

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Mark Friedman – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Lyman
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Gabriel Quinto

ROLL CALL

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

7:00 p.m.

CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Friedman convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:01 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

Councilmember Abelson noted that she had been to a number of meetings recently and received a variety of informative materials regarding East Bay economic development, innovation awards, Del Norte BART station improvements and a sustainable development success story in El Cerrito. The materials will be displayed at City Hall for reference and review.

Councilmember Quinto reported that he and Councilmember Abelson attended a presentation by East Bay Municipal Utility (EBMUD) Director Katz about the drought and water conservation. Compared to other areas in the EBMUD district, El Cerrito is doing a fine job of conserving water.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Carla Hansen, President of the El Cerrito Democratic Club (ECDC), asked the City Council to consider enacting a municipal minimum wage ordinance in El Cerrito. The ECDC passed a resolution in support of a municipal minimum wage. Working households cannot survive while struggling under the current federal and state minimum wage due to the high cost of living in El Cerrito and throughout the Bay Area. A higher minimum wage rate benefits households by making them more economically stable, makes public health and safety a priority, reduces employee turnover in businesses and provides a boost to the local economy. Ms. Hansen urged the City Council to take swift action on this issue.

Nicholas Arzio, El Cerrito, recited the text of the municipal minimum wage resolution that was passed by the El Cerrito Democratic Club last week.

Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, asked the City Council to recognize serious deficiencies in the 1715 Elm Street project, particularly those involving stormwater and drainage issues and improve the outcome of the project.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Proclamation Recognizing and Commending Captain Michael Regan – *Presentation by Sylvia Moir, Police Chief.*

Approve a proclamation drawing special public attention to Police Captain Michael W. Regan, for his record of service to and concern for the protection of life and property in the local community, and extending the City Council's sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson) and carried unanimously to approve the proclamation. Proclamation presented to Captain Regan.

B. Committee on Aging Workplan – *Presentation by Shirley Cressey, Chair, Committee on Aging.*

Receive a presentation regarding the Committee on Aging's accomplishments, goals and workplan.

Action: Received presentation.

C. Human Relations Commission Workplan – *Presentation by Georgina Edwards, Chair and Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto, Vice-Chair, Human Relations Commission.*

Receive a presentation regarding the Human Relations Commission's accomplishments, goals and workplan.

Action: Received presentation.

D. Del Norte BART Station Improvements – *Presentation by Sadie Graham, Senior Planner, BART Planning + Development.*

Receive a presentation regarding the Del Norte BART Station Improvement Program.

Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, noted the art opportunities associated with the proposed improvements at the Del Norte station. Mr. Goudey noted that BART did a very nice job integrating fused glass art on the overpass between the Coliseum station and Air Bart connection and stated that it would be nice to have a nice integrated fused glass art project in the façade at Del Norte station. Mr. Goudey also noted that the lighting could use modernization and encouraged the use of LED lights and implement energy saving measures and controls.

Action: Received presentation.

E. Citizens' Streets Oversight Committee Annual Report – *Presentation by Matt Kelly, Committee Member.*

Receive a presentation regarding the Citizens' Street Oversight Committee's review of expenditures of revenue collected pursuant to El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 4.60 to determine whether such funds were expended for the purposes specified in the current Street Repair and Maintenance Expenditure Plan.

Action: Received presentation.

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5A through 5E

Moved, seconded (Bridges/Abelson) and carried unanimously to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5(A) and 5(B) and 5(D) through 5(E) in one motion as indicated below. Item No. 5(C) was removed from the Consent Calendar for the purposes of presenting the Loving Day Proclamation to members of the Human Relations Commission.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the May 19, 2015 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Pride Month Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month in the City of El Cerrito, and inviting everyone to reflect on ways we all can live and work together with a commitment toward mutual respect and understanding. Pride Month will also be recognized by flying the rainbow flag at City Hall during the month of June.

Action: Approved proclamation.

C. Loving Day Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring June 12, 2015 as “Loving Day” in the City of El Cerrito and authorizing the Mayor to send letters of support to federal and state elected officials urging the recognition of Loving Day.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar for the purpose of presenting the proclamation to the Human Relations Commission. Moved, seconded (Lyman/Bridges) and carried unanimously to approve the Loving Day proclamation.

D. Below Market Rate Housing Agreement – Creekside Walk Ventures Project

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a Below Market Rate Housing Regulatory and Resale Restriction Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for the Creekside Walk Ventures project and finding that the Agreement satisfies Condition of Approval #41 for the project (Section C of Exhibit C of City Council Resolution No. 2006-01).

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2015-42.

E. CAFR and MOIC Policies

Receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Memorandum on Internal Control and Required Communications (MOIC) for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2014.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2015-43.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Confirm the Diagram and Levy the Assessment for Fiscal Year 2015-16 for Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution setting the annual Landscape and Lighting Assessment for Fiscal Year 2015-16 as \$72 per residential parcel and as noted in the Engineer’s Report for other classes of properties.

Presenter: Lisa Malek-Zadeh, Finance Director.

Mayor Friedman opened the public hearing. No speakers.

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

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Bridges) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2015-43.

B. Fiscal Year 2015-16 Storm Drain Annual Report and Fees

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Storm Drain Annual Report and directing that storm drain fees be collected on the property tax rolls.

Presenter: Lisa Malek-Zadeh, Finance Director.

Mayor Friedman opened the public hearing. No speakers.

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

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Quinto) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2015-44.

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Survey Results Regarding a Future Revenue Measure for a Library Facility

Receive a presentation from Godbe Research on the results of their survey of El Cerrito residents to ascertain voter opinions related to a future revenue measure to fund a new library facility, and discuss and provide comments and feedback.

Presenter: Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager and Bryan Godbe, Principal, Godbe Research.

Speakers: Liz Ruhland, Senior Community Library Manager, thanked the City Council for authorizing the library survey and stated that the Contra Costa Library staff is looking forward to continuing to work with the City on this project.

Tom Panas, El Cerrito, thanked City Manager Hanin and Assistant City Manager Pinkos for their careful management and also thanked Mr. Godbe for his thorough polling. The polling results look good but there is an enormous amount of work that remains to be done between now and November 2016. Mr. Panas said he is ready to do whatever is requested and hopes that the City Council is as well.

Action: Received presentation.

8. COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

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

Mayor Pro Tem Lyman stated that he attended the May 21 Marin Clean Energy Board meeting on the City's behalf. The Board received a presentation on energy efficiency programs in the Marin area. Mayor Pro Tem Lyman said he will advocate for having the programs extended to a larger jurisdiction that would include El Cerrito, San Pablo and Richmond.

9. ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 8:46 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

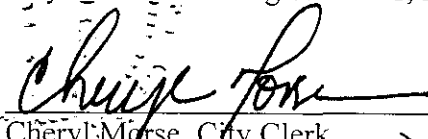
Item No. 4(C) Human Relations Commission Workplan

1. Powerpoint presentation – *Submitted by Georgina Edwards, Chair, Human Relations Commission.*

Other:

2. Resolution to Create a Municipal Minimum Wage in El Cerrito – *Submitted by Carla Hansen, Chair, El Cerrito Democratic Club.*
3. East Bay Economic Development Alliance Economic Outlook 2015-16 – *Submitted by Councilmember Abelson.*
4. East Bay Economic Development Alliance Innovation Awards 2015 – *Submitted by Councilmember Abelson.*
5. El Cerrito Del Norte Station Improvements – *Submitted by Councilmember Abelson.*
6. A sustainable development success story in El Cerrito, (June-July 2015 Sierra Club Yodeler) – *Submitted by Councilmember Abelson.*

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of June 2, 2015 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



Mark Friedman, Mayor

