

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EL CERRITO PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY, EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD, AND CITY COUNCIL JUNE 22, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.

Members:

Mayor Paul Fadelli

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

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6:00 P.M. ROLL CALL - CONVENE CONCURRENT PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY, EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD, AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Fadelli called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Present: Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick

Absent: None

1. TELECONFERENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

2. POLICY MATTERS

A. Management and Confidential Employees Resolution

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution modifying salaries, benefits, and conditions of employment for Management and Confidential Employees. **Contact:** Alexandra Orogas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding auto allowance, birthday and floating holidays, and federal holidays.

Public Comments:

John Stashik - spoke in favor of approving the resolution.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Councilmember Abelson

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-34. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

B. CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD

Approval of the City's Fiscal Year 2021-22 Proposed Budget and Spending Authority by Fund for the City, Employee Pension Board and Public Financing Authority and Approval of the FY 2021-22 Annual Gann Appropriation Limit.

Action Proposed: Staff requests that the City Council 1) Adopt a City Council resolution authorizing Fiscal Year 2021-22 spending authority by fund for the City of El Cerrito; 2) Adopt a El Cerrito Public Financing Authority resolution authorizing Fiscal Year 2021-22 spending authority by fund; 3) Adopt a El Cerrito Employee Pension Board resolution authorizing Fiscal Year 2021-22 spending authority by fund; and 4) Adopt a City Council resolution approving the calculation and establishing the FY 2021-22 annual Gann Appropriation Limit.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management; 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 Fire Department battalion chief duties, structure, dedicated emergency preparedness position, revenue assumptions, fees for medical response services, grant writing position, evacuation drill, and response to drought; Finance Department professional services, and OpenGov usage; Community Development Department backlog of services, solar permitting, specific plan update, development project status, database and hardware costs, real property transfer tax rebate program, City Management professional services, classification and compensation study, benefit and use of Tom Bates Field, HR Manager position; SB1383 implementation, and 4th of July Celebration.

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 Sue and Paul Duncan, Edward Chan, Jim Dolgonas, Scott Tipping, Harvey and Susan Tureck, Nick Zamorano, Marlene George, Kay Starkweather, and Cathy Hanville.

Oral Public Comments:

Ira Sharenow - commented on management salaries, fire department staffing and salaries, and against budget adoption as presented.

Kimberly White - expressed need for external class and compensation study, spoke on vital services and fiscal responsibility, and need for details of cuts and specific impacts.

Susan Duncan - spoke in favor of approving Fire Department budget as presented, danger of wildfire and the Hayward fault line, and need for reliable police vehicles for evacuation response.

Indy Rishi Singh - commented on care of mind and body, and response of community during the pandemic.

William Ktsanes - spoke on Financial Advisory Board recommendations, and against adoption of the budget as presented.

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Fadelli/Councilmember Rudnick

Action: Passed a motion directing staff to maximize the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for expenses that will provide relief to the General Fund and account for COVID-19 related revenue loss in order to replenish the General Fund reserves. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

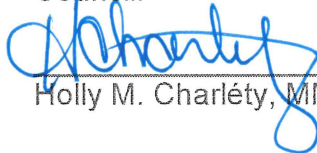
Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Abelson/Mayor Pro Tem Quinto
Action: Adopted Resolution 2021-35 (Spending Authority), PFA
Resolution 2021-01 (Spending Authority), PB Resolution 2021-01
(Spending Authority), and Resolution 2021-36 (GANN limit).
Ayes: Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson
Noes: Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick

**3. ADJOURN SPECIAL CONCURRENT PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY,
EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD, AND CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The special meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM


Paul Fadelli, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special City Council meeting of June 22, 2021 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.


Holly M. Charl  y, MMC, City Clerk