

Mayor
Lisa Motoyama
Mayor Pro Tem
Tessa Rudnick



Councilmembers
Paul Fadelli
Gabriel Quinto
Carolyn Wysinger

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)
City Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81644758253?pwd=YndPdGhEcFVveEw0TWdzd3VjcmZydz09>

Meeting ID: 816 4475 8253 **Password:** 839822 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

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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 6:00 PM.
Present: Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **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.

Fire Chief Saylor - provided an update regarding the County change to identification of the El Cerrito/Kensington Fire Stations. Station 71 to 51, Station 72 to 52, and Station 65 to 55.

Councilmember Fadelli - announced Trail Trekkers Hillside Festival on May 6-7, and May 18 West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee event regarding Bike to Wherever Day.

Mayor Motoyama - offered condolences to the family of Sincere Martin.

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.

Oral Public Comments:

Buddy Akacić - spoke regarding the need for a location for senior programs.

Cordell Hindler - commented on the need for installation of speed bumps on Ashbury, announced upcoming mixer, and challenges with cars speeding on Ashbury.

Ira Sharenow - spoke regarding the Ohlone Greenway master plan and need to make the Greenway safer for bikes and pedestrians, commented in support of the addition of pickleball courts in the city, and spoke regarding the annual audit.

Howdy Goudey - commented in support of purchasing electric vehicles when replacing city vehicles.

6. PRESENTATIONS

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: Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick/Councilmember Wysinger **Action:** Approved items A-C and E-H on the consent calendar as indicated below.

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

A. Asian Pacific American Heritage Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation declaring the Month of May 2023 as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in the City of El Cerrito.

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

Action: Approved proclamation updating the percentage to the current census data in the fifth whereas clause.

B. Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation declaring the Month of May 2023 as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of El Cerrito.

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

Action: Approved proclamation

C. National Public Works Week Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion approving a proclamation designating May 21 through 27, 2023 as National Public Works Week in El Cerrito and encouraging all residents, businesses, and community organizations to recognize the substantial contributions Public Works personnel make to protect our health, safety, and quality of life.

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

Action: Approved proclamation

D. Affordable Housing Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation designating May 2023 as Affordable Housing month in El Cerrito.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing Manager, Community Development
Pulled from Consent by Councilmember Fadelli

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Quinto/Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick

Action: Approved with an amendment to add a clause noting the City's State Prohousing Designation. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto,

Councilmember Wysinger **Noes: None**

E. Bike to Work Day Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation recognizing May 18, 2023 as Bike to Work Day in El Cerrito.

Contact: Jennifer Bright, Management Assistant; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

Action: Approved proclamation

F. Proclamation Recognizing East Bay Municipal Utility District's Centennial Anniversary

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation recognizing East Bay Municipal Utility District's centennial anniversary.

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

Action: Approved proclamation

G. Revisions to Citywide Records Retention Schedule

Action Proposed: Adopt a Resolution to approve an update to the Citywide Records Retention Schedule and rescind Resolution No. 2018-54.

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-33

H. Execute an Agreement for the Lease Purchase of Two Replacement Command Vehicles in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000

Action Proposed: Adopt a Resolution to authorize the lease-to-own purchase of two (2) Chevrolet Tahoe SSV command staff vehicles from California Automotive Retailing Group, INC DBA Dublin Chevrolet of Dublin, CA.

Contact: Eric Saylor, Fire Chief; Joseph Torres, Battalion Chief; Anthony Dawson, Engineer, Fire Department

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-34

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Hearing on Master Fee Schedule Revisions for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Notice Published 4/22/23 & 4/28/23

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Master Fee Schedule.

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 planning fees, paratransit cost reduction, facility rental fees, business license fees, pools and tennis fees, if sufficient funds are available for the need for David Hunter memorial program funds, the parking program, and the solar permit fee.

Public Hearing: Mayor Motoyama opened the public hearing.

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 Jennifer Kaczor, as the Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission.

Oral Public Comments:

Howdy Goudey - commented on the fee for solar permits.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Quinto/Councilmember Fadelli

Action: Closed the public hearing. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Quinto/Councilmember Wysinger

Action: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-35 with exhibit A updated to reflect the 4% increased fee for government entities rental fee for Council Chambers. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

B. Public Hearing regarding Fiscal Year 2023-24 Storm Drain Annual Report and method of collecting storm drain fees

Notice Published 4/22/23 & 4/28/23. 2/3 vote required to pass.

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Storm Drain Annual Report and directing that Storm Drain Fees be collected on the property tax rolls.

Contact: Sandra Dalida, Finance Director/Treasurer, Finance Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Public Hearing: Mayor Motoyama opened the public hearing.

No Public comments

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Quinto/Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick

Action: Closed the public hearing. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor

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

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Fadelli/Councilmember Wysinger
Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-36 **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

C. Public Hearing to Confirm the Diagram and to Levy the Assessment for Fiscal Year 2023-24 for Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1

Notice Published 4/22/23

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion adopt a resolution setting the annual Landscape and Lighting Assessment for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 as \$72 per single-family residential parcel, and as noted in the Engineer's Report for other classes of properties.

Contact: Sandra Dalida, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department; 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 considerations for sustainability of the infrastructure, and the process for property based elections under proposition 218, amount of support from the general fund to provide the current level of services, lack of inflation to the fee, cost of parks and landscape maintenance covered by the general fund, .

Public Hearing: Mayor Motoyama opened the public hearing.

No public comments.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Quinto/Councilmember Fadelli
Action: Closed the public hearing. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick/Councilmember Fadelli
Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-37 **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

9. POLICY MATTERS

A. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Study Session

Action Proposed: Conduct a study session on the Fiscal Year 2023- 2024 Budget including:

- Feedback from the April 22, 2023 Community Budget Town Hall
- Discussion of priorities for FY 2023-24 Budget
- City Council Budget

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding a focus on equity, discussed the council travel and training budget requested, benefits of participation of state and national caucuses, and council salary.

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 Jennifer Kaczor, the Chair of the Park and Recreation Commission, and John Stashik.

Oral Public Comments:

Linda Cain - commented on the lack of necessity for the amount of travel by councilmembers for the residents.

Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, a \$5,000 annual allotment per councilmember, and an additional \$8,000 allotment for the Mayor.

A request for a friendly amendment by Councilmember Wysinger to increase to \$8,000 per councilmember was rejected.

A request for a friendly amendment by Councilmember Fadelli to increase to \$6,000 per councilmember was accepted.

A request by staff for an additional \$5,000 to cover the cost of up to 4 members attending the New Mayor/Councilmember Academy was accepted.

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick/Councilmember Fadelli

Action: Passed a motion directing staff to include in the draft budget \$43,000 for City Council travel/training which includes a \$6,000 annual allotment per councilmember, \$8,000 allotment for the Mayor, and \$5,000 to cover the cost of attendees at the New Mayor/Councilmember Academy. **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** Councilmember Quinto

10. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

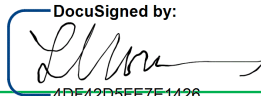
Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments, committee reports, and any required reporting under AB 1234 for meetings (as defined by the Brown Act) attended at the public's expense.

Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick - reported on attendance at an AC Transit breakfast event, and a Park and Recreation Commission meeting.
Councilmember Fadelli - reported on attendance at a Contra Costa Transportation Authority meeting.

Mayor Motoyama - reported on attendance at an East Bay Economic Development Alliance meeting, Association of Bay Area Government Executive Committee meeting, Cal Cities briefing on Sales Tax, City Community Budget Town Hall meeting, 50th anniversary celebration for the Wen Wu Martial Arts Academy, City Hall tour for the Wildcat 4-H club, addressed the El Cerrito Democratic club, Advisory Body Council ad-hoc meeting, West County Mayors and Supervisors meeting, and ribbon cutting ceremony for Edward Jones Financial Advisory Services.

11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM in memory of former Police Chief Patrice Reeve.

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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 May 2, 2023 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk