

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EL CERRITO PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY, EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD, AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL JUNE 7, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.

Members:

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

Meeting Location:

Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Consistent with the Brown Act as amended by AB 361 (2021), members of the City Council, staff, presenters and the public may participate in-person at the location listed above, or remotely via zoom. **In-person attendance will be limited to available seats and designated accessible spaces only (no standing room) with chairs spaced to encourage social distancing. Masks are strongly recommended** (full in- person protocols available here.)

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1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Livestream Online at www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials
3. Join Via Zoom (*Closed Captioning Available*):
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88694003334?pwd=V1JzRWdlIS01CdVJkQ2xrSitBaS9wUT09>
Meeting ID: 886 9400 3334 **Password:** 948473 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

Each period for public comment will be announced. Public Comments may be submitted one of the following ways:

1. In-person by submitting a request to speak to the City Clerk.
2. 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.
3. Via email to 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 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 CONCURRENT SPECIAL PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY, EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD, AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Quinto called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

Present In-Person: Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Fadelli **Present Remotely:** Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Rudnick (left at 8:01 PM) **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 - welcomed attendees back to in person meetings, update on public health conditions, announced the "Peace Cranes for Ukraine - A Children's Peace Project" exhibit in the City Hall Gallery Space.

Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama - congratulated El Cerrito High School band for winning a recent national competition.

Councilmember Fadelli - announced new Farmers Market from Front Porch, and congratulated Jack London State Park Young Writers Contest winner Natalie Cox.

Mayor Quinto - announced his signature on a letter of support for autonomous vehicles; announced upcoming July 4th Celebration.

Councilmember Rudnick - reported attendance at the Equality California Awards event, joint Council and Financial Advisory Board meeting, Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) event at Hana Gardens, El Cerrito High Cheerleaders walk-a-thon fundraiser.

Councilmember Abelson - announced the Lutheran Church parking lot farmers market need for additional volunteers.

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 Peter Pan, Steve Price, and Cordell Hindler; and consent item #5E from Sherry Drobner and Alissa Hauser.

Oral Public Comments:

Dave Weinstein - spoke on behalf of El Cerrito Trail Trekkers and recent Hillside festival.

Buddy Akacic - commented on satisfaction on returning to in person meeting, senior strolls, and need for a new senior center.

Howdy Goudey - spoke regarding Council climate action ad-hoc committee and need for report back and action.

John Stashik - commented on the financial health of the city, and need for employee salary increases, and support of police budget.

Miguel Gravelle Izaguirre - spoke in support of reductions to the proposed police department budget.

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/Councilmember Rudnick **Action:** Approve A, D, and G on the consent calendar as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

A. Loving Day Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation declaring June 12, 2022 as Loving Day in the City of El Cerrito, and encourages people to reflect on the Loving family and all of the pioneers who have and will continue to fight for the civil right to love.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management Department

Action: Approved proclamation

B. LGBTQIA Pride Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation declaring the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender/Transsexual, Queer/ Questioning, Intersex and Agender/Asexual (LGBTQIA) Pride month in the City of El Cerrito and recognize Pride Month by flying the Progress Pride flag at City Hall during the month of June.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management Department

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama/Councilmember Fadelli

Action: Pulled from consent by Mayor Quinto, presented Approved proclamation to Carolyn Wysinger, Board President of San Francisco Pride and El Cerrito resident. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

C. Anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) Racism Resolution

Action Proposed: At the request of Mayor Quinto, adopt a resolution condemning all hate against Asian American and Pacific Islander individuals and communities.

Contact: Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Quinto/Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama

Action: Pulled from consent by Mayor Quinto. Approve Resolution 2022-37. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

D. Approve an Economic Development Committee (EDC) recommendation to reappoint member Rachel Melby, effective June 7, 2022.

Action Proposed: Approve an Economic Development Committee recommendation to reappoint member Rachel Melby, effective June 7, 2022.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Senior Program Manager/EDC Staff Liaison, Community Development Department

Action: Approved appointment

E. Second Reading and Adoption of an Ordinance of the City of El Cerrito establishing a Military Equipment Use Policy
1st Reading 5/17/2022

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2022-01 establishing a Military Equipment Use Policy.

Contact: Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama/Councilmember Abelson

Action: Pulled from consent by Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama. Approved Ordinance 2022-01. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

F. Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing an Agreement with the City of Richmond for Police Dispatch Services

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or her designee to enter into an agreement with the City of Richmond for the provision of police dispatch services from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027 in an amount not to exceed \$4,228,080.

Contact: Paul Keith, Chief of Police, Police Department

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Fadelli/Councilmember Rudnick

Action: Pulled from consent by Councilmember Fadelli. Approved Resolution 2022-38. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

G. Adoption of a Resolution to Approve the Purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus Air Compressor from Bauer Compressors

Action Proposed: Adopt a Resolution to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract for the purchase of a replacement self-contained breathing apparatus air compressor from Bauer Compressors in an amount not to exceed \$53,000.

Contact: Jose Castrejon, Interim Fire Chief, Fire Department

Action: Approved Resolution 2022-39

6. PRESENTATIONS

A. Marin Clean Energy (MCE) Programs and Resources

Action Proposed: Receive and file a presentation from Marin Clean Energy regarding programs and discounts available for residents and small businesses.

Contact: Mariela Herrick, Community Development Manager, Marin Clean Energy

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding the importance of programs offered, long term planning and lobbying for programs in Washington, and potential modification to the entity name.

Public Comments:

Howdy Goudey - commented on available resources and potential discussion for the Climate Action committee to discuss.

Al Miller - spoke regarding electrical paneling and solar installation, and deep green option from MCE.

Vanessa Warheit - spoke in support of previous public comments and making users opt out.

Action: Received and filed.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. POLICY MATTERS

**A. CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD ITEM
Proposed Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget**

Action Proposed: Receive and file a presentation on the Draft Proposed FY 2022-23 City Budget and provide direction to staff as necessary.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management; Sandra Dalida, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding options for default electricity source, projections and effects of potential projections, location of budgeted library hours, budget for Mayor training, animal control services, use of cannabis revenues, future presentation on Measure X, reduction of subsidy of other post-employment benefits (OPEB), funding for 4th of July, funding regional effort for fire prevention, budget for salary increases that may result from the classification and compensation study, commission descriptions in appendices, increasing differential between revenue and expenditures, target surplus, increased time between review and approval, public input, costs for items on a wish list to pull from, real property transfer tax (RPTT) assumptions and units projected, description of other pay category, city manager consultants budget, professional services in City Management, and current unfunded liability.

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 Seth Morrison, Nick Brooks, Miguel Gravelle Izaguirre, Ida Poberezovsky, Zach Weinstein, Jessie Papalia, Allison Cooper, Josh Rose, John Qua, Shobit, Danielle Waters Westbrook, B. Tomi Nagai-Rothe, Vanessa Warheit, Sherry Drobner, and Zach Weinstein.

Oral Public Comments:

Vanessa Warheit - concern regarding the increase to the police budget.

Al Miller - support of grant writing service and professional services toward development of a library, and additional library hours.

Seth Morrison - spoke regarding need for public mental health services.

Jessie Papalia - commented on concern regarding police department budget limited time to comment and need to reduce police funding.

Nick Brooks - spoke regarding need for increased public input, and request to reduce police funding.

Zach Weinstein - spoke in support of funding a dedicated (CORE) team for El Cerrito, and reductions to police funding.

Yari Greaney - commented in support of funding a dedicated CORE team for El Cerrito, and reimaging public safety and partnering with Richmond.

Allison Cooper - commented in support of alternatives to policing.

Danielle Watters Westbrook - spoke in support of reductions to the Police Department and finding for additional CORE programs.

Shobit Singh - commented on concern about increased funding for the police department.

Sherry Drobner - commented on reduced time for public comments and desire to have comments at the beginning of the meeting and need to address alternative solutions for unhoused.

Howdy Goudy - commented on reduced ability for public participation in the budget process and salaries.

John Qua - spoke regarding reduction to public comments, military equipment, and police engagement in Pride.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Abelson/Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama
Action: Motion to extend 10 minutes. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli **Noes:** None **Absent:** Councilmember Rudnick

Action: Received and filed.

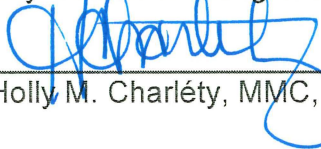
9. **CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS** *Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments and committee reports.*

10. **ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
The regular meeting adjourned at 11:05 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 June 7, 2022 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk