

Mayor
Lisa Motoyama
Mayor Pro Tem
Tessa Rudnick



Councilmembers
Paul Fadelli
Gabriel Quinto
Carolyn Wysinger

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (9:00 AM)
City Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89583711110?pwd=V0JDNkluRjRNaVBteUVxbWJWWmMydz09>

Meeting ID: 895 8371 1110 **Password:** 504616 **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. *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. Thursday, October 26, 2023** 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.**

9:00 AM **ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
Mayor Motoyama called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.
Present: Mayor Motoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Wysinger (arrived at 9:12 AM) **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. **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.

Sue Duncan - spoke regarding the need for fire prevention funding.

5. **STRATEGIC PLAN WORKSHOP**

Action Proposed: The City Council will receive and review information obtained through stakeholder engagement efforts and an environment scan and then discuss elements of the City's strategic plan for 2023 - 2028. The workshop will provide time for Councilmembers, guided by Baker Tilly, to review the City's vision, mission, values, goals and strategies. A draft strategic plan document will be prepared based on Council input and agendaized for future consideration and adoption.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: Baker Tilly facilitated a workshop with City Council to review strategic plan input; build consensus for mission vision, values and goals; and develop goals and strategies for the next 5 years.

Council Recessed from 9:55 AM to 10:12 AM

Public Comments:

John Stashik - spoke in support of the discussion regarding the proposed mission statement.

Jack - commented on how the mission, vision and values will be used.

Kathy Cesa - spoke regarding incorporating underrepresented residents.

Mark Watson - requested overview of how the focus of workgroups.

Buddy Akacic - spoke regarding the importance of terminology, importance of a senior center and community involvement.

Ann Ogonowski - commented on the importance of addressing climate change in the plan.

Max - requested information regarding diversity of the city organization and residents.

Council recessed from 11:10 AM to 11:20 AM

Max, Al Miller, John Stashik, and Kathy Cesa - shared perspective and feedback on proposed goals and strategies language.

Action: General feedback and direction provided, no formal action taken.

6. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The special meeting adjourned at 12:38 PM.

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Lisa Motoyama

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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 October 28, 2023 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charlety, MMC, City Clerk