

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EL CERRITO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Members:

Mayor Gabe Quinto

Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Motoyama · Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Paul Fadelli · Councilmember Tessa Rudnick

Join Via Zoom:

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- 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 **3:00 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 CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EL CERRITO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Quinto called the meeting to order at 07:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, 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 current health conditions, vaccinations and testing, City Hall holiday closure from 12/23/21-1/2/22

Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama - reported attendance at Contra Costa County event for Verde School and announced the availability of rapid tests from Contra Costa County.

Councilmember Rudnick - announced hours for the availability of rapid tests from Supervisor Gioia's office.

Councilmember Fadelli - reported attendance at memorial service for Maria Sanders and Chris Treadway.

Mayor Quinto - announced no reportable action from the Closed Session held at 6:00 pm; Mayoral Certificate of Recognition issued to the Natural Grocery Company on their 40th anniversary serving El Cerrito; 4th quarter recognition of El Cerrito centenarians Florence Bryndza, Clara-Rae Genser, Walter De Mamiel, Eva Hapanowich, Lai Tsen, Theresa Parella, and Timothy Ho.

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 Derene, Marti, and Lisa on behalf of the 350 Contra Costa, Climate Policy Team, and Cordell Hindler.

Oral Public Comments:

Linda Cain - spoke in support of the letter from Council regarding support of the adult programs in Contra Costa.

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 Rudnick/Councilmember Fadelli **Action:** Motion to Approve Items A-B, D-H, and J, on the consent calendar as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

A. Letter of Support for the WCCUSD Older Adult Program

Action Proposed: At the request of Councilmember Abelson and the recommendation of the Committee on Aging, pass a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of support to the WCCUSD Board of Trustees regarding the Older Adult Program.

Contact: Holly Charlety, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved letter.

B. Resolution in support of Bay Adapt: Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay

Action Proposed: At the request of Mayor Quinto, adopt a resolution in support of Bay Adapt: Regional Strategy for a Rising Bay

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

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-65

C. Resolution Urging the California Public Utilities Commission to Adopt a Net Energy Metering Decision Which Supports Continuing Growth of Customer Sited Solar Energy Installations

Action Proposed: At the request of Mayor Quinto and as recommended by the Environmental Quality Committee, adopt a resolution urging the California Public Utilities Commission to adopt a Net Energy Metering decision which supports continuing growth of customer sited solar energy installations.

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

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Councilmember Fadelli

Action: Pulled from consent by Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Approved Resolution 2021-66 amending the following clause to read: NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of El Cerrito that it does not support the CPUC NEM 3.0 decision as drafted and instead supports a decision which emphasizes the sustainable growth of customer sited solar electric and energy storage facilities in order to meet California's clean energy targets, particularly residential customers in

disadvantaged communities. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

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 2021-67

E. Transportation Impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Action Proposed: Receive and file the Transportation Impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020-21, ending June 30, 2021.

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

Action: Received and filed.

F. Consulting Services Agreement with CSW-ST2 for Detailed Design of the El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development Complete Streets Improvement Project C4014

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a consulting services agreement with CSW-Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group (CSW-ST2) to provide detailed design services for the El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Complete Streets Improvement Project No. C4014, in the amount of \$790,219 and to approve amendments up to a cumulative amount of \$80,000 for design of the project.

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

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-68

G. Consulting Services Agreement with Ascent Environmental, Inc. for Temporary Staffing

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the Consulting Services Agreement between the City of El Cerrito and Ascent Environmental, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, bringing the total contract to an amount not to exceed \$105,000, and extending the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2022.

Contact: Sean Moss, Planning Manager; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-69

H. Agreement with St. Francis Electric for Electrical Traffic Control Devices and Lighting Maintenance and Repair Services

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with St. Francis Electric to provide Electrical Traffic Control Devices and Lighting Maintenance and Repair Services, effective January 1, 2022, for a period of three years, with an option to annually extend three years thereafter, for a cost not to exceed \$80,000 in the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021-22 and \$95,000 per fiscal year thereafter, contingent upon funding being appropriated by the City Council in future City budgets; and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget to appropriate \$32,500 from the SB 1 – Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account Fund Balance for needed services this year.

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

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-70

I. Urgent Repairs of Public Safety Building Roof and City Hall Server Room Air Conditioning System

4/5 Vote Required to Pass

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution adopting findings and authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute an agreement for emergency work to repair the Public Safety Building roof, and amending the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Adopted Budget to appropriate \$203,000 from the General Fund Balance to complete this work and the urgent repair of the air conditioning system for City Hall server room.

Contact: Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department; Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Fadelli/Councilmember Abelson **Action:** Pulled from consent by Councilmember Fadelli, Approved Resolution 2021-71. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

J. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY ITEM: Approve Draft Annual Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule 21-23 (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

Action Proposed: Adopt a Successor Agency resolution reviewing and authorizing submittal of the draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule 22-23.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved SA Resolution 2021-02

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Committee on Aging Work Plan

Action Proposed: Receive and file a presentation from the Committee on Aging on their Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Work Plan.

Contact: Kenneth Epley, Chair, Committee on Aging; Bridget Cooney, Senior Services Recreation Supervisor/Staff Liaison, Recreation Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding elder technology program, benches at bus stops, and bus stop maintenance responsibilities.

Action: Received and filed.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Proposed East Bay Sanitary Garbage & Organic Waste Collection and Post-Collection Rates and Integrated Waste Management Fees - Effective January 1, 2022

Action Proposed: 1) Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution establishing maximum allowable East Bay Sanitary (EBS) garbage and organic waste collection and post-collection rates, effective January 1, 2022; and 2) Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution fixing and setting Integrated Waste Management (IWM) Fees, effective January 1, 2022.

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

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding the status of evaluation for privatizing services, pickup schedule, annual franchise adjustment, process timeline, implementation of SB1383, revised sorting guide in utility bills, new regulations, expected staffing needs, proper sorting mechanisms, and resources.

Public Hearing: Mayor Quinto opened the EBS public hearing. No public comments.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Councilmember Abelson

Action: Passed a motion to close the public hearing. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-72 (EBS Rates). **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Public Hearing: Mayor Quinto opened the IWM public hearing.

Public Comments:

Indy Rishi Singh - commented on self-care and public engagement.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama

Action: Passed a motion to close the public hearing. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Fadelli/Councilmember Rudnick

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-73(IWM Rates). **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

8. POLICY MATTERS

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

Councilmember Fadelli - reported on West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) work on the Bay Trail.

A. 2022 Local Liaison Assignments

The Mayor will announce the 2022 City Council Liaison Assignments to City Boards, Commissions, and Committees and to Regional Bodies.

Mayor Quinto - Announced 2022 council liaison assignments and thanked councilmembers for their participation.

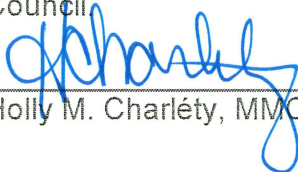
10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:02 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 21, 2021 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk