

Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Absent:** None

1. TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

2. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Reports of closed session, commission appointments and informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council and staff.

City Manager Pinkos - update on the local emergency and lifting of some county restrictions, vaccines, announced Budget Town Hall on April 10th at 10:00 am. and other upcoming budget meetings.

Councilmember Rudnick - reported attendance at anti-Asian hate rally.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto - reported attendance at anti-Asian hate rally.

Mayor Fadelli - reported attendance at anti-Asian hate rally and grand opening of PennDel's Bakery, announced letter of support sent on SB619 regarding delaying new organic regulations, Earth Day activities on city website, and commented on upcoming fiscal process and state audit report.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person. The Mayor may reduce the time limit per speaker depending upon the number of speakers and may limit the total time for public comment to facilitate the completion of business on the agenda. Comments regarding non-agenda, presentation and consent calendar items will be heard first. Comments related to items appearing on the Public Hearing or Policy Matter portions of the Agenda will be heard prior to the City Council taking action on each item.

All written comments submitted prior to and during the meeting were posted online as supplemental materials and incorporated into the official meeting record. Written public comments for matters not on the agenda were received from Ira Sharenow, Elizabeth Bashor, Nick Zamorano, John Stashik, Gary Prost, Courtney Smith, Sue and Paul Duncan.

Oral Public Comments:

Heidi Goldstein - spoke in acceptance of Library Week proclamation.

Michael Fischer - requested consideration of support for S127 regarding funding improvement of library facilities, commented on staff preparedness to request funding if available.

Cordell Hindler - requested an update on Del Norte project, commented on returning to in person meeting.

Ellen Spitalnik - commented on the state auditor report and requested formation of a commission to respond.

Sherry Drobner - spoke on the state auditor report and police department budget.

Linda Cain - commented on method of facilitating virtual meetings, and importance of library services.

4. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the consent calendar shall be acted upon in one motion, unless a member of the City Council or staff request separate consideration.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Abelson/Councilmember Rudnick

Action: Approved the consent calendar as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

A. Approval of Minutes

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve the City Council Meeting minutes from March 2 and March 16, 2021.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved minutes

B. Earth Day Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring Saturday, April 24, 2021 as "Earth Day" in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all residents and businesses to help make El Cerrito a greener, healthier, more sustainable place for all.

Contact: Will Provost, Operations + Environmental Services Division Manager, Public Works Department

Action: Approved proclamation

C. National Library Week Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring April 4-10, 2021 as National Library Week in the City of El Cerrito and encourage all residents to visit the library.

Contact: Heidi Goldstein, Senior Community Library Manager, Contra Costa County Library

Action: Approved proclamation

D. Environmental Quality Committee Appointment

Action Proposed: Approve an Environmental Quality Committee recommendation to appoint Rose Vekony to the Environmental Quality Committee, effective April 13, 2021.

Contact: Will Provost, Operations + Environmental Services Manager, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Action: Approved appointment

E. Economic Development Committee Re-appointments

Action Proposed: Approve two Economic Development Committee recommendations to reappoint members Eric Wright and Jonathan Zazove, effective April 6, 2021.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Community Development Analyst, Community Development Department

Action: Approved appointments

F. Calendar Years 2018 and 2019 Growth Management Program Compliance Checklist

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving the Calendar Years 2018 and 2019 Growth Management Program (GMP) Compliance Checklist for allocation of Fiscal Years 2019-20 and 2020-21 Measure J, Local Street Maintenance and Improvement Funds by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA).

Contact: Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-14

G. Annual Parcel Assessment for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program and Drainage Maintenance Activities for Fiscal Year 2021-22

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution establishing the annual parcel assessment for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program and Drainage Maintenance activities at the current rate of \$38.00 per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) and authorizing the Contra Costa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District to adopt Stormwater Utility Area (SUA) levies based on said amount for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22.

Contact: Will Provost, Operations + Environmental Services Division Manager; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-15

H. Authorize Annual Report for Landscape and Lighting Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2021-22

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution directing NBS Local Government Solutions (NBS) to prepare and file the annual Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1 report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22.

Contact: Shannon Collins, Finance Supervisor; Mark Rasiah, Finance Director, Finance Department

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-16

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Legislative Update from League of California Cities

Action Proposed: Receive and file an update on the upcoming legislative season from the East Bay Division Public Affairs Manager.

Contact: Sam Caygill, East Bay Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding existing fire grants.

Action: Received and Filed

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. FY 2020-21 General Fund Budget Update for February 2021

Action Proposed: Receive and file an update on City General Fund revenues and expenses for FY 2020-21 through February 2021.

Contact: Mark R. Rasiah, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding expenditure line for other financing uses, interest versus premium on the Tax Revenue Anticipate Note (TRAN), financing costs of the TRAN, calculation of ending cash balance, expected amount for next fiscal year TRAN, explore different formats to provide clarity to information provided, location of state audit report on city website, Recreation department revenues and costs.

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Oral Public Comments:

Ira Sharenow - spoke regarding need to review excel data, deferred cuts, and state audit response.

Cordell Hindler - commented on budget process.

Linda Cain - commented on need for more clarity on presentation of budget information.

Ellen Spitalnik - commented on lack of details in budget information and need for more public participation options.

Action: Received and Filed

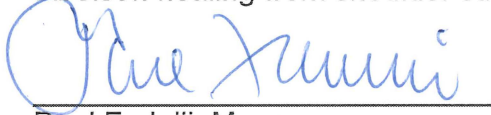
8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments and committee reports.

Mayor Fadelli - reported attendance at Park and recreation Commission meeting, West County Mayor Conference meeting, upcoming presentation from West Contra Costa Unified School District on Portola site, reported West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) funding of Central Avenue undercrossing project.

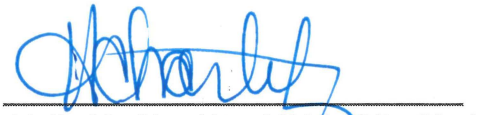
9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:58 PM in support of Councilmember Abelson healing from shoulder surgery.



Paul Fadelli, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of April 6, 2021 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk