

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 7, 2021 – 7:00 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 Ave El Cerrito, CA 94530

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85118160588?pwd=S2tzZlN3VkVOMVVtbDBCc2h4YlEzZz09>

Meeting ID: 851 1816 0588 Password: 830570
or Dial in: 1-408-638-0968

The City Council may continue to meet by teleconference, consistent with the Brown Act as amended by AB 361 (2021). Under the amended rules, the City will not provide a physical location for members of the public to participate in the teleconference meeting.

This meeting will be conducted as a "hybrid" meeting, which will provide options for both in-person and remote participation. For the December 7, 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.

Members of the public can watch or listen to City Council meetings as follows:

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 the local emergency and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated.

Chief Keith - provided an update regarding the investigation on the recent vandalism and hate crime at Korematsu Middle School.

Councilmember Rudnick - reported attendance at Cal Cities Joint Division meeting on Sea Level Rise with Mayor Pro Tem Quinto.

Mayor Fadelli - announced a letter was sent to California Earthquake Authority in support of their Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant application; reported attendance in meeting regarding potential Joint Power Authority for regional fire protections; announced the issuance of a Mayoral Certificate of Recognition honoring Grace MacNeill for her contributions to the EL Cerrito Library Community.

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 Kenneth Epley on behalf of Committee on Aging; Cordell Hindler, and the El Cerrito Progressives.

Oral Public Comments:

William Ktsanes - commented on the audio quality of the meeting.

Sherry Drobner - commented on the audio quality and available resources for the unhoused community.

Lynne Noone, Deputy County Librarian - extended sorrow to the family of Grace MacNeill and spoke on her contributions to the library.

Miguel Gravelle - appreciated the update on Korematsu Middle School and commented on the damaging psychological and physical effects of hate speech. Commented on the possibility of setting up a community fridge and a future meeting between the City and Sogorea Te' Land Trust.

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 Rudnick

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 minutes from the meetings of November 2 and 16, 2021.

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

Action: Approved Minutes.

B. Approve the 2022 Regular Meeting Schedule for City Council

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve the regular meeting schedule for 2022, which includes reducing to the third Tuesday only for the months of January, July, August and September; and modification to 6:00 p.m. for the meeting start time in the summer months.

Contact: Holly Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved meeting schedule.

C. Proclamation Upon Retirement of Detective Christopher Purdy

Action Proposed: Pass motion to approve a proclamation in recognition upon retirement of Detective Christopher Purdy of the El Cerrito Police Department.

Contact: Paul Keith, Chief of Police, Police Department

Action: Approved Proclamation.

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. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-62

E. 2nd Reading and Adoption of an ordinance of the City of El Cerrito Amending Chapter 8.12 of the City of El Cerrito Municipal Code "Collection and Disposal of Waste Stream" to Implement Mandatory Organic Waste Reduction Programs in compliance with Senate Bill 1383 1st Reading 11/16/2021

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2021-05 to amend Chapter 8.12 of the City of El Cerrito Municipal Code "Collection and Disposal of Waste Stream" to Implement Mandatory Organic Waste Reduction Programs in compliance with Senate Bill 1383

Contact: Will Provost, Operations + Environmental Services Division Manager, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Action: Adopted Ordinance 2021-05

F. Amendment of Consulting Services Agreement with BKF Engineers

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the Consulting Services Agreement with BKF Engineers (BKF) for an additional amount of \$99,500 for a total contract amount of \$299,500 in Fiscal Year 2021-22 to complete preliminary engineering and project development services for the El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Complete Streets Improvement Project.

Contact: Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-63

G. Amendment of Professional Services Agreement with Management Partners

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution to authorize the City Manager to amend the professional services agreement with Management Partners for Financial Consulting Services.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-64

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. POLICY MATTERS

A. City Council Reorganization

The City Council will elect a Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore to serve a term of one year.

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

Mayor Fadelli shared remarks on his year as Mayor and called for reorganization. Councilmember Motoyama nominated Councilmember Quinto for Mayor.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Councilmember Abelson

Action: Passed a motion to close nominations and elect Councilmember Quinto as Mayor for 2022. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Mayor Quinto shared remarks on his vision as Mayor for the upcoming year. Councilmember Rudnick nominated Councilmember Motoyama for Mayor Pro Tem.

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Fadelli/Councilmember Abelson

Action: Passed a motion to close nominations and elect Councilmember Motoyama as Mayor Pro Tem. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama shared remarks on her vision as Mayor Pro Tem.

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 was received from Cordell Hindler.

Oral Public Comments:

Supervisor John Gioia - shared well wishes and thanks to both outgoing Mayor Fadelli and incoming Mayor Quinto.

Rhovy Lyn Antonio - offered congratulations to the new Mayor Quinto and Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama.

San Pablo Mayor Rita Xavier - offered thanks to both outgoing Mayor Fadelli and incoming Mayor Quinto.

9. **CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS** *Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments and committee reports.*
None

10. **ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.
The regular meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM



Gabe Quinto, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 7, 2021 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk