

Mayor
Lisa Motoyama
Mayor Pro Tem
Tessa Rudnick



Councilmembers
Paul Fadelli
Gabriel Quinto
Carolyn Wysinger

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2023

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (5:30 PM)
Hillside Conference Room - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

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**CONCURRENT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EL CERRITO PUBLIC FINANCING
AUTHORITY, EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD,
AND REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL (6:00 PM)**
City Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

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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**.

5:30 PM ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mayor Motoyama called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM.
Present: Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto **Absent:** Councilmember Wysinger

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 COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): One potential case

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management
City Council convened to closed session at 5:31 PM. No reportable action.

4. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
The special meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM

6:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE CONCURRENT SPECIAL PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY, EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD, AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mayor Motoyama called the meeting to order at 6:10 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.
City Manager Pinkos - Announced the incoming Finance Director on July 15, Crystal Reams.

Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick - announced the upcoming July 4th event.

Mayor - reported signing a joint letter from local elected officials letter asking for Congress to support the Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act, and sent a letter to the Governor, Assemblymember Ting and Senator Skinner in support of prioritizing funding for transit in the FY23-24 Budget negotiations.

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 Scott Tipping.

Oral Public Comments:

David Marshman - commented on the need for senior services and the lack of a senior center in the city.

Susan Duncan - spoke regarding several insurance companies no longer issuing homeowner policies in California, and the need to increase funding to create additional fuel blocks around homes.

Scott Tipping - shared concern about the increasing fire hazards in the Hillside Natural Area.

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: Councilmember Quinto/Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick

Action: Approved the consent calendar as indicated below.

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

A. Loving Day Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation declaring June 12, 2023 as Loving Day in the City of El Cerrito, and encourage people to reflect on the Loving family and all of the pioneers who have and will continue to fight for the civil right to love.

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

Action: Approved proclamation

B. LGBTQIA Pride Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation declaring the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender/Transsexual, Queer/Questioning, Intersex and Agender/Asexual (LGBTQIA) Pride month in the City of El Cerrito and recognize Pride Month by flying the Progress Pride flag at City Hall during the month of June.

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

Action: Approved proclamation

C. GLSEN 2023-2024 Rise Up Campaign Proclamation

Action Proposed: At the request of Mayor Motoyama, approve a proclamation in support of the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) 2023-2024 Rise Up Campaign to support LGBTQI+ young people in schools.

Contact: Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved proclamation

D. Juneteenth Proclamation

Action Proposed: At the request of Councilmember Wysinger, approve a proclamation in support and recognition of Juneteenth on Monday, June 19, 2023 and further recognize Juneteenth by flying the flag at City Hall June 17-19, 2023.

Contact: Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved proclamation

E. Consulting Services Agreement with LSA Associates, Inc. to develop the Hillside Natural Area Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a consulting services agreement with LSA Associates, Inc. (LSA) to develop the Hillside Natural Area (HNA) Fire Resilience and Forest Conservation Management Plan, in an amount not to exceed \$145,000 as funded by the Wildfire Resilience Capacity Building Grant from the State of California Coastal Conservancy and amending the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Adopted Budget to appropriate \$145,000 in funding from the State Coastal Conservancy grant in the Capital Improvement Fund.

Contact: Stephen Pr  e, Environmental Programs Manager/City Arborist; Karineh Samkian, Senior Program Manager; Susan Kattchee, Interim Operations and Environmental Services Division Manager; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-40

F. Amendment to Professional Services Agreement with Maze and

Associates

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution to authorize the City Manager to amend the professional services agreement with Maze and Associates for temporary Finance staffing support by \$89,882 for a total amount not to exceed amount of \$250,000.

Contact: Pete Salazar, Interim Finance Director/City Treasurer; Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2023-41

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Annual Review and Renewal of the Military Equipment Ordinance

Notice published 5/27/2023; Annual Report posted 4/17/2023

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution approving the El Cerrito Police Department Military Equipment Report for 2022 and the Military Equipment Policy, including an updated Equipment Inventory, and renewing Ordinance 2022-01.

Contact: Paul Keith, Chief of Police, Police Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding outreach process, process to purchase items not listed, types of drones and uses.

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: Councilmember Quinto/Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick **Action:** Approved Resolution No. 2023-42 **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

9. POLICY MATTERS

A. CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD ITEM Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget

Action Proposed: Receive and file a presentation on the Draft Proposed Fiscal Year 2023-24 City Budget and provide direction to staff as necessary.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager; Will Provost, Assistant to the City

Manager, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding grant opportunities for Public Safety Projects, clarification that one-time expenses are not included in the proposed operating budget, projected Real Property Transfer Taxes revenues, potential effect of the fiscal cliff projected for public transit on the Plaza BART Transit-Oriented Development project, abandoned vehicle abatement fund, purchased property services, July 4th funding, funds for advisory body events, library measure, police vehicle replacements and return of bike officers, use of Measure H funds, alternate 5-year forecasts, and long term effects of special fund expenses exceeding revenue.

Oral Public Comments:

Linda Cain - commented on work on the budget, the importance of public transit, community events, and importance of a dedicated senior center.

Howdy Goudey - spoke regarding one-time projects and support for electrification and continued focus on climate action.

Action: Received and filed.

- 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.*

Councilmember Quinto - reported on attendance at the Contra Costa Mayors Conference, and spoke at Senior Coalition meeting.

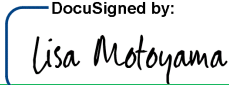
Councilmember Rudnick - reported on attendance at Stiizy grand opening, announced will sit on a panel at the upcoming annual Cal Cities conference in September.

Councilmember Fadelli - letter sent as chair of WCCTAC in support of transit funding.

Mayor Motoyama - reported on attendance at Association of Bay Area Governments executive meeting, luncheon with Assemblymember Buffy Wicks, sub- committee meeting for Advisory Bodies, West County Mayors and Supervisors meeting, Contra Costa County Mayors Conference, Stiizy Grand opening, and Climate Action and Adaptation Community Workshop.

- 11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:47 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 June 6, 2023 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charlity, MMC, City Clerk

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