

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 3, 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/87402837373?pwd=Z0lmNGNNNTFSam5QMnhZOFZLN2VZZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 0283 7373 Password: 487345

or Dial in: 1-408-638-0968

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1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Livestream Online at www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials
3. 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 **3:00 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 7:01p.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. 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, return to in-person with zoom option for Council meetings on June 7th, reviewed upcoming budget meetings including a special joint meeting with Financial Advisory Board on 5/24/2022 at 6:00 PM.

Councilmember Rudnick - reported attendance at Cal Cities Public Safety Policy Committee, announced upcoming Trail Trekkers Hillside Festival, spoke at holocaust memorial events put on by the Jewish Community Center of East Bay and City of Berkeley, and Jewish Family Children's Services.

Mayor Quinto - reported trip to Washington DC as member and representative of Marin Clean Energy (MCE); announced the passing of David McCord, El Cerrito Resident and Sierra Club member; and reported attendance at Cal Cities Environmental 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 Al Miller; consent item #5I from Laureteen Brazil, SEIU 1021; and presentation item #6A from Sue and Paul Duncan.

Oral Public Comments:

Buddy Akacic – spoke regarding plans for a senior center and announced event at Albany Senior Seminar.

Jeff Levine - on behalf of East Bay Housing Organization (EBHO) spoke in support of Affordable Housing week proclamation and acknowledged work by the city in support of affordable housing.

Linda Cain - commented on seniors, May as Older American's month, and support of social and educational opportunities for seniors.

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 Fadelli/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. Bike to Wherever Day Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation recognizing May 20, 2022 as Bike to Wherever Day in El Cerrito

Contact: Jennifer Bright, Management Assistant; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department
Action: Approved proclamation

B. National Public Works Week Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion approving a proclamation designating May 15 through 21, 2022 as National Public Works Week in El Cerrito and encouraging all residents, businesses, and community organizations to recognize the substantial contributions Public Works personnel make to protect our health, safety, and quality of life.

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

C. Asian Pacific American Heritage Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring the Month of May 2022 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management
Action: Approved proclamation

D. Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring the Month of May 2022 as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management
Action: Approved proclamation

E. Affordable Housing Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a Proclamation Declaring May as the 26th Annual East Bay Affordable Housing Month.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing Program Manager, Community Development Department
Action: Approved proclamation

F. Building Safety Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Adopt a Proclamation recognizing May as Building Safety Month in El Cerrito.

Contact: Jennifer Bright, Management Assistant; Keith Marks, Building Official; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

Action: Approved proclamation

G. Environmental Quality Committee Appointment Recommendation

Action Proposed: Approve an Environmental Quality Committee recommendation to appoint Evelyn Mitchell to the Environmental Quality Committee, effective May 10, 2022.

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

Action: Approved appointment

H. FY 2021-22 Third Quarter Cash and Investment Report

Action Proposed: Receive and file the City's Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ending March 31, 2022.

Contact: Sandra Dalida, Finance Director/City Treasurer

Action: Received and filed

I. Juneteenth National Independence Day as City Holiday

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution establishing Juneteenth National Independence Day as a paid City Holiday for the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-28

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation Honoring Fire Chief Michael Pighi in Retirement

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation honoring Chief Michael Pighi for his many years of service to the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Oral Public Comments:

Sue Duncan - expressed thanks to the Chief for his service.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama
Action: Approved Proclamation **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing regarding Fiscal Year 2022-23 Storm Drain Annual Report and method of collecting storm drain fees

Notice Published 4/23/22 & 4/29/22. 2/3 vote required to pass.

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Storm Drain Annual Report and directing that Storm Drain Fees be collected on the property tax rolls.

Contact: Sandra Dalida, Finance Director/Treasurer, Finance Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Public Hearing: Mayor Quinto opened the public hearing.

No public comments

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Abelson/Councilmember Fadelli

Action: Closed the public hearing **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama/Councilmember Abelson

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-29 **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

B. Public Hearing to Confirm the Diagram and to Levy the Assessment for Fiscal Year 2022-23 for Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1

Notice Published 4/23/22

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion adopt a resolution setting the annual Landscape and Lighting Assessment for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 as \$72 per single-family residential parcel, and as noted in the Engineer's Report for other classes of properties.

Contact: Sandra Dalida, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department; 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 reason the assessment has not been increased since its inception, city funds that supplement expenses, and the amount of general funds needed.

Public Hearing: Mayor Quinto opened the public hearing.

No public comments

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Abelson/Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama
Action: Closed Public Hearing **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Abelson/Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama
Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-30 **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

8. POLICY MATTERS

A. Adoption of the 2022 City of El Cerrito Emergency Operations Plan

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution to approve the 2022 City of El Cerrito Emergency Operations Plan, which is the foundation for disaster response and recovery operations and may be used as a reference and guidance document that outlines how the City complies with and implements the requirements of the California Emergency Services Act to protect the lives and property of the community.

Contact: Michael Pigoni, Fire Chief (Retired), Fire Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding responsibilities regarding aide to Kensington, need for emergency services coordinator, current status of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program, community engagement, potential public safety committee, department level standard procedures, expansion on next steps, additional cost analysis for training, coordination between Contra Costa and Alameda counties and school districts, role of public information officer, assignment of roles, community based training, and methods of delivering training.

Public Comments: 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 Donald Simon and Howdy Goudey.

Oral Public Comments:

Howdy Goudey - spoke regarding the work of Kensington Amateur Radio Operators and El Cerrito Ham Operators (KARO-ECHO) and the request to correct the reference in the policy to the group.

Don Simon - commented on the importance of the CERT program and need for specific policies.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Councilmember Fadelli **Action:**

Passed a motion to direct staff to return with a future agenda item to explore creating a committee for public safety or consider revising the role of the Crime Prevention Committee. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Abelson/Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama
Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-31 **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

B. FY 2021-22 General Fund Budget Quarterly Update through March 2022

Action Proposed: Receive and file an update on City General Fund revenues and expenses for FY 2021-22 through March 2022.

Contact: Sandra Dalida, Finance Director/Treasurer, Finance Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding frequency of reporting, confidence in cashflow, trending reports, reserve levels, inclusion of a line item on Real Property Transfer Tax (RPTT) data, and timeline for receipt of remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

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.*

Mayor Quinto - reported attendance at Crime Prevention Committee meeting

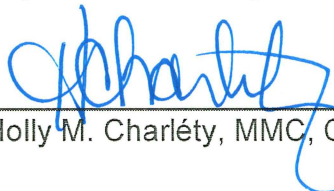
10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 10:08 PM in memory of El Cerrito David McCourd.



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 May 3, 2022 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk