

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 5, 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://us06web.zoom.us/j/84341362683?pwd=Uy83TzBkZW11ZVJhd1pINm1XQTdkZz09>

Meeting ID: 843 4136 2683 **Password:** 335069
or Dial in: 1-408-638-0968

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1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Radio Broadcast on FM 88.1 Or 97.7
3. Livestream Online at www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials
4. Via Zoom using the meeting information listed above.

Each period for public comment will be announced. Public Comments may be submitted one of two ways:

- 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 07:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Absent:** None

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

2. **TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

3. **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.

Assistant City Manager Orologas - provided an update on the local emergency, current county orders including mask mandates, availability of booster shots, shared information on MyShake app for information regarding earthquakes

City Manager Pinkos - provided an update on the local eviction moratorium, in effect as long as the local emergency remains in effect.

Councilmember Rudnick - reported attendance and highlighted training at the Cal Cities annual conference.

Councilmember Abelson - reported attendance and highlighted experiences from the Cal Cities annual conference.

Mayor Fadelli - reported attendance at the grand opening for the NUG cannabis business, and grand opening for *Our Town* at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre; announced Mayor Certificate of Recognition for El Cerrito Centenarian Tadashi Yoshii.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto - reported attendance and highlighted experiences from the Cal Cities annual conference, announced appointment to the Board of Cal Cities, Committee for Equity, Inclusion and Diversity, and Committee for Governance.

4. **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

Oral Public Comments:

Indy Rishi Singh - wished the council a productive meeting.

5. **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 Motoyama/Councilmember Abelson

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

A. Children's Environmental Health Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring October 2021 as Children's Environmental Health Month in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved proclamation

B. National Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation in support and recognition of October 2021 as National Arts and Humanities Month in El Cerrito.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved proclamation

C. Economic Development Committee Appointment

Action Proposed: Approve one Economic Development Committee recommendation to appoint a new member, Patrick Swen, effective October 5, 2021.

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

Action: Approved appointment

D. Authorize City Council and City Advisory Body Meetings to be Held Via Teleconference Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361)

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing City Council and City Advisory Body meetings to be held via teleconference for a period of 30 days, and making related findings pursuant to AB 361.

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

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-49

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. District Attorney's Office Overview

Action Proposed: Receive and file an overview of the Contra Costa County District Attorney's office including budget, departments, and programs.

Contact: Diana Becton, District Attorney, Contra Costa County

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to

comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding juvenile detention centers, reducing school to prison pipeline, mental health diversion work, current trends in felony and misdemeanor cases, El Cerrito cases and thefts at local grocery stores.

Action: Received and filed.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Revisions to FY 2021-22 Master Fee Schedule

Notice published on 9/25/21 and 10/1/21

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution approving the revision to the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Master Fee Schedule.

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 the amount of lost revenue.

Public Hearing: Mayor Fadelli opened the public hearing.
No public comments.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Mayor Pro Tem

Quinto **Action:** Closed the public hearing. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Councilmember Motoyama

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-50. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

B. Cost Hearing Regarding Fire Hazard Abatement of a Public Nuisance for Properties Identified and pursuant to El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 16.26

Notice published on 9/25/2021

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution confirming the cost of abatement of public nuisance conditions resulting from the presence of weeds, rubbish, litter or other flammable material on private properties designated in Exhibit A to the resolution as authorized by El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 16.26.

Contact: Michael Pigoni, Fire Chief/Fire Marshal, Fire Prevention Officer; David Yun, Fire Prevention Officer, Fire Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenter and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding repeat violations.

Public Hearing: Mayor Fadelli opened the public hearing. No public comments.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Abelson/Councilmember Motoyama **Action:** Closed the public hearing. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Councilmember Abelson **Action:** Approved Resolution 2021-51. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

8. POLICY MATTERS

A. Campaign Contribution Limits and Regulations for Local Elections

Action Proposed: 1) Discussion options regarding limits on campaign contributions made to candidates for local elective office as necessitated by Assembly Bill 571 (AB 571) and 2) Provide staff direction to proceed with one of three options related to local campaign contribution limits and regulations.

Contact: Holly M. Charley, City Clerk; Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding the history of committees, use of funds, and potential costs for administering a local program.

No public comments.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Rudnick **Action:** Passed a motion to take no action and allow the state regulations to remain in effect for El Cerrito elections. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

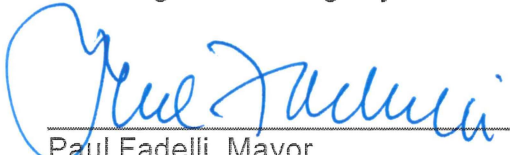
9. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS *Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments and committee reports.*

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto - reported on Hazardous Materials Commission meeting.

Mayor Fadelli - reported attendance at Rosie the Riveter Foundation fundraising event.

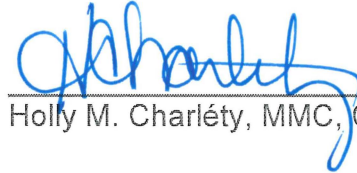
10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:31 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 October 5, 2021, as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk