

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2022 – 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:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85649989714?pwd=Z3ZFd1ZFaVc3eCtNcit2STh1R2RIUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 4998 9714 Password: 939831

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.

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 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 public health conditions, including closure of city hall to the public through January 31, 2022; access to free rapid tests at covidtests.gov; recapped Martin Luther King Jr. day parade event; and shared the passing of Police Officer Jerrick Bernstine.

Police Chief Keith - shared accomplishments and service to El Cerrito by Police Officer Jerrick Bernstine, who was lost in a car accident on January 9, 2022; details on memorial services; and the setup of a scholarship fund in Officer Bernstine's name.

Members of the City Council each expressed condolences to Officer Bernstine's family, city staff, and the 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 Cordell Hindler; Gary Prost; and Sue Duncan.

Oral Public Comments:

Sue Duncan - shared details on recent fire events, encouraged an increase to fire vegetation management regulations, and requirements for property owners.

Jeff Levin - East Bay Housing Organizations spoke in support of work on the housing element, recent changes in legislation, and housing resources.

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

A. Approval of Minutes

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings of December 7 and 21, 2021.

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

Action: Approved minutes, with a modification to the December 21, 2021 regular meeting, correcting the reference under Council Communications from "Faraday" to "Verde."

B. 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 No. 2022-1

C. Professional Services Agreement to Complete an Inventory and Analysis of Soft Story Residential Buildings and Develop Program Recommendations

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement between the City of El Cerrito and David Bonowitz, S.E. to complete an Inventory and Analysis of Soft Story Residential Buildings for an amount of \$50,000 and approving a contingency amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount, for a total not to exceed amount of \$55,000.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing Analyst; Keith Marks, Chief Building Official; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-2

D. Consultant Services Award for the El Cerrito 6th Cycle Housing Element Update

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement between the City of El Cerrito and Ascent Environmental, Inc. to prepare the 6th Cycle (2023- 2031) Housing Element Update in an amount of \$150,000 and approving a contingency amount not to exceed 10% of the contract amount, for a total not to exceed amount of \$165,000.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing Analyst; Sean Moss, Planning Manager; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-3

E. Continuation of Emergency Work for Public Safety Building Roof Repair
4/5 Vote Required to Pass

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the continuation of emergency work to repair the Public Safety Building roof.

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-4

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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 - announced West County Mayors meeting transitioning to Pinole as host for the next six months; reported appointment to serve on Cal Cities Transportation, Communications, and Public Works Policy Committee.

Councilmember Rudnick - reminded that organics are now mandated to be composted under AB 1383; reported appointment to serve on Cal Cities Public Safety Policy Committee along with City Manager Pinkos.

Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama - reported appointment to serve on Cal Cities Housing, Community, and Economic Development Policy Committee along with City Clerk Charl  ty.

Mayor Quinto - reported attendance at the Governance Task force meeting for Cal Cities; announced upcoming Cal Cities Board meeting in Walnut Creek, and presentation of proclamation to general manager and founder of The Natural Grocery Company.

10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN MEMORY OF OFFICER JERRICK BERNSTINE

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM in memory of Officer Jerrick Bernstine.



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 January 18, 2022 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charl  ty, MMC, City Clerk