

Mayor
Lisa Motoyama
Mayor Pro Tem
Tessa Rudnick



Councilmembers
Paul Fadelli
Gabriel Quinto
Carolyn Wysinger

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)

City Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Additional In-Person Location:

5900 Lower Honoapiilani Rd. Unit 315 Lahaina HI 96761

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81199602149?pwd=VW5lZzdvUHAxUEViT2hRWXAuQUZRU09>

Meeting ID: 811 9960 2149 **Password:** 592380 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

View:

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**.

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 Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Present Remotely:** Councilmember Fadelli **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. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE**

3. **TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

4. **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 - announced the upcoming Budget Town Hall on Saturday April 22, and the budget survey currently available on the city's website.

Mayor Motoyama - announced Bike to Work Day on May 18, Hillside Festival on May 6-7, reported out from Closed Session on April 11, 2023 the appointment of a subcommittee comprised of Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick and Councilmember Quinto to discuss labor negotiations for the City Manager.

Councilmember Fadelli - shared seeking contributors and sponsorships for the El Cerrito July 4th event and announced today is Jewish Holocaust Remembrance Day.

5. **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 and David Weinstein; and presentation item #6A from Al Miller and Michael Fischer.

Oral Public Comments:

Dave Weinstein - spoke on behalf of Trail Trekkers and organization and trail needs to be considered in the upcoming budget process.

Buddy Akacić - commented on El Cerrito stands united against hate and feeling targeted by hate speech.

Phyllis Whiteman - spoke regarding the aesthetics of the Mayfair Building, and the senior center at Hana Gardens.

Cordell Hindler - spoke in favor of Management Partners contract, the need for speed bumps on Ashbury, and requested discussion of plans at the Port of Oakland.

Ryan Lau - representative of AC Transit seeking responses to agency survey asked for input on services in the wake of the pandemic.

6. 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

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding increase in the El Cerrito Branch visits, declaration of democracy, and the local effects of book bans.

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick/Councilmember Wysinger **Action:** Approved Proclamation. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

B. Marin Clean Energy (MCE) Presentation

Action Proposed: Receive and file a presentation from Marin Clean Energy highlighting programs available in El Cerrito.

Contact: Sebastian Conn, Senior Community Development Manager, MCE

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding electric vehicle charging stations, renter programs offered in the future, types of local jobs created, what would MCE operations look like if more customers opt into deep green, financial assistance parameters, west contra costa projects, effect of the court overturning the City of Berkeley's natural gas ban.

Oral Comments:

Harry Lava - inquired on the federal and state funding for green renewable hydrogen plans or programs.

7. 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. Approval of Minutes

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve the minutes from the meetings of March 21 and April 4, 2023.

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

Action: Approved minutes with the following revisions. 1) 3/21/2023 page 7, modify Mayor Motoyama's report to read "reported on attendance at a meeting with the government liaison to the California Public Utilities Commission..." and 2) 4/4/2023 page three, modify Councilmember Fadelli's report to read "record swap at the DownHome Music store..."

B. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for March 2023

Action Proposed: Receive and file the Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for the month of March 2023.

Contact: Sandra Dalida, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

Action: Received and filed

C. FY 2022-23 Third Quarter Cash and Investment Report

Action Proposed: Receive and file the City's second quarterly cash and investment report for the period January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023.

Contact: Sandra Dalida, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

Action: Received and filed

D. Adopt Landscape and Lighting Assessment (LLAD) for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and Adopt Resolution of Intent to Order Improvements; and Set the Public Hearing as May 2, 2023

Action Proposed: Accept the Engineer's Report specifying assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No 1988-1 for Fiscal Year 2023-24 and adopt a Resolution of Intention to order improvements pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, and set the time, date, and place of the public hearing as May 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Contact: Sandra Dalida, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-30

E. Amendment to Consulting Services Agreement with Management Partners / Baker Tilly to Develop a Strategic Plan

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the consulting services agreement with Management Partners (now Baker Tilly US, LLP) to assist the City in development of a Strategic Plan in an amount not to exceed \$37,990, with the total contract amount not to exceed \$74,390 in Fiscal Year 2022- 2023, and extending the term of the agreement to December 31, 2023.

Contact: Will Provost, Assistant to the City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-31

F. Calendar Year 2020 and 2021 Contra Costa Transportation Authority Growth Management Compliance Checklist

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving the Calendar Years 2020 and 2021 Growth Management Program (GMP) Compliance Checklist for allocation of Fiscal Years 2021-22 and 2022-23 Measure J, Local Street Maintenance and Improvement Funds by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA).

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-32

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. POLICY MATTERS

10. 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.

Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick - reported on attendance at RecycleMore meeting, and City Earth Day Festival.

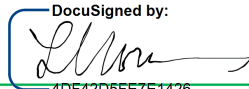
Councilmember Quinto - reported on attendance at Cal Cities Leadership Summit.

Councilmember Wysinger - reported on attendance at the City Earth Day Festival, and Women's Policy Summit.

Mayor Motoyama - reported on attendance at ribbon cutting at California Fish Grill, Tom Bates Field JPA meeting, Advisory Body Ad-hoc meeting, Mayor's Conference meeting, St. Peters Christian Methodist Episcopal Church breakfast, Cal Cities Leadership Summit, and City Earth Day Festival.

11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM

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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 18, 2023 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charlety, MMC, City Clerk