

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 25, 2018

An Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency, held Tuesday, September 25, 2018, was called to order by Mayor/Chair Bill Wells at 3:02 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 200 Civic Center Way, El Cajon, California.

ROLL CALL

Council/Agencymembers present:	Goble, Kalasho and McClellan
Council/Agencymembers absent:	None
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair present:	Kendrick
Mayor/Chair present:	Wells
Other Officers present:	Mitchell, City Manager/Executive Director DiMaggio, Assistant City Manager Foley, City Attorney/General Counsel Aguirre, City Clerk/Secretary

Mayor Wells invited Mike Anderson, from the German American Society, to lead the PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG 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 11, 2018, meeting and the Agenda of the September 25, 2018, meeting in accordance with State Law and Council/Authority/Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency Policy.

PRESENTATIONS:

- **Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week**
- **Proclamation: German American Month**
- **Proclamation: MTS Ride Free Day**

AGENDA CHANGES: NONE

CONSENT ITEMS: (1 – 8)

1. Minutes of City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency

Approves Minutes of the September 11, 2018, meeting of the El Cajon City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency.

2. Warrants

Approves payment of Warrants as submitted by the Finance Department.

3. Approval of Reading Ordinances by Title only

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

PULLED FOR DISCUSSION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC:

4. El Cajon Housing Authority Annual Report FY 2017-18

1. Approves the attached Annual Report; and
2. Authorizes the Executive Director to transmit it, in a form substantially as presented, to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as required by State law.

CONSENT ITEMS: (Item 4 - Continued)

DISCUSSION

Joe Laveque asked for clarification of the real estate sales transaction of \$325,000.

In response to Mr. Laveque's question, **City Manager Mitchell** stated that was the sale of a property of the former Redevelopment Agency, owned on Rea St., across the street from the Marriott Hotel.

5. Travel Expenses to Attend the 2018 League of California Cities Annual Conference - Wells

Reviews and approves the attached Claim for Advance/Reimbursement of Travel Expense form for Mayor Bill Wells submitted in accordance with City Council Policy G-1.

6. January – March 2018 and April – June 2018 Quarterly Treasurer's Reports

Receives the Treasurer's Reports for the quarters ending March 31, 2018 and June 30, 2018.

7. Approval of Revisions to Class Specifications

Approves the changes to the class specifications described below and included on the attachments.

8. Conflict of Interest Code - Biennial Review

Adopts RESOLUTION NO. 095-18, approving changes to the designated employee and official positions required to be filed under the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY KENDRICK, to APPROVE Consent Items 1 to 8.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe LaVeque spoke about the safety of the city involving homeless. Mr. LaVeque discussed police duties and Kansas' no tolerance program to include fines and jail time of homeless supporters (donating food, clothes or money). Requested the City research other programs involving turning people around.

In response to Mr. LaVeque's concern, **Mayor Wells** responded that the homeless issue is of high importance, and would like to meet personally with him to discuss the matter, and challenges the City faces.

Jim Cirigliano provided an update to the rent mediation process. Mr. Cirigliano spoke in reference to Judge Taylor, who brought various charges to **Councilmember Kalasho**, who has now recused himself. He stated that he will be obtaining copies of the 460 Forms when available.

Brenda Hammond acknowledged **Councilmember McClellan**, **City Manager Mitchell**, and **Monica Zech** for their continued assistance. She spoke of the homeless emergency shelter in Lemon Grove.

Bonnie Price shared a story about the early German settlers in Pennsylvania. Ms. Price requested the City's assistance involving the rent mediation process. She suggested El Cajon consider Community Choice Aggregation and spoke about its benefits.

Sunshine Horton spoke against **Councilmember Kalasho**.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

9. Update on City Council Priority Projects

Receives an update on the progress made in completing City Council priority projects identified at the October 10, 2017, City Council public forum.

DISCUSSION

City Manager Mitchell provided detailed information on the Item.

No one came forward to speak.

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

- Pedestrian Crosswalk Project installed and completed;
- Pride in City Campaign;
- Newcomers/Civic Engagement opportunities and community involvement;
- Blinking Yellow Left Turn Signals - being analyzed by staff;
- Temporary Homeless Housing, working with neighboring cities;
- Heat Warning Campaign messages and installations throughout the City; and
- Service Request Reporting Tools, staff will measure usage and bring recommendation to Council.

Councilmember Kalasho commented on the heat warning signs and asked if signs will be on a new or existing post. He also discussed the study and effectiveness of perpendicular postings.

In response to **Councilmember Kalasho's** question, **City Manager Mitchell** advised to prevent litter, the signs will be double posted onto existing poles, and he will look into the study involving the effectiveness of the described layout.

COMMISSION REPORTS: None

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS:

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

10. Council Activity Report

Report as Stated.

11. Legislative Report – No Report

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF MAYOR WELLS: (Continued)

12. City Council Assignments

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council approves City Council assignments (as identified in table below) to various boards and commissions representing El Cajon.

Mayor Bill Wells: SANDAG (San Diego Association of Governments); SANDAG Public Relations Selection Committee; League of California Cities, San Diego Division; Heartland Fire Training JPA – Alternate; LAFCO.*

*Elected to the LAFCO Commission for a four-year term to represent the east county, by east county Mayors, in December, 2017.

Mayor Pro Tem Gary Kendrick: METRO Commission/Wastewater JPA; Heartland Communications; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

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

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

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY GOBLE, to APPROVE City Council assignments to various boards and commissions representing El Cajon.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS:

13. MAYOR PRO TEM GARY KENDRICK
Heartland Communications JPA; Heartland Fire Training JPA.

Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

ACTIVITIES REPORTS/COMMENTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS: (Continued)

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

Council Activities Report/Comments

Report as stated.

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

Council Activities Report/Comments

Nothing to Report.

16. COUNCILMEMBER STEVE GOBLE
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 - Alternate.

In addition to the submitted report, **Councilmember Goble** advised that he did not attend the 9/25/18, Government Affairs Meeting, which was covered by staff.

JOINT COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS: None

GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

The following item is for informational purposes only:

17. City of El Cajon Animal Shelter Donations for August 2018

In accordance with City Council Policy B-2, staff informs the City Council about receiving the following donations for the El Cajon Animal Shelter for the month of August:

Rancho Santee Lions Association - \$200.00

ORDINANCES: FIRST READING - None

ORDINANCES: SECOND READING AND ADOPTION - None

CLOSED SESSION:

18. Closed Session -CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 - Mark Lane v. Ben Kalasho - United States District Court, Southern District of California. Case No. 18CV1687 BEN NLS

19. Closed Session - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9 -Christine Greer vs. City of El Cajon, et al., San Diego Superior Court Case No. 37-2016-00027133-CU-OE-CTL

20. Closed Session - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9: City of El Cajon vs. ASSCS, LLC; Cloud 9 Wellness Center, Inc.; and Does 1 through 50, inclusive, San Diego Superior Court, Case No. 37-2018-00012001-CU-OR-CTL

MOTION BY WELLS, SECOND BY McCLELLAN, to ADJOURN to Closed Session at 3:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Councilmember Kalasho left the Council Chamber at approximately 4:45 p.m.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION AT 5:00 p.m.

City Attorney Foley reported the following actions:

- Item 18, matter will be continued to an Adjourned Special meeting on Friday, September 28, at 2:30 p.m., at the City Council Chamber for further discussion under Closed Session.
- Item 19, the City Council gave direction to Legal Counsel.
- Item 20, the City Council gave direction to Legal Counsel.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Wells adjourned the Adjourned Regular Joint Meeting of the City Council/Housing Authority/Successor Agency to the El Cajon Redevelopment Agency held this 25th day of September 2018, is adjourned to Friday, September 28, 2018, at 2:30 p.m.

Angela Aguirre
City Clerk/Secretary