

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 15, 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/86227087076?pwd=Snpsb3F1emFDN1QrT2pyN2phbnJxZz09>

Meeting ID: 862 2708 7076 Password: 516293

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 7:00 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 orders, mask mandates, city offices public hours, working towards in-person public meetings; introduced the new Finance Director Sandra Dalida.

Councilmember Rudnick - Reported attendance at Cal Cities Public Policy Committee, announced appointment as Vice-Chair of RecycleMore.

Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama - Reported attendance at East Bay Economic Development Alliance meeting, Cal Cities Housing, Community, and Economic Development Policy Committee.

Councilmember Fadelli - Reported attendance at Cal Cities Transportation, Communications and Public Works Policy Committee.

Mayor Quinto - announced appointments recently made on advisory bodies posted on the city's website; reported attendance at Cal Cities Environmental Quality Policy Committee.

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 Sue Duncan; and consent item #5C from Michael Fischer and Al Miller.

Oral Public Comments:

Michael Fischer - commented in support of approval for item 5C and the adverse effect of the proposed initiative on ability to fund a new library.

Sue Duncan - spoke regarding wildfire preparedness day proclamation and the need for an ongoing public campaign on fire preparedness.

Linda Cain - welcomed new Finance Director, Sandra Dalida.

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

A. 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. 2022-9

B. 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. 2022-10

C. Adopt a Resolution in Opposition to Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (Initiative No. 21-0042A1)

Action Proposed: At the request of Mayor Quinto, pass a Resolution in Opposition to the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act (Initiative No. 21-0042A1) regarding new and stricter rules for raising taxes and fees.

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-11

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Works Department Update

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

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 funding for curb ramps, increasing bus stops with new development, accessibility staff committee, process for requesting sidewalk repairs, sidewalk shaving project, upgrade and charging for use of Electric Vehicle Charging station at City Hall, enhancing process for maintenance requests, long term impacts of staffing requests, Measure H funding priorities, potential grant funds for new traffic signals, update on EBMUD Richmond Street project, and removal of newspaper racks.

Action: Received and filed.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. POLICY MATTERS

A. Adoption of Code of Conduct for Board, Commission, and Committee Members

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution to approve revisions to the Code of Conduct for City Board, Commission, and Committee members.

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

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 John Stashik and Allison Cooper.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Fadelli/Councilmember Rudnick

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-12 **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, 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.

Councilmember Fadelli - provided an update on meetings discussing potentially creating a Joint Powers Authority for East Bay Hills Wildfire Prevention.

10. **ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:17 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 15, 2022 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



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