

# EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

## SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD (FAB) MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 24, 2022 – 6:00 p.m.

### City Council Members:

Mayor Gabe Quinto  
Mayor Pro Tem Lisa Motoyama · Councilmember Janet Abelson  
Councilmember Paul Fadelli · Councilmember Tessa Rudnick

### Financial Advisory Board Members:

Chair Dick Patterson  
Member Ruth Cazden · Member Farhad Farahmand  
Member William Ktsanes · Member Kimberly White

### Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84672893112?pwd=ZnhqS3hMOHBDMVIPa0dyOGNIOG14Zz09>

**Meeting ID: 846 7289 3112 Password: 446663**  
**or Dial in: 1-408-638-0968**

*The City Council may continue to meet by teleconference, consistent with the Brown Act as amended by AB 361 (2021). Under the amended rules, the City will not provide a physical location for members of the public to participate in the teleconference meeting.*

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1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Livestream Online at [www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials](http://www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials)
3. Via Zoom using the meeting information listed above (*Closed captioning available*)

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](mailto:cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us). Email must contain in the subject line **Public Comments – not on 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 FAB members and posted online in advance of the meeting.

Comments received after the deadline will be provided to the City Council and FAB members and included with supplemental materials **after the meeting**. **No written comments will be read into the record.**

**6:00 P.M. ROLL CALL – CONVENE SPECIAL JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND**

## **FINANCIAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Mayor Quinto called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

**Present:** (City Council) Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick

**Absent:** None

**Present:** (Financial Advisory Board) Chair Dick Patterson, Vice Chair Farhad Farahmand, Member Ruth Cazden, Member William Ktsanes, Member Kimberly White **Absent:** None

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE**
2. **TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS**
3. **FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET STUDY SESSION**

**Proposed Action:** Hear from city departments and conduct a study session on the FY2022-2023 budget.

- Preliminary Budget Overview
- Review updated 10-year forecast
- Operational and fiscal status of city departments

**Contact:** Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

**Presentation and Discussion:** Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council and FAB regarding Real Property Transfer Tax projections, status of school resource officers, animal control services, police vehicles, senior center, 10-year projection assumptions, impacts of slower development review, use of Measure H and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, addressing climate friendly purchasing, police psychological services, tree pruning, use of ARPA funds for one-time costs, general plan and specific plan update, funding recreation programs, filling vacancies, reserve levels, annual million dollar surplus, funding Emergency and Disaster Relief Fund (EDRF), prioritization of department items requested, overtime increases, approved uses of ARPA funds, length of lease for midtown activity center, funding for fire fuel removal, overtime costs and salary saving due to vacancies.

**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 Kimberly White, Michael Fischer, and Charles Taylor.

**Oral Public Comments:**

Al Miller - spoke in support of written comments submitted by the EL Cerrito Library commissioner and the value of public libraries.

Cordell Hindler - spoke in support of a class and compensation study and the need for additional positions in city management.

Howdy Goudy - commented on the need to take more climate action including purchase of electric vehicles.

Sherry Drobner - spoke in support of purchasing electric vehicles, suggested non-sworn personnel for traffic officers, and need for additional unhoused resources.

**Action:** No formal action.

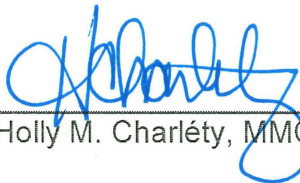
**4. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.  
The special meeting adjourned at 9:29 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 May 24, 2022 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk