public hearing;

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3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 3.1 Continued)

- Deem appropriate the Building Official/Fire Marshal's actions in this case;
- Pursuant to a verbal report given by the Building Official/Fire Marshal, begin accrual of civil penalties in the amount of \$50.00 per day for each violation;
- Pursuant to a verbal report given by the Building Official/Fire Marshal, direct staff to file a notice of restriction against the property; and
- Direct staff to monitor the condition of the property up to, and including, clean-up of the property and reactivation of all fire and life safety systems.

DISCUSSION

Fire Marshal Dan Pavao provided a summary of the Item.

In response to questions from **Councilmember McClellan**, **Fire Marshal Pavao** said the property was initially being rented, but suggested the property manager could answer any further questions.

Mayor Wells announced the Public Hearing is now open.

Richard Hein, the property manager, gave account of how the property was originally rented to three tenants for use as a storage facility. He explained that they had to comply with a business license and the proper installation of sprinkler and electrical systems. **Mr. Hein** said the tenants only paid one month's rent, and at that point, the owners started an eviction process. During the eviction process, the building became living quarters for transients who filled the building, and the outside premises, with their possessions. After the property manager was allowed on site, a clean-up crew started working, but the eviction process continues. Once the property is vacated, the property owner will find a new tenant, sell the property, or perhaps tear the building down.

Mr. Hein requested a waiver of dues and penalties, since they are trying to comply with the law. **Mayor Wells** advised them to continue with the clean-up process and at the end, approach **Council** to request a waiver or reduction of the fees.

Councilmember Ambrose requested that copies of the contract, requirements and the eviction notice be added to the City's file.

No one else came forward to speak.

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY BALES, to CLOSE the Public Hearing.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (Item 3.1 Continued)

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY AMBROSE, to BEGIN accrual of civil penalties in the amount of \$50.00 per day for each violation; FILE a notice of restriction against the property; and DIRECT staff to monitor the condition of the property up to, and including, clean-up of the property and reactivation of all fire and life safety systems.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Mr. Hein returned to the podium to thank the **Fire Marshal** and the **Fire and Police Departments** for their help to remove transients from property.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

4.1 RE-ADMITTANCE OF MILLER'S TOWING, UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP, TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S TOW ROTATION LIST (Report: Chief of Police)

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approve the re-admittance of Miller's Towing to the Police Department's Tow Rotation List.

DISCUSSION

Police Chief Redman introduced **Captain Jeff Arvan** to provide information on the Item.

Captain Arvan said a new owner is now in place for Miller's Towing. The Police Department is satisfied that Dan Miller is no longer associated with Miller's Towing.

No one else came forward to speak.

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY BALES, to APPROVE the re-admittance of Miller's Towing to the Police Department's Tow Rotation List.

MOTION CARRIES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PRESENTATION: Youth Choir of San Diego

Jason Prater and **Jonni Glaser** introduced the Youth Choir of San Diego, and gave an update on the process, the progress of building the Board of Directors, and fundraising efforts. **Mr. Prater** invited the Council and the community to their first concert on Thursday, October 16, 2014, 7:00 p.m. at Cuyamaca College in the Performing Arts Center.

Student Vice President Chelsea Marcus, on behalf of the Choir, thanked the **Council** for their support.

The choir sang a song as a preview of their future performances.

4.2 POINT LOMA WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT MODIFIED NPDES PERMIT RENEWAL AND DIRECTION TO THE METRO COMMISSION/JPA REPRESENTATIVE (Report: Deputy Director of Public Works)

RECOMMENDATION: That the **City Council** provide direction to the Metro Commission/JPA Representative to Support the City of San Diego's Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Modified NPDES Permit Application.

DISCUSSION

Deputy Director of Public Works Dennis Davies introduced the Item.

Councilmember Ambrose stated that not supporting this measure would further increase the cost of sewer disposal in the future.

MOTION BY McCLELLAN, SECOND BY BALES, to SUPPORT the City of San Diego's Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant Modified NPDES Permit Application.

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

NO RECOMMENDED ACTION.

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.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS (Continued)

9.

COUNCILMEMBER 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

REPORT AS STATED.

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 SESSION: None

Adjournment: Mayor Wells adjourned the Regular Joint Meeting of the City Council/ Redevelopment Agency held this 14th day of October 2014, at 4:29 p.m. to Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

BELINDA A. HAWLEY, CMC
City Clerk/Secretary