

Mayor
Lisa Motoyama
Mayor Pro Tem
Tessa Rudnick



Councilmembers
Paul Fadelli
Gabriel Quinto
Carolyn Wysinger

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

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

Join Via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 828 0756 5690 **Password:** 206769 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

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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. *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: Councilmember Motoyama, Mayor Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem 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 City Hall Closure for the holidays from 12/21/23 - 1/2/24.

Councilmember Fadelli - announced the Sundar Shadi holiday display will remain up until December 27th.

Mayor Motoyama - Announced recognition of centenarians Theresa Parella and Peggy Hender.

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.

Public Comments: Written comments submitted prior to and during the meeting are posted online as supplemental materials and incorporated into the official meeting record.

Mehmet Seflek, Somaia Nassef, Fred Bialy, Ashley Corri, Sherry Drobner, Toby Blome - spoke in support of a cease-fire resolution in support of Gaza.

Faith M. - spoke regarding the Israel/Palestine conflict and against Council action regarding a cease-fire.

Anne Ogonowski - announced a walk sponsored by Friends of the Five Creeks on December 23rd from 10-12 in the Hillside National Area (HNA).

Jonathan Mintzer - spoke in support of electing Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick as the next El Cerrito Mayor and against Council action regarding a cease-fire.

Buddy Akacic - commented regarding the need for a senior center.

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/Councilmember Wysinger **Action:** Adopted the consent calendar as indicated below **Ayes:** Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

A. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for November 2023

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

Contact: Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

Action: Received and filed

B. Transportation Impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23
Report publicly posted 12/04/2023

Action Proposed: Receive and file the Transportation Impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2022-23, ending June 30, 2023.

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

Action: Received and filed

C. CalRecycle Grant Program Applications

Action Proposed: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit applications for payment and grant programs and related authorizations to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

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

Action: Approved Resolution 2023-91

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. POLICY MATTERS

A. City Council Reorganization

The City Council will elect a Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore to serve a term of one year.

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

Mayor Motoyama shared remarks on her year as mayor and called for the reorganization. Councilmember Fadelli nominated Councilmember Rudnick for the office of Mayor.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Quinto

Action: Closed nominations and selected Councilmember Rudnick as Mayor for 2024. **Ayes:** Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Rudnick, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

Mayor Rudnick shared remarks on her vision as Mayor in the upcoming year. Councilmember Motoyama nominated Councilmember Wysinger for the office of Mayor Pro Tem.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Mayor Rudnick
Action: Closed nominations and selected Councilmember Wysinger as Mayor Pro Tem for 2024. **Ayes:** Mayor Rudnick, Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

Public Comments:

Dean Kertesz - shared well wishes and congratulations to the new Mayor.

John Stashik - thanks to the outgoing mayor for service and responsiveness and congratulations to the new Mayor.

Buddy Akacic - shared planning for first annual Janet Abelson stroll in 2024.

- 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 testifying before the Little Hoover Commission.

Councilmember Motoyama - reported attendance at the El Cerrito Historical Society award event, Mechanics Bank holiday mixer, Contra Costa Mayors Conference, ribbon cutting for Little Kathmandu Restaurant, Northern California Carpenters Moose Feed Luncheon, Hana Gardens Makers Faire, and the grand opening of Yve Dominican Salon.

Councilmember Fadelli - reported attendance at a tour with West Contra Costa School District, and West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) meeting.

Mayor Rudnick - reported attendance at the Hana Gardens Makers Faire.

- 11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
The regular meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM

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Tessa Rudnick
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Tessa Rudnick, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 19, 2023 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charl  ty, MMC, City Clerk