

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 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/81263568113?pwd=MjcycHpRdHR1RWZJOGEyNFpVcVQ5QT09>

Meeting ID: 812 6356 8113 Password: 192170
or Dial in: 1-408-638-0968

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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 update on public health conditions, including the extension of city facility closures through February 13, 2022; announced Council Goals and priorities workshop on Saturday, February 5, 2022; announced upcoming retirement of Fire Chief.

Police Chief Paul Keith - announced investigation of Mr. Daniel Leo Vigil's death and asked anyone with information to contact the police department.

Housing Analyst Aissia Ashoori- reported the City's award of 27 million dollars from the Transit-Oriented Development Program to the Mayfair project, which will go towards affordable housing, transit passes, and Del Norte Complete streets, and other transportation improvements.

Councilmember Fadelli - reported attendance at the Contra Costa County Elections Community Engagement Group.

Councilmember Abelson - upcoming participation in a presentation with the East Bay League of Women Voters on February 18, 2022.

Mayor Quinto - reported attendance at Cal Cities Crime Roundtable.

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 and David Weinstein, President of El Cerrito Historical Society.

Oral Public Comments:

David Weinstein – provided a report on the accomplishments of El Cerrito Historical Society in 2021 and goals for 2022.

Sherry Drobner – announced a volunteer opportunity to assist the County in counting the number of unhoused populations.

Indy Rishi Singh – expressed his condolences on the death of Mr. Vigil and urged for more action to assist the homeless.

Linda Cain – spoke of the funding on senior programs and urged the Council to support extension of the funding.

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: Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama/Councilmember Rudnick

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

A. Black History Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring February as Black History Month in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Shannon Bassi, Senior Human Resources Analyst, Human Resources

Action: Approved proclamation

B. Lunar New Year Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation recognizing the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Shannon Bassi, Senior Human Resources Analyst, Human Resources

Action: Approved proclamation

C. Prohousing Designation Program Application

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing application to and participation in the Prohousing Designation Program

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-5

D. FY 2021-22 Second Quarter Cash and Investment Report

Action Proposed: Receive and file the City's Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ending December 31, 2021.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Action: Received and filed

E. Amendment to the City's Classification Plan

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution amending the City's Classification Plan to authorize 1) Reclassification of Administrative Clerk Specialist to Management Assistant in the Public Works Department; 2) Reclassification of Administrative Clerk Specialist to Management Assistant in City Management; and 3) Reclassification of Management Analyst III to Senior Program Manager in Community Development Department.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-6

F. 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 Fire Chief.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-7

G. 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. 2022-8

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Recreation Department Update

Action Proposed: Receive and file an operational and fiscal update from the Recreation Department.

Contact: Chris Jones, Recreation Director, Recreation Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding the cost neutrality of the 4th of July event, potential restrictions, clubhouse currently opened, condition of physical assets, status of the midtown activity center, swim center reservation system, and hiring challenges.

Action: Received and filed

A. Community Development Department Update

Action Proposed: Receive and file an operational and fiscal update from the Community Development Department.

Contact: Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding grant funding opportunities, funding for general plan updates and required updates, upcoming workshops for tenants and landlord resources, cannabis revenue, BART plaza project timeline, SB9 regarding permitting duplexes and subdivisions on single family lots and the local review process and attracting new businesses.

Action: Received and filed

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. POLICY MATTERS

A. FY 2021-22 General Fund Budget Quarterly Update through December 2021

Action Proposed: Receive and file an update on City General Fund revenues and expenses for FY 2021-22 through December 2021.

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 determining priorities, cannabis funds, status of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR), and update on upcoming state auditor status report submission.

Action: Received and filed

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

Councilmember Fadelli - reported attendance at West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) meeting and appointment as Vice-Chair.

Mayor Quinto - reported attendance at Marin Clean Energy (MCE) Executive Committee meeting, Cal Cities Governance Task meeting, West County Mayors' meeting, Hazardous Materials Commission meeting; announced upcoming Cal Cities Board of Directors meeting.

10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:11 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 February 1, 2022 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk