

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL – CLOSED SESSION

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

Hillside Conference Room

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

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Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Greg Lyman – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson

Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Mark Friedman

Councilmember Gabriel Quinto

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Quinto and Mayor Lyman.

Absent: Councilmember Friedman

6:30 p.m.

CONVENE CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lyman convened the City Council Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (*Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8*)

Property: Former Portola Middle School site, 1021 Navellier Street, El Cerrito, California

Agency Negotiators: Scott Hanin, City Manager

Under Negotiation: Price and terms of payment

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC –None

RECESSED INTO CLOSED SESSION at 6:31 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lyman announced that the City Council provided direction to staff.

ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION at 6:58 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Friedman, Quinto and Mayor Lyman all present.

7:00 p.m.

CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Lyman convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:02 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE was led by Councilmember Gabriel Quinto.

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Lyman thanked the Police Department for their attendance on Good Friday at St. Peters CME Church and also acknowledged the great work by the Recreation Department on the annual El Cerrito egg hunt and also thanked the Fire Department for their attendance. It was a very successful and well attended community event.

Mayor Pro Tem Abelson noted that April 16 is Earth Day in El Cerrito and encouraged all who are interested in participating in the event to sign up on the City's website. There are many interesting work parties planned. The most popular event, in terms of participants, is the library clean-up. A free lunch will be available for all participants.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Joel Kuechle, El Cerrito, expressed concerns about rising rents and encouraged the City Council to support some type of fair rent control. The El Cerrito wage hike was a starting point to address rent rises but the amount of each rent rise often outstrips any wage gains.

Donna Marsicano, El Cerrito, also expressed concerns about rising rents in El Cerrito and asked the City Council to consider rent control for El Cerrito.

Nicholas Arzio, El Cerrito, commended Mayor Pro Tem Abelson for her work on the annual Earth Day celebration. Mr. Arzio stated that he would be pleased to participate in a clean-up event on San Pablo Avenue or Eastshore Avenue and that he would be happy to lead a group if called upon. Mr. Arzio called on the community to help clean up the avenues and help keep cigarette butts out of the San Francisco Bay.

4. PRESENTATIONS – None**5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5A through 5D**

Moved, seconded (Friedman/Bridges) and carried unanimously to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5D in one motion as indicated below.

A. Approval of Minutes

Approve the March 15, 2016 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Earth Day Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring April 16, 2016 as Earth Day in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all residents and businesses to help make El Cerrito a greener, healthier, more sustainable place for all.

Action: Approved proclamation.

C. Amend Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG) Agreement

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the existing professional services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$21,805 with Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG) to provide environmental planning services for a proposed development project located at 11615 and 11645 San Pablo Avenue.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2016–21.

D. Authorize Annual Report for Landscape and Lighting Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2016-17

Adopt a resolution directing NBS Local Government Solutions (NBS) to prepare and file the annual Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1 report for Fiscal Year 2016-17.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2016-22.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Active Transportation Plan

Continue the public hearing from October 6, 2015 and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution approving the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and adopting the City of El Cerrito Active Transportation Plan.

Presenter: Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer.

Mayor Lyman opened the public hearing. One speaker

Nicholas Arzio, El Cerrito, expressed concerns about the sharrows proposed for San Pablo Avenue due to the high automobile traffic, emissions and gridlock along the Avenue and suggested the bicycle paths on Carlson, the Ohlone Greenway and possibly along Kearny Street as safer and healthier alternative paths for bicyclists.

Moved, seconded (Abelson/Friedman) and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

Action: Moved, seconded (Abelson/Bridges) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2016-23 including the revised figure.

7. POLICY MATTERS

Annual Parcel Assessment for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program and Drainage Maintenance

Adopt a resolution establishing the annual parcel assessment for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program and Drainage Maintenance at the current rate of \$38.00 per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU), and authorizing the Contra Costa County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to adopt Stormwater Utility Area levies based on said amount.

Presenter: Stephen Pre , Environmental Program Manager.

Speakers: Tom Panas, El Cerrito, stated that adaptive reuse of existing structures is always environmentally superior to demolishing and rebuilding or constructing a new building.

Nicholas Arzio, El Cerrito, echoed Mr. Panas' comments regarding adaptive reuse and also encouraged the City Council to create a no parking time zone for street-sweeping along San Pablo Avenue, particularly along the theater block.

Action: Moved, seconded (Friedman/Quinto) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2016-24.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments and committee reports.

Mayor Lyman reported that the Marin Clean Energy (MCE) Board met on March 17 and received an update on Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E) Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) rate hearings. PCIA is the exit fee used by PG&E to

recover costs associated with energy it purchases that it does not have clients to sell to when people leave PG&E's system. MCE staff reported that the hearing went fairly well with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) understanding all of the issues. Several hearings will be coming in the future. The MCE Board passed the budget for Fiscal Year April 1, 2016 – March 30, 2017. MCE is also developing its mission and goals as it undergoes the strategic planning process. On March 24 the West County Mayors met in El Cerrito and received a presentation about fiber optic networking from the West Contra Costa Unified School District and City of Richmond. There is a fiber optic outlet in the street outside City Hall that the City may be able to use someday after the port is installed. Mayor Lyman said that a technique has been developed for hanging fiber optics from telephone poles. Recently, Mayor Lyman also represented the City at a Rotary event. The Rotary group is very interested in the City's Economic Development Action Plan that was approved on March 15 as well as other city plans that are going on along San Pablo Avenue. The West County Integrated Waste Management Authority (WCIWMA) Subcommittee met and gave direction to the Executive Director on goals that will be taken up with the WCIWMA Board. Mayor Lyman stated that he and Mayor Pro Tem Abelson, as the Council Subcommittee on the Centennial Planning Celebration, continue to interview candidates for the Centennial Planning Task Force.

9. CONVENE CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Lyman convened the City Council Closed Session at 8:08 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (*Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957*)

Title: City Manager

RECESSED INTO CLOSED SESSION at 8:11 p.m.

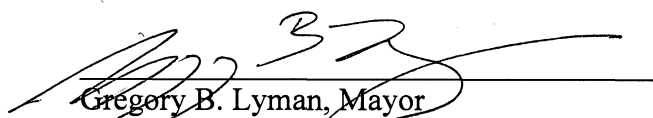
RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION at 9:34 p.m.

Mayor Lyman announced the City Council appointed Mayor Lyman and Councilmember Quinto as their committee to meet with the City Manager about compensation.

10. ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 9:35 p.m.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting and the Special City Council - Closed Sessions of April 5, 2016 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.


Cheryl Morse, City Clerk


Gregory B. Lyman, Mayor