

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 19, 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/85078161244?pwd=VFFkT0RvSmp4WFFTWXIMUXIZczRTdz09>

Meeting ID: 850 7816 1244 **Password:** 929196
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 7:00 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.

City manager Pinkos - provided an update on local health emergency, mask requirement modifications as of November 1, accessing vaccine records electronically; announced the resignation of Finance Director Mark Rasiah, Unity Day on October 20th (wear orange), Spirit Day on October 21st (wear purple), and International Shakeout Day on October 21st (earthquake drill).

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto - reported attendance at Trail Trekkers event.

Councilmember Rudnick - reported attendance at BART public meeting for parking at El Cerrito Plaza project.

Mayor Fadelli - reported attendance at Environmental Quality Committee cleanup event on the Ohlone Greenway, signed a letter in support of Seamless Bay area; announced Mayoral Certificate of Recognition for The Glenn Custom Framing Store's 50th anniversary, November 1 opening of the application process for annual term expirations for advisory bodies.

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, Tomi Nagai-Rothe, and William Ktsanes.

Oral Public Comments:

Greg Lyman - announced the upcoming Shadi Holiday display from December 12 - December 27.

Diana Cantu-Reyna - spoke regarding concerns on modifications to the mask mandates and meeting access.

Dan Schulman - commented on recent BART meeting regarding parking and asked for council action regarding an on-street parking program.

Indy Rishi Singh - commented on non-violence, approach to leadership and spirituality.

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. Approval of Minutes

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve City Council Meeting minutes from September 21, and October 5, 2021.

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

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Filipino American History Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation recognizing October 2021 as Filipino American History Month in El Cerrito.

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

Action: Approved proclamation.

C. FY 2021-22 First Quarter Cash and Investment Report

Action Proposed: Receive and file the City's Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ending September 30, 2021.

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

Action: Received and filed.

D. Construction Contract Award for 2021 Sidewalk Repair Project, City Project No. C3024.6

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications for the 2021 Sidewalk Repair Project, City Project No. C3024.6 (Project); rejecting bids submitted by FJ&I Engineering, Inc., SYL Construction, Inc., and US Engineering, Inc. as non-responsive and accepting the other eight (8) bids submitted for the Project; and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$123,377.00 with J J R Construction Inc. and to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 for the construction of 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 2021-52

E. Amendment of Professional Services Agreement with Peckham & McKenney

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution to authorize the City Manager to amend the professional services agreement with Peckham & McKenney, an executive search firm, to include recruitment for the position of Finance Director/City Treasurer.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management
Action: Approved Resolution 2021-53

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Park and Recreation Commission Work Plan

Action Proposed: Receive and file a presentation from the Park and Recreation Commission on their 2019-2021 accomplishments and Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Work Plan.

Contact: Ben Chuaqui, Chair, Park and Recreation Commission; Chris Jones, Recreation Director, Recreation Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding Arlington Park amenities, Canyon Trail Park improvements, status of fixing broken play structures, and partnership with the West Contra Costa School District, Hillside Natural Area plan, and budget and fees monitoring.

Oral Public Comments

Indy Rishi Singh - thanked the commission Chair for his work.

Action: Received and filed.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. POLICY MATTERS

A. Revisions to City Board, Commission, and Committee Regulations

Action Proposed: 1) Adopt a resolution modifying term limits for City Committees; 2) Adopt a resolution modifying the application and appointment process for all Boards, Commissions, and Committees; and 3) Adopt a resolution requiring ethics training and orientation/handbook training for all Board, Commission, and Committee members.

Contact: Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding timing for pre-meeting requirements, status of current applications, reason for background check requirement, applicability of removal process and notification to council.

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 Susan Duncan.

Oral Public Comments:

William Ktsanes - spoke regarding concern of the length of the Financial Advisory Board vacancy.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Councilmember Abelson
Action: Approved Resolution 2021-54 (committee terms); Resolution 2021-55 (Appointment process), modifying the first resolved clause to read "shall attend two of the last three meetings of the advisory body applied for within prior to submitting an application of interest to the City Clerk;" and Resolution 2021-56 (training requirements). **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.

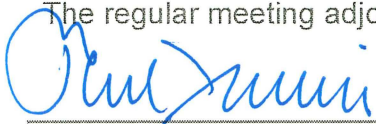
Mayor Pro Tem Quinto - reported attendance at Environmental Quality roundtable with Cal Cities, and Board retreat for MCE Clean Energy.

Councilmember Motoyama - reported attendance at East Bay Economic Development Alliance meeting.

Councilmember Rudnick - announced new website for RecycleMore.

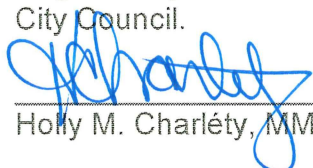
10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 08:33 PM in honor of General Colin Powell.



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 19, 2021 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk