

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 31, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Members:

Mayor Paul Fadelli

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

Meeting Location:

(City Council and Staff only - no public attendance)
Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue El Cerrito, CA 94530

Join Via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/96241293798?pwd=Nm1tTWFYaHQ1bVI5SDI4cXdBdEh4UT09>

Meeting ID: 962 4129 3798 **Passcode:** 251933
or Dial in: 1-408-638-0968

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, teleconference restrictions of the Brown Act have been suspended, as well as the requirement to provide a physical location for members of the public to participate in the meeting.

This meeting will be conducted as a "hybrid" meeting, which will provide options for both in-person and remote participation. For the August 31, 2021 meeting, ONLY City Council and staff will be permitted to attend in-person. Members of the public will be able to participate remotely using any of the methods listed below. Beginning September 21, 2021 any interested individual will be able to attend City Council meetings in-person or participate via zoom, unless changes in public health conditions prompt a return to remote-only meetings.

Public Comments may be submitted one of two ways and are **limited to items on the special meeting agenda only:**

- 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 – agenda item #.**

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1. Livestream Online at www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials
2. Via Zoom using the meeting information listed above.

To ensure City Council receives your written comments prior to taking action, they must be received by **1:00 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.**

4:00 P.M. ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Fadelli called the meeting to order at 4:07 PM.

Present: Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama (arrived at 4:23 p.m.), Councilmember Rudnick **Absent:** None

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person and to items on the special meeting agenda only.

Oral Public Comments:

Cordell Hindler - thanked the facilitators for their work.

Deb Sanders - commented on the financial status of the city.

2. STUDY SESSION - FISCAL RECOVERY AND SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Action Proposed: Conduct a study session on the Fiscal Recovery and Sustainability Plan.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management; Nancy Hetrick, Management Partners

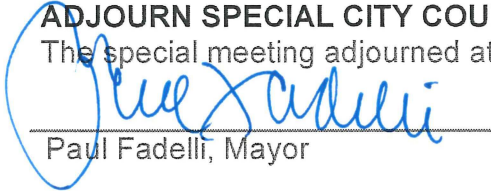
Presentation and Discussion: Management Partners facilitated a workshop on the road to fiscal sustainability; a forecast update including prior reductions, approved budget strategies, staffing, assumptions, cannabis revenue, and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds; review of city services, strategic goals, State Auditor's report and recommendations, townhall community input, and next steps.

City Council recessed at 5:18 p.m., and reconvened at 5:34 p.m.

Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding use of ARPA funding, physical city assets, fundraising opportunities, classification and compensation study, eligible ARPA uses, auditor recommendations; options for contracting out services including building/permitting, police, and fire; fire dispatch, equipment needs, aging public safety building, use of the Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN), retiree health care subsidy, and establishing a section 115 trust.

3. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The special meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.



Paul Fadelli, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of August 31, 2021 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk