

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 18, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Members:

Mayor Paul Fadelli

Mayor Pro Tem Gabe Quinto · Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Lisa Motoyama · Councilmember Tessa Rudnick

Join Via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/94654799424?pwd=WFREMTdaNlg3dWJMYjJuWjZGNTBJdz09>

Meeting ID: 946 5479 9424 **Password:** 303074

or Dial in: 1-408-638-0968

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- Via Zoom using the “Raise Hand” icon to request to speak. If joining by phone, dial *9 to “raise your hand”, and when prompted by the host, *6 to unmute/mute.
- Via email to cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us. Email must contain in the subject line **Public Comments – Not on the Agenda** or **Public Comments – agenda item #**.

To ensure City Council receives your written comments prior to taking action, they must be received by **4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting**. All written comments received by this deadline will be provided to the City Council and posted online in advance of the meeting.

Comments received after the deadline will be provided to the City Council and included with supplemental materials **after the meeting**. **No written comments will be read into the record.**

7:00 P.M. ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Fadelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, 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 current county and state health orders, vaccines, and mask requirements; announced May 25th community meeting hosted by BART on the Plaza Transit Oriented Development (TOD) project.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto - reported attendance at Legislative Days meeting hosted by Cal Cities.

Mayor Fadelli - participated in AC Transit outreach activity, signed letter to support financing of affordable housing.

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 Cordell Hindler, Ira Sharenow, Gary Prost, Cathy Hanville, and Marilyn Ashlin.

Oral Public Comments:

Tim Laidman - spoke regarding slow service at the city hall public counter.

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: Mayor Pro Tem Quinto/Councilmember Motoyama **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 April 6, April 10, April 20, and April 26, 2021.

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

Action: Approved minutes with a correction to the April 6th minutes, to correct the reference of "Pan Dell Bakery" to "PenDell Bakery".

B. Letter of Support for AB988

Action Proposed: At the request of Mayor Fadelli pass a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter in support of AB988 regarding Mental Health Mobile Hotline Crisis Support Teams.

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

Action: Approved letter

C. Adopt a Resolution and authorize Letters of Support for S.127 and HR1581 regarding the Build America's Libraries Act

Action Proposed: At the request of Michael Fischer, El Cerrito appointed Contra Costa County Library Commissioner, adopt a resolution and authorize the Mayor to sign letters in support of Federal Legislation S.127 and H.R. 1581, the Build America's Library Act.

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

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-24 and letter of support

D. 2nd Reading and Adoption of an ordinance of the City of El Cerrito amending Sections of Title 19, of the El Cerrito Municipal Code to amend regulations for Inclusionary Zoning.

1st Reading 5/4/2021

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2021-02 amending Chapter 19.30 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code to establish an application process for currently exempt projects to request a limited extension that must be filed with the City Manager by June 30, 2021.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing Analyst; Sean Moss, Planning Manager; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

Action: Adopted Ordinance 2021-02

E. Construction Contract Award for 2021 Slurry Seal Project, City Project No. C3027.22

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications for the 2021 Slurry Seal Project, City Project No. C3027.22 (Project); accepting the four submitted bids for the Project; authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$395,286.97 with Pavement Coatings Co. Inc. and to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the construction of the Project; and amend the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020-2021 Adopted Budget and Measure A Annual Program of Maintenance and Improvement to appropriate an additional \$151,537 in the Measure A Street Improvement Fund for the Project.

Contact: Ana Bernardes, Engineering Manager/Senior Engineer, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-25

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7. **POLICY MATTERS**

A. **Study Session on Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Action**

Proposed: Receive and file a presentation from City staff providing an overview of the preliminary FY 2021-22 Proposed Budget and preview of Department budgets. City Council will have the opportunity to ask questions of Department Directors and provide feedback or direction.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) increases and assumptions, eTrackit services, delays in permit response, contracting out services, use of OpenGov, plan check estimates, timeline and changes to dispatch services, vehicle upgrades, grant options, community feedback on recreation fees, and cost recovery.

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Quinto/Councilmember Abelson

Action: Passed a motion to extend the meeting to 11:15 **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Abelson/Councilmember Motoyama

Action: Passed a motion to extend the meeting to 11:30. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama **Noes:** Councilmember Rudnick

Public Comments:

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 this item were received from Cordell Hindler, Ira Sharenow, and Sherry Drobner.

Oral Public Comments:

Margaret Hasan - commented on consolidating services and grants.

Michael Fischer - spoke in favor on funding for additional library hours.

Dan Schulman - shared appreciation for Recreation presentation, commented on correlation of staff reductions and expenses.

Linda Cain - spoke on mental health response by police and opening of recycling center, recreation and senior services.

Dick Patterson - Chair, reported Financial Advisory Board (FAB) recommendations to 1) exclude American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the budget until amounts and use is certain, and 2) budget an annual general fund surplus of \$1M per year until reserves are fully funded.

Sherry Drobner - shared appreciation for public works presentation and need for additional budget details and response to auditor recommendations.

8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

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

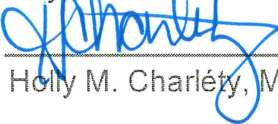
9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 11:27 PM



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 May 18, 2021 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk