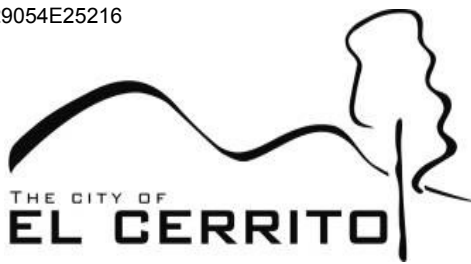


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Mayor Pro Tem
Tessa Rudnick



Councilmembers
Paul Fadelli
Gabriel Quinto
Carolyn Wysinger

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (5:00 PM)

Hillside Conference Room - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 886 6261 2126 **Password:** 505123 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)

Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:

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1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Livestream Online at www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials

Teleconferencing: Consistent with the Brown Act as amended by AB 361 (2021), all individuals may participate in-person at the location listed above, or remotely via zoom. In-person attendance limited to available seats and designated accessible spaces only (no standing room). Masks are strongly recommended ([full in-person protocols available here.](#))

Accommodations: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at 510-215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable accommodations. Closed Captions available via zoom.

Conduct: This meeting shall be conducted pursuant to the El Cerrito [City Council Rules of Order and Procedure](#), including adjourning by 11:00 PM unless extended to a specific time determined by a majority of the Council.

Public Comments:

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.
3. *By Phone* at 1-408-638-0968, dial ***9** to "raise your hand".
4. *By Email* to cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us identified in the subject line as **Public Comments – Agenda Item #.**

Written comments received by **2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting** 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 will be posted **after the meeting**.

5:00 PM — ~~ROLL CALL — CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING~~

1. ~~CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON ANY REQUEST FROM A COUNCILMEMBER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING REMOTELY DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES PURSUANT TO AB 2449~~

2. ~~ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC~~

All persons wishing to speak should sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person and to items on the special meeting agenda only.

3. ~~CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH NEGOTIATORS~~

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

~~Agency Designated Representatives:~~ Karen Pinkos, City Manager; Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager; Shannon Bassi, Senior Human Resources Analyst; Glenn Berkheimer, Labor Negotiator; and Sky Woodruff, City Attorney.

~~Employee Organizations:~~ Public Safety Management Association; and United Professional Firefighters Local 1230.

~~Contact:~~ Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management

4. ~~ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING~~

The 5:00 PM Special Meeting was cancelled.

6:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Motoyama called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. **Present In-Person:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, **Present Remotely:** Councilmember Wysinger (Just Cause) **Absent:** None

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2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE

3.

4. TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

5. 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.

Councilmember Fadelli - announced upcoming events for Arbor Week including Tree Walk, Trail Trekkers Hillside Plant Walk, and French Broom pull in Hillside Natural Area.

Mayor Motoyama – announced upcoming attendance at the Civicwell Conference.

6. 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.

Oral Public Comments:

Cordell Hindler - requested future agenda item regarding the recovery of the Port of Oakland and commented on the need for installation of speed bumps on Ashbury.

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. Induction of Norman La Force into the El Cerrito Wall of Fame

Action Proposed: Adopt a Resolution to induct Norman La Force into the El Cerrito Wall of Fame, as directed by the City Council on December 6, 2022.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: City Council members provided thanks and recognition of Mr. La Force's dedication and efforts for the El Cerrito Community.

Public Comments:

Robert Cheasty and Arthur Feinstein- shared comments in support of Mr. La Forces' induction as individuals who submitted the nomination application.

Dave Weinstein - spoke in support of the induction of Mr. La Force and commented on past efforts working with the Trail Trekkers.

Annaliese La Force - spoke in support of her father's induction into the wall of fame.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Quinto/Councilmember Fadelli

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-15. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

8. 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 Rudnick/Councilmember Quinto
Action: Approve consent item # A, C, E-H as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

A. Women's History Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation designating March as "Women's History Month" and March 8, 2023 as "International Women's Day" in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved proclamation

B. American Red Cross Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring March 2023 as American Red Cross Month in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all Americans to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Pulled from Consent by Councilmember Rudnick. Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick/Councilmember Fadelli **Action:** Approved proclamation **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

C. Arbor Week Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring March 7 through March 14, 2023 as Arbor Week in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Stephen Prée, Environmental Programs Manager, Public Works Department

Action: Approved proclamation

D. Proclamation Recognizing March 10, 2023 as the 64th Anniversary of the Tibetan Uprising Day

Action Proposed: At the request of Councilmember Quinto, approve a proclamation recognizing March 10, 2023, the 64th anniversary of the Tibetan national uprising, as "Tibet Uprising Day" in the City of El Cerrito and display the Tibetan flag at City Hall.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

Pulled from Consent by Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick. Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Quinto/Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick **Action:** Approved proclamation **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

E. Approve a Modification to the Travel Allotment for Councilmember Gabe Quinto

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve an increase to the travel allotment for Councilmember Gabe Quinto for FY 2022-2023 in an amount of \$2,100 to cover the cost of attendance at the National League of Cities City Summit.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved allotment modification

F. Authorization of Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program Application

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing staff to apply for the Prohousing Incentive Pilot Program.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing Manager, Community Development Department; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-16

G. Amendment No. 1 to Caltrans Freeway Maintenance Agreement for El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development Complete Streets Improvement Project and On-going Operations

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Freeway Maintenance Agreement of State Highways in the City of El Cerrito (FMA Amendment No. 1) between the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of El Cerrito (City) for the El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Complete Streets Improvement Project and on-going operations.

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-17

H. Amend Professional Services Agreement for 4Leaf, Inc. for Permit Processing, Inspection, and Other Technical Services

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the existing professional services agreement with 4Leaf, Inc., to increase the amount for FY 2022-23 from \$500,000 to \$875,000.

Contact: Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-18

9. PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. POLICY MATTERS

A. Adoption of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of El Cerrito and the United Professional Firefighters Local 1230

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving an agreement between the City of El Cerrito and the United Professional Firefighters Local 1230 modifying language on salaries, benefits, and creating a new Memorandum of Understanding.

Contact: Shannon Bassi, Senior Human Resources Analyst, Human Resources

Public Comments:

David Ciappara - spoke as a representative of Local 1230 and in support of the proposed agreement.

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick/Councilmember Quinto

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-19. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

B. Construction Contract Award for 2023 Slurry Seal Project, City Project No. C3027.23

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications for the 2023 Slurry Seal Project, City Project No. C3027.23 (Project); accepting the five bids submitted for the Project; authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$912,120 with VSS International, Inc. and to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed \$92,000 for the construction of the Project; and amending the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 Adopted Budget and Measure A Annual Program of Maintenance and Improvement to transfer \$455,420 from the Measure A Street Improvement Fund Balance to the Measure A Annual Program of Maintenance and Improvement /Capital Outlay for the Project.

Contact: 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 current city pavement rating, responsibility for paving the Ohlone Greenway, process of identifying streets to pave, source of requested additional funding, and Measure A fund balance.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Fadelli/Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-20. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

C. FY 2022-23 Second Quarter General Fund Update

Action Proposed: Receive and file the FY 2022-23 General Fund Budget Quarterly update through December 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 sources of other transfers, revenue from donations, and real property transfer tax revenue trends.

Action: Received and filed

D. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Midyear Budget Update

Action Proposed: Receive an update on City revenues and expenditures for the first six months of the fiscal year through December 31, 2022 and adopt a resolution authorizing amendment to the FY 2022- 23 budget and approving new spending limits.

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 accounting for July 4th donations, accountability for use of donated funds, dedicated fund for computer equipment upgrades, vehicle maintenance funds, replacement with clean air vehicles, projections and assumptions, cannabis funds, fund reserve balance, notice of significant shifts in funds between departments, and timing of PERS discount rate change.

Oral Public Comments

Linda Cain - commented on the use of electric vehicles for the fire department and expressed appreciation for the service by fire personnel.

Howdy Goudey - expressed appreciation for the discussion on the city's climate responsibility and requested stronger policy direction.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Fadelli/Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-21. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

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

Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick - reported on attendance at memorial for Councilmember Abelson, Park and Recreation Commission meeting, and community art show on Scott Street.

Councilmember Quinto - reported on attendance at Cal Cities Board of Director meeting and announced upcoming trip to Washington DC representing both the City and Marin Clean Energy.

Councilmember Wysinger - reported on attendance at Economic Development Committee meeting.

Motoyama - reported on attendance at the women elected leaders of west Contra Costa County, Design Review Board meeting, Tibetan association new year's celebration, and memorial for Councilmember Abelson, meeting with Make El Cerrito Fire Safe, Arts and Culture Commission meeting, Elk Lodge Recognition dinner, and Contra Costa Mayors Conference.

12. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM in memory of former city employee Noel Ibalio.

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Lisa Motoyama, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of March 7, 2023 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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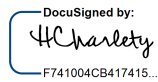
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