

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022 – 9:00 a.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/89324100569?pwd=Q041SStpYkhqVlVWVWhGU005T0I3QT09>

Meeting ID: 893 2410 0569 **Password:** 423580
or Dial in: 1-408-638-0968

Pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20, teleconference restrictions of the Brown Act have been suspended, as well as the requirement to provide a physical location for members of the public to participate in the 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 and are **limited to items on the special meeting agenda only**:

- 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 – agenda item #.**

To ensure City Council receives your written comments prior to taking action, they must be received by **3:00 p.m. Friday, February 4, 2022**. 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.**

9:00 A.M. ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Quinto called the meeting to order at 9:06 p.m.

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. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

All persons wishing to speak should sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person and to items on the special meeting agenda only.

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 agenda item 3 were received from Sue and Paul Duncan, Gary Prost, Jim Dolgonas, Nick Zamorano, Michael Fischer, and Al Miller.

Oral Public Comments:

Cordell Hindler – commented on need for additional positions and desire to meet in person.

Howdy Goudey – spoke regarding increasing the level of priority for the city's standing environmental strategic goal, prioritize climate action, emergency response, and increasing public engagement.

Buddy Akacic – commented on returning to in person meetings and social, emotional impacts of remote participation.

Sherry Drobner – commented on need to focus on equity and diversity, affordable housing, tenant protections, disaster preparedness, and public engagement

3. **STUDY SESSION - CITY COUNCIL PRIORITIES AND GOAL SETTING**

Action Proposed: Conduct a study session and provide staff direction on City Council's goals and priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23.

- Review updated 10-year Forecast including FY 2020-21 year-end actuals
- Review and update on City staffing
- Discuss City Council Priorities for 2022
 - Review previous City Council direction
 - Review required tasks and projects for FY 2022-23 staffworkplan
 - Short-term and long-term priorities and strategic goals

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 environmental justice safety element, staffing coordination, non-budgeted items and grants, clarification of items funded and not yet funded, timing and effect on workplan items to the 10 year forecast, expected fiscal impact including staff time, expansive list of items to review, caution in adding new goals, ensuring a continuing stable budget, emergency services, separation of short term and long term priorities, 1 versus 2 year budget cycle, unfunded liability, Tax Revenue

Anticipation Note (TRAN), and current status of bond rating, timing of budget and next steps, review of council salaries.

Action: General direction provided included no priorities presented being removed; City Manager to look into additional grants, emergency services coordinator/public information officer position, financial sub-committee to work on 10-year forecast, and to work with the Financial Advisory Board (FAB) to review in greater depth. No formal action taken.

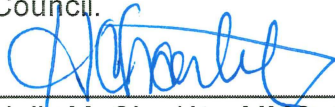
4. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The special meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.



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 5, 2022 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk