

Mayor
Tessa Rudnick
Mayor Pro Tem
Carolyn Wysinger



Councilmembers
Paul Fadelli
Lisa Motoyama
Gabriel Quinto

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (5:00 PM)
Hillside Conference Room - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

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

Closed Captions Available Via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 876 5999 8355 **Password:** 782696 **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. *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.**

5:00 PM **ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
Mayor Rudnick called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.
Present: Mayor Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem 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: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: City Attorney

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management

The City Council convened to closed session at 5:03 PM. No reportable action.

4. CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Karen Pinkos, City Manager; Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager; Shannon Bassi, Senior Human Resources Analyst; Glenn Berkheimer, Labor Negotiator; and Sky Woodruff, City Attorney.

Employee Organizations: Management/Confidential Employees; Police Employees Association (PEA); Public Safety Management Association (Battalion Chief, Fire Chief, Police Chief, and Police Management); Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1021; and United Professional Firefighters Local 1230.

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management

No reportable action

5. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The special meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM

6:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Rudnick called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Present: Mayor Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem 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. 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.

Councilmember Motoyama - announced 2/23 Boomer dance party at the Community Center, and on 2/29 will be participating on a panel at the Goldman School of Public Policy regarding the role of the Mayor.

Councilmember Fadelli - reminder about upcoming election and vote by mail box at City Hall, reported on attendance at Tibetan New Year event in Richmond.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Statewide Healthcare Workers' Union award presentation to Councilmember Quinto

Action Proposed: Statewide Healthcare Workers' Union presentation of an Award in recognition of Councilmember Quinto's 2023 actions on behalf of healthcare workers and patients.

Contact: Doug Jones, SEIU UHW Political Organizer

Award Presented to Councilmember Quinto

6. 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.

Linda Cane, Buddy Akacic – spoke regarding support of a wall of fame nomination for Janet Abelson.

Michael Nye – spoke in support of a nomination for Janet Abelson and the conflict in the middle east.

Sue Duncan – spoke in support of a Regional MOU for wildfire prevention.

Dave Weinstein – provided an update on the goals and accomplishments of the El Cerrito Trail Trekkers.

Dorthia Dorenz, Jeff Levi, Alan Mayer, Hillory, Dean Kertesz, Faith M., Alexander Guilenta – spoke in opposition of a ceasefire resolution.

Sherry Drobner, Yuko, Sima Busid, Leslie Adams, Seth Morrison, Adriana Cerundolo, Samai Nassef, Sepida Khosrow, Tobe Blome, Fred Bialy, Walla Oriqat, Lucia B., Alissa Hauser, Kate Bolten-Shuckler – spoke in support of a ceasefire resolution.

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 Fadelli/Councilmember Motoyama **Action:** Approved items A-D on the consent calendar as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None **Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger

A. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for January 2024

Action Proposed: Receive and file the Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for the month of January 2024.

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

Action: Received and filed

B. California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) Form 130 - Designation of Authorized Agents

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution designating the City Manager, Finance Director, and Public Works Director as the City's agents to provide required assurances and execute agreements for the purposes of obtaining financial assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) for any disaster aid and grant program; approving the corresponding Cal OES Form 130; and authorizing the City Manager to file the Cal OES Form 130 with Cal OES and submit all related documentation.

Contact: A'shanti Coleman, Management Assistant, Public Works Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2024-6

C. Amendment to Consulting Services Agreement with Tripepi Smith

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an extension to the consulting services agreement with Tripepi Smith for Communication Services.

Contact: Will Provost, Assistant to the City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2024-7

D. Amendment to Custodial Services Agreement with Universal Building Services

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to extend the Recreation Department's custodial services agreement with Universal Building Services through the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2023-24 for a total amount not to exceed \$110,000.

Contact: Christopher Jones, Recreation Director, Recreation Department

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2024-8

E. A Resolution Authorizing Execution of An Agreement for the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities Program for El Cerrito Plaza Parcel A South for Transit-Oriented Development at the El Cerrito Plaza Station and submission of an application for Affordable Housing Sustainable Community Program funds as a co- applicant with the Related Companies of California

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for the Affordable Housing Sustainable Communities (AHSC) Program as a co-applicant with the Related Companies of California, LLC (Developer), for El Cerrito Plaza Station Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), Parcel A South (EC-PAS) located at 515 Richmond Street, to construct 70 affordable housing units and associated multimodal transportation improvements and to submit an application to the AHSC Program as a co-applicant.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing Manager; Jarrett Mullen, Sustainable Transportation Program Manager, Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director; Community Development Department

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Fadelli/Councilmember Motoyama

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2024-9 **Ayes:** Mayor Rudnick,

Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None **Abstain:**

Councilmember Motoyama (Recusal due to potential conflict of interest)

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. POLICY MATTERS

A. Crime Prevention Committee Disbandment

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution to disband the Crime Prevention Committee and rescind Resolution 2001-105 as directed by City Council and provide staff direction if applicable.

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

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding input from current membership.

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

Jim Dolgonas – CPC Member, personally interested in continuing with a revised scope, recent attendance shows some interest in participating.

William Cedrick Cobb – CPC Member, reiterated the prior member comments.

Linda Cain – commented on the continued need to focus on crime prevention, new committee for a new subject, and support of the Crime Prevention Committee continuing.

Sue Hansen - has been attending meetings for the last year and in support of continuing the CPC.

Action: Mayor Rudnick formed an Ad-Hoc Committee comprised of herself and Councilmember Fadelli to meet with current CPC members, the Fire and Police Chiefs, and discuss and recommend an approach for moving forward. The proposed resolution was not adopted.

B. FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget Quarterly Update through December 2023

Action Proposed: Receive and file an update on City General Fund revenues and expenses for FY 2023-24 through December 2023.

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

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding real property transfer tax trends, differential between income and expenses, .

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

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 Motoyama - reported on attendance at the 23rd Law Enforcement Night, and the Jenny K 20th anniversary celebration.

Mayor Rudnick - announced upcoming West County Mayors meeting on Thursday.

11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 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 February 20, 2024 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charlety, MMC, City Clerk