

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 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

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7:00 P.M. ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Quinto called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Present In-Person: Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Present Remotely:** Councilmember Abelson **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 an update on the local emergency, current health conditions, and upcoming changes related to temporary local regulations.

Mayor Quinto - read a statement released on November 7th regarding a recent hate crime incident in El Cerrito; reported presentation given regarding housing at Civicwell webinar; reported appointment as the LAFCO representative for the Contra Costa Mayor's conference.

Councilmember Rudnick - reported on attendance at the San Pablo Ave holiday light celebration at Elevation 66.

Councilmember Fadelli - reported on attendance at Fire Safe El Cerrito 4th Anniversary event; and thanked El Cerrito campaign workers.

Motoyama - reported on attendance at the San Pablo Ave holiday light celebration at Elevation 66, Woman of the year celebration for Lavonna Martin, and meeting of the executive board for East Bay Economic Development Alliance.

A. City Council Wall of Fame Ad-Hoc Committee Update

Councilmember Abelson - reported on ad-hoc committee work and the recommendation to move forward applicant Norman La Force to the City Council to consider induction into the Wall of Fame at the December 6, 2022 City Council Meeting.

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, Lisa Tsering, Michael Fischer, and Robin Mitchell.

Oral Public Comments:

Henry Symons - filling the current region representative position for Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), introduced himself and shared an update on current work by BART in the city.

Joanna Pace - spoke regarding PG&E's prompt response to a gas leak and recent work completed to replacement service poles.

Bill Barish - representing 350 Contra Costa spoke in support of adoption of the San Pablo Ave Specific Plan update with the recommendations of the

Environmental Quality Committee.

Robin Mitchell - spoke regarding the need to offer a hybrid option for boards, commissions, and committees as an accessibility issue.

Michael Fischer - provided an update on recent activity and meetings of the Contra Costa Library commission as the appointed El Cerrito representative.

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

A. **Approval of Minutes**

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings of October 18 and November 1, 2022.

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

Action: Approved Minutes

B. **Authorize City Council and City Advisory Body Meetings to be Held Via Teleconference Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361)**

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing City Council and City Advisory Body meetings to be held via teleconference for a period of 30 days, and making related findings pursuant to AB 361.

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2022-88

6. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Contra Costa Mosquito & Vector Control District Update (MVCD)**

Action Proposed: Receive and file an overview of the Contra Costa MVCD, as well as information on the current vacancy for El Cerrito representation on the Board of Trustees.

Contact: Nola Woods, Public Affairs Director, MVCD

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding a new type of mosquito and ways to alter preventative actions.

Action: Received and filed

B. **El Cerrito Police Department 2021 in Review**

Action Proposed: Receive and file a department update and review of 2021 from the El Cerrito Police Department.

Contact: Paul Keith, Police Chief, Police Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding circumstances and description of a custodial event, officer requirement to file a complaint if a policy violation is witnessed, process for disposal of evidence, biggest need to retain police staff, response times, opinions regarding Citizen Advisory Committee, crime prevention programs, update on response to recent hate crime, staff retention and recruitment, return of officers on bicycles, trends in larceny, and Student Resource Officer program.

Oral Comments:

Carolyn Wysinger - expressed appreciation of the report and work of the Police Department and looks forward to updates regarding the license plate reader program.

Action: Received and filed

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Update

Notice published 10/25/2022

Action Proposed: 1) Adopt a resolution certifying the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan, adopting Environmental Impact Findings, Findings Regarding Alternatives, adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, and adopting the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP); 2) Adopt a resolution amending Figure 5: the Land Use & Circulation Map of the El Cerrito General Plan; 3) Adopt a resolution amending the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan; and 4) Introduce and waive the first reading of an ordinance to rezone properties within the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan area.

Contact: Sean Moss, Planning Manager; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding Planning Commission recommendation versus staff recommendation, focus on support of climate action goals, impacts of moving the item to a future meeting to discuss further, Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) recommendations and variation in the staff recommendation, adaptation to legislative changes coming forward, and mitigation restrictions.

Written 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 Fred Bialy, Howdy Goudey, Denice A. Dennis, MPH, Allison Cooper, Danielle Watters Westbrook, Robert M. Gould, MD, and Nerisa de Jesus.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Rudnick/Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama
Action: Motion to extend the meeting to 11:15, continue the discussion and public hearing for this item to a future meeting, and continue to item 8.A. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Mayor Quinto Opened the public hearing.

No public comments.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Abelson/Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama
Action: Continue the public hearing to December 6th at 5:00 PM. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

8. POLICY MATTERS

A. Budget Amendment for Community Recreation Swimming Pool Re-Plastering Project, City Project No. C5030.5

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Adopted Budget and Capital Improvement Program to appropriate \$59,850 from the General Fund balance for construction of the Community Recreation Swimming Pool Re-Plastering Project, City Project No. C5030.5.

Contact: Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department; Christopher Jones, Recreation Director, Recreation Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding modifications to the scope, engineer's estimate, and timeline to complete the components removed.

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama/Councilmember Fadelli
Action: Approve Resolution No. 2022-89. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Abelson/Councilmember Fadelli
Action: Extended the meeting time to 11:30 PM **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Motoyama, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli **Noes:** Councilmember Rudnick

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

None

10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 11:20 PM to December 6, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

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Lisa Motoyama, Mayor

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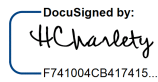
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