

Mayor
Lisa Motoyama
Mayor Pro Tem
Tessa Rudnick



Councilmembers
Paul Fadelli
Gabriel Quinto
Carolyn Wysinger

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

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

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82945771312?pwd=MTBPaVpLbDZiNWVsaWZYZ0pqaVlxQT09>

Meeting ID: 829 4577 1312 **Password:** 545667 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

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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 SPECIAL 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 **Absent:** None

Mayor Motoyama shared comments and recognized the passing of former Police Chief Pat Reeve.

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. 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.

A. Public Service Recognition Week

Action Proposed: Adopt a proclamation recognizing May 7-13, 2023 as Public Service Week in El Cerrito.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

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

3. POLICY MATTERS

A. Agreement with Pedro (Pete) Salazar for Finance Director/City Treasurer Services

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Pedro (Pete) Salazar, as a CalPERS retired annuitant, to provide Finance Director/City Treasurer services to the City of El Cerrito.

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

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding salary for this position versus IT Manager, as well as amount of hours remaining.

Oral Public Comments:

Cordell Hindler - spoke in support of approval.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Quinto/Councilmember Wysinger

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

B. Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget Study Session

Action Proposed: Hear from City departments and conduct a study session on the FY 2023-24 budget.

- Preliminary Department Overview
- Review of FY 2022-23 Department Highlights
- FY 2023-24 Department Focus and Workplan/Operations

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council for Administration/Finance regarding 115 Trust, new revenue options, and cyber security efforts; for Community Development regarding building official, streamlining inspections, rental registry participation levels, short-term rentals, support of low income and small businesses in the San Pablo Specific Plan, timing to issue permits, and status of development on San Pablo Ave; for Fire regarding diversifying recruitment outreach, addressing public safety building deficiencies, red flag warning day parking, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) drill, and coordinated efforts in fire safety; for Police regarding employee retention, parking plan and citations, community liaison officer role, traffic officers, retail theft, bike officers, mental health services, and canine officers; for Public Works regarding vacancies, technology enhancements for permit processes, reimbursements and grants; and for Recreation regarding increasing services to black and indigenous youth, senior services, meal services, and scholarships; and equity considerations across all departments.

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 Robin Mitchell, Cathy Bleier, and Jennifer Kaczor.

Oral Public Comments:

Cordell Hindler - commented regarding concern with speeding on Ashbury.

Robin Mitchell - spoke in support of funding an update to the inventory of city trees.

Action: None

4. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Councilmember Fadelli requested the meeting be adjourned in memory of Chris Strachwitz. The special meeting adjourned at 9:49 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 May 9, 2023 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charlety, MMC, City Clerk