

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 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/87044408294?pwd=ajY2VGIVRXU2cnRWaTJOKzFVdEZ3UT09>

Meeting ID: 870 4440 8294 Password: 073857
or Dial in: 1-408-638-0968

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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 public health conditions, current mask regulations, local emergency and preparing for returning to in-person meetings; announced tentative limited duration sublease of the San Pablo modular building Kensington Police and Protections.

Councilmember Fadelli - reported on attendance at the Urban Forest Committee, recent earthquake in Hillside Natural Area and need to focus on emergency drills.

A. **City Council Financial Ad-Hoc Committee Update**

Councilmember Rudnick - provided update on subcommittee and recommended the subcommittee continued to meet and provide feedback until the City is off the State Auditor's high risk list.

Councilmember Motoyama – added that the subcommittee would be submitting the City's Fiscal Sustainability Plan to the State Auditor as a part of the semi-annual process update.

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 Dave Weinstein and Cordell Hindler; and presentation item #6C from Sherry Drobner, Michael Freeman, Tomi Nagai-Rothe, Helen Dickey, Fred Bialy, and William Ktsanes.

Oral Public Comments:

Dave Weinstein, President of El Cerrito Trail Trekker – provided an update of the Trail Trekkers and its natural preservation efforts.

Tomi Nagai-Rothe – spoke regarding the city's unhoused residents, city response and procedures, and urged for more creative solutions.

Carolyn Wysinger – spoke of her newly appointed role by the County Supervisor as the alternate district representative to the Library Commission.

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 Abelson/Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama **Action:** Approved A, B, & D on 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. 2022-15

B. Annual Progress Report for General Plan & Housing Element

Action Proposed: Receive and file the attached 2021 Annual Progress Report on the General Plan and Housing Element.

Contact: Diego Romero, Assistant Planner; Sean Moss, Planning Manager, Community Development Department

Action: Received and filed.

C. Annual Parcel Assessment for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program and Drainage Maintenance Activities for Fiscal Year 2022-23

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution establishing the annual parcel assessment for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program and Drainage Maintenance activities at the current rate of \$38.00 per Equivalent Runoff Unit (ERU) and authorizing the Contra Costa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District to adopt Stormwater Utility Area (SUA) levies based on said amount for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23.

Contact: Will Provost, Operations + Environmental Services Division Manager, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding funding needs, and stormwater program needs.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Fadelli/Councilmember Rudnick

Action: Pulled from consent by Councilmember Fadelli, approved Resolution No. 2022-16 **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

D. El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development Complete Streets Improvement Project - Cooperative Agreement No. 04-2847

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving Cooperative Agreement No. 04-2847 (Agreement) between the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of El Cerrito (City) for the Plans, Specifications and Estimate and Right-of-Way components of the El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Complete Streets Improvement Project and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Agreement.

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-17

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation for Officer of the Year

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation commending and congratulating Michael Olivieri as the 2021 Officer of the Year.

Contact: Paul Keith, Chief of Police, Police Department

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama/Councilmember Abelson

Action: Approved proclamation **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

B. Proclamation for Professional Staff of the Year

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation commending and congratulating Property and Evidence Specialist Kent Ringgenberg as the 2021 Professional Staff of the Year.

Contact: Paul Keith, Chief of Police, Police Department

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Abelson/Councilmember Rudnick

Action: Approved proclamation. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

C. Contra Costa County CORE Program Overview

Action Proposed: Receive and file a presentation and overview of the Contra Costa County Coordinated Outreach Referral, Engagement (C.O.R.E.) program and services provided in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Jenny Robbins, Chief of Programs, Contra Costa County Health and Homeless Services

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding unmet needs, need of unhoused in El Cerrito and how to better serve

them, case management and capacity, services provided with direct city funding, potential funding from Measure X, relationship to 988 program, dispatch process, amount of repeated responses to individuals, average age of individuals provided service, resistance to accepting services, permanent housing options and timing, sufficiency of beds available in west county, and collaboration with other non-profits.

Action: Received and filed

D. Arts and Culture Commission Work Plan

Action Proposed: Receive and file a presentation from the Arts and Culture Commission on their 2021 accomplishments and 2022 Work Plan.

Contact: Alison Cooper, Chair; Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager/Staff Liaison, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding the amount of available funds, phases of utility box program, poet laureates at July 4th celebration, and city art banners.

Action: Received and filed.

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.*

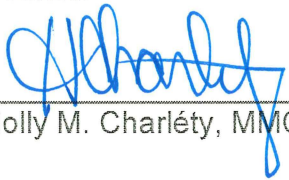
10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:12 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 March 15, 2022 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk