

Mayor
Lisa Motoyama
Mayor Pro Tem
Tessa Rudnick



Councilmembers
Paul Fadelli
Gabriel Quinto
Carolyn Wysinger

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (4:45 PM)

Hillside Conference Room - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83099734633?pwd=QTU3cTRrTURKOWxmZnl2MTU0TFNPOQT09>

Meeting ID: 830 9973 4633 **Password:** 827292 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)

Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83639094134?pwd=SVRWSEo0QUlXWUF0d05BQldOVkc3UT09>

Meeting ID: 836 3909 4134 **Password:** 530555 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

View (Regular Meeting Only):

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

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**.

4:45 PM **ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order at 4:46 PM.
Present: Mayor Motoyama (arrived at 5:10 PM), Mayor Pro Tem

Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto,
Councilmember Wysinger **Present Remotely:** Mayor Pro Tem
Rudnick **Absent:** None

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.

None

3. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

Action Proposed: Staff requests that City Council conduct interview(s) and, at the conclusion, confer with staff regarding the ongoing recruitments, any remaining vacancies, and the scheduling of further special meetings to conduct interviews (if applicable). Council may decide to make appointments at the conclusion of the meeting.

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

The City Council conducted 2 interviews and made the following appointments:

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Quinto/Councilmember Wysinger **Action:** Appointed Troy Tyler to the Park and Recreation Commission for a partial term ending on 3/1/2025. **Ayes:** Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None **Absent:** Mayor Motoyama

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick/Councilmember Fadelli **Action:** Re-Appointed Mina Wilson to Human Relations Commission for a partial term ending on 3/1/2025 **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

4. 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

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management

The City Council convened to closed session at 5:33 PM. No reportable action.

5. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The special meeting adjourned at 5:49 PM.

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

Mayor Motoyama called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Present: Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Present**

Remotely: Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick **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 Karen Pinkos - Announced Budget Town Hall on April 22nd.

Public Works Director Yvetteh Ortiz - provided an update on the Hillside Natural Area affected by recent storms.

Councilmember Quinto - reported on attendance at the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference

Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick - announced upcoming Trail Trekkers Hillside Festival event.

Councilmember Wysinger - reported on attendance at the National League of Cities Congressional City Conference.

Councilmember Fadelli - announced upcoming Trail Trekkers Hillside Festival event, and record swap at the Down Home Music Store on April 30th.

Mayor Motoyama - announced upcoming Earth Day celebration on April 15th, reported out from special meeting, and announced issuance of Mayoral Certificate of recognition for centenarian Jackie Hetman.

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.

Oral Public Comments:

Buddy Akacić - spoke in support of a new library.

Cordell Hindler - spoke regarding the need for speedbumps on Ashbury and suggested future presentation from EBMUD regarding rates.

Ira Sharenow - spoke in support of funding pickleball courts in the city, concern with Greenway safety and drainage problems on the Ohlone Greenway, commented on the city's credit ranking, and requested raw data from community survey.

Fred Bialy - commented in support of adopting the resolution to ban oil and gas drilling and announced upcoming conference on inflation reduction act.

Teresa Munoz - spoke in support of the resolution to ban oil and gas drilling.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. El Cerrito Library Update and National Library Week Proclamation

Action Proposed: Receive and file an update from the El Cerrito Library and pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring April 23-29, 2023 as National Library Week in the City of El Cerrito and encourage all residents to visit the library.

Contact: Heidi Goldstein, Senior Community Library Manager, Contra Costa County Library

Item rescheduled to 4/18/2023.

B. 2022 El Cerrito National Community Survey Presentation

Action Proposed: Receive and file a presentation of results from the 2022 National Community Survey conducted in El Cerrito.

Contact: Brandon Barnett, Survey Research Team Manager, Polco;
Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding response rate, demographics of responses, questions and methodology, data for analysis, correlation between economic development and business establishment statistics.

Public Comments:

Ira Sharenow - commented on the methodology and content of survey outcomes and data analysis.

Action: Received and filed

6. 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 Quinto/Councilmember Wysinger

Action: Approved the consent calendar as indicated below.

Ayes: Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

A. Environmental Quality Committee Appointment Recommendation

Action Proposed: Approve an Environmental Quality Committee recommendation to appoint Pamela Austin to the Environmental Quality Committee, effective April 11, 2023.

Contact: Christina Leard, Management Analyst III; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Action: Approved appointment

B. Earth Day Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring Saturday, April 15, 2023 as "Earth Day" in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all residents and businesses to help make El Cerrito a greener, healthier, more sustainable place for all.

Contact: Laureteen Brazil, Waste Prevention Specialist; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Action: Approved proclamation

C. Fair Housing Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month in El Cerrito.

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

Action: Approved proclamation

D. Resolution of Support to End Oil and Gas Drilling in Contra Costa County

Action Proposed: Adopt a Resolution Urging Contra Costa County to end new permitting of oil and gas drilling in Contra Costa County, and phase out existing oil and gas development activities and associated infrastructure.

Contact: Holly M. Charlety, City Clerk, City of El Cerrito

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-27

E. El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development Complete Streets Improvement Project - Cooperative Agreement No. 04-2921

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute Cooperative Agreement No. 04-2921 (Cooperative Agreement) between the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the City of El Cerrito (City) for the Construction component of the El Cerrito del Norte Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Complete Streets Improvement Project.

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-28

F. Authorize Annual Report for Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution directing NBS Local Government Solutions (NBS) to prepare and file the annual Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1 report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24.

Contact: Holly Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-29

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. POLICY MATTERS

9. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments, committee reports, and any required reporting under AB 1234 for meetings (as defined by the Brown Act) attended at the public's expense.

Councilmember Wysinger - reported attendance at Cal Cities mixer event.

Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick - reported on trip to Israel with the Bay Area Network of Jewish Officials.

Mayor Motoyama - reported on attendance at the ribbon cutting ceremony for Yammy Sushi.

10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

DocuSigned by:

Lisa Motoyama

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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 April 4, 2023 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charlety, MMC, City Clerk