

**EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL
EL CERRITO PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
EL CERRITO PENSION TRUST BOARD**

MINUTES

**SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY &
PENSION TRUST BOARD MEETING**

**Monday, June 11, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

Meeting Location
El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Bill Jones – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Lyman
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini

Councilmember Ann Cheng
Councilmember Janet Abelson

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers/Board Members Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones.

Absent: Councilmember/Board Member Cheng.

**7:00 p.m. CONVENE CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC FINANCING
AUTHORITY & PENSION TRUST BOARD MEETING**

Mayor Jones convened the Concurrent City Council/Public Financing Authority & Pension Trust Board Meeting at 7:03 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Councilmember Benassini.

2. **COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS** – No communications.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Al Miller, El Cerrito, spoke in support of the El Cerrito New Priorities Campaign Group and provided specific information regarding the costs of war spending versus social need in Contra Costa County. Mr. Miller asked that the City Council consider adopting a resolution approved by other cities and the County in July.

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, stated that comments made by the Service Employee Union (SEIU) last week should be responded to and noted that some city employees are hurting more financially than others. Mr. Loubal said current contributions to pensions are probably not sustainable in the long run and offered some ideas for distributing finances to employees at the lower end of the pay scale. Taxpayers and all employees must share in the pain.

4. PRESENTATIONS – None

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item No. 5A

Moved, seconded (Benassini/Abelson; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Cheng) and carried to adopt Consent Calendar Item No. 5(A) as indicated below.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the June 5, 2012 Special City Council Special Meeting – Closed Session and June 5, 2012 Concurrent City Council/Public Financing Authority/Pension Trust Board meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 Budget

Conduct a public hearing and continue discussion, consideration and possible adoption of resolutions which adopt Fiscal Year 2012-13 budgets for the City of El Cerrito, El Cerrito Public Financing Authority and the El Cerrito Employee Trust Board. *The budget was introduced at the June 5, 2012 City Council meeting.*

Presenter: Scott Hanin, City Manager.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing.

Speakers: Sarah DiBenedetto, Administrative Clerk Specialist in Recreation with the City of El Cerrito, spoke in support of the SEIU membership and stated that SEIU members have had just one cost of living increase since 2008 and asked that the City Council consider other ways to cut back and solve budgetary problems rather than take-backs from employees.

Shielaugh Bigelow Divelbliss, Acting President of SEIU 1021 for El Cerrito, noted that she has learned that the car allowances are actually part of management median salary. Ms. Divelbliss stated that SEIU member salaries are below median and have not received increases within the past 3-4 years. SEIU members have nothing else to give.

Millie Cleveland, SEIU representative, stated that when managers are given additional job duties the title is changed and compensation is increased. SEIU members are given more work without additional compensation. Ms. Cleveland stated that the majority of SEIU members salary is below median and PERS is part of their compensation and now the City wants to take more money out of SEIU pockets. People who make more should pay more for benefits. Members have sacrificed and it is time for executive management to pay their fair share.

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, encouraged all to visit the Rosie the Riveter exhibit in Richmond as an example of how people pulled together and looked out for each other during a difficult time. The exhibit shows how a major challenge became a major opportunity. Mr. Loubal said the budget is on the right track but more emphasis needs to be placed on learning how to cope with the situation. Mr. Loubal encouraged creating a volunteer coordinator within the city.

Mayor Jones read a resolution adopted by the Financial Advisory Board on June 7, 2012 recommending approval of the Fiscal Year 2012-13 budget into the record.

Moved, seconded (Abelson/Benassini; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Cheng) and carried to close the public hearing.

CITY BUDGETS

Actions: Moved, seconded (Abelson/Benassini; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Cheng) and carried to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012–38 representing appropriations from all funds of the City of El Cerrito except for funds pertaining to the Recreation Department for Fiscal Year 2012-13 as amended at the request of Mayor Jones to modify the second recital of the resolution by adding the word “balanced” to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the City prepares and adopts ~~the~~ a balanced budget with the intent of providing a planned policy program for City services and a financial system to carry out the planned program of services.

Mayor Jones stated that he would recuse himself from the vote on the recreation department budget to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest, removed himself from the Dais and exited the City Council Chambers.

Moved, seconded (Benassini/Lyman; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini and Mayor Pro Tem Lyman; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Cheng and Mayor Jones) and carried to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012–39 adopting the annual budget representing appropriations from the Recreation Department for Fiscal Year 2012-13 as amended by Councilmember Benassini to modify the second recital of the resolution by adding the word “balanced” to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the City prepares and adopts ~~the~~ a balanced budget with the intent of providing a planned policy program for City services and a financial system to carry out the planned program of services.

Mayor Jones re-entered the Council Chambers and seated himself at the Dais at 8:13 p.m.

EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD BUDGET

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Benassini; Ayes – Board Members Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Chair Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Board Member Cheng) and carried to adopt El Cerrito Employee Pension Trust Board Resolution No. 2012–01 as amended by Board Member Lyman to modify the third recital of the resolution by adding the word “balanced” to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to adopt ~~the~~ a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY BUDGET

Action: Moved, seconded (Abelson/Lyman; Ayes – Board Members Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Chair Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Board Member Cheng) and carried to adopt Public Financing Authority Resolution No. 2012–01 as amended by Board Member Abelson to modify the third recital to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors wishes to adopt the Agency's balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Lease and Bond Refinancing

Adopt three separate resolutions authorizing the City Manager to enter into the following agreements with JP Morgan Chase Bank for: 1) Refinancing of six Equipment Leases; 2) the Capital Lease for the Construction of the Recycling Center; and 3) the Storm Drain Revenue Bonds.

Presenters: Scott Hanin, City Manager, Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, Joshua Cooperman, Financial Advisor.

Actions: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Cheng) and carried to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012–40 authorizing the refinancing of existing equipment leases with option to purchase and authorizing and directing related actions.

Moved, seconded (Abelson/Benassini; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Cheng) and carried to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012–41 authorizing the issuance and sale by private placement to JP Morgan Chase Bank, not to exceed \$1,026,800 principal amount of 2012 Storm Drain Revenue Refunding Bonds and authorizing and directing related actions.

Moved, seconded (Benassini/Lyman; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Cheng) and carried to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012–42 approving the forms of and authorizing the execution and delivery of a site lease and a lease purchase agreement for the proposed refunding of improvements to the Recycling Center and authorizing related actions.

B. Wall of Fame Nomination Subcommittee Recommendation

Approve the City Council Wall of Fame Nomination Subcommittee's recommendation to induct Jane Bartke and Amy Shinsako into the El Cerrito Wall of Fame and direct the City Clerk to return to the City Council with a resolution confirming the appointment and re-schedule the formal induction ceremony from July 17 to August 21, 2012 to accommodate the availability of all parties involved.

Action: Moved, seconded (Abelson/Lyman; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Cheng) and carried to approve the City Council's Wall of Fame Nomination Subcommittee's Recommendation to appoint Jane Bartke and Amy Shinsako to the El Cerrito Wall of Fame and schedule the formal induction ceremony on August 21, 2012.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Jones reported on his attendance at the Contra Costa Mayors Conference and stated that lots of decisions, including adjustments to Redevelopment Agencies, will be released this week. Some State Legislators are now looking to claw away at local property taxes. Mayor Jones said he expects to see serious consideration given to local property taxes and realignment

of responsibilities. Mayor Jones said that this reinforces the need to protect the city as much as possible. One of the upcoming study sessions will focus on charter city review.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Lyman reminded all that the West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Board will convene a strategy session on June 14, 2012. Mayor Pro Tem Lyman will report back at the June 19 City Council meeting.

C. Councilmember Abelson reported on her attendance at the Contra Costa County Mayors Conference in which Chris McKenzie, Executive Director of the League of California Cities and Assemblymember Susan Bonilla spoke about the state budget. Councilmember Abelson stated that with only a majority needed to approve the budget, republicans are now out of the picture. Only three people, the Governor, Speaker Pro Tem of the Senate and the Majority Leader of the Assembly, appear to be controlling the budget process and future of the state.

D. Councilmember Benassini – No report.

E. Councilmember Cheng – Absent.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Item No. 6 Fiscal Year 2012 – 2013 Budget

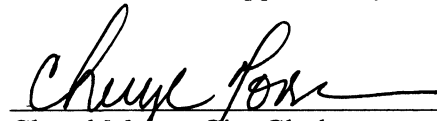
1. Financial Advisory Board Resolution – *Submitted by Mary Dodge, Administrative Services Director and Liaison to the Financial Advisory Board.*

Other

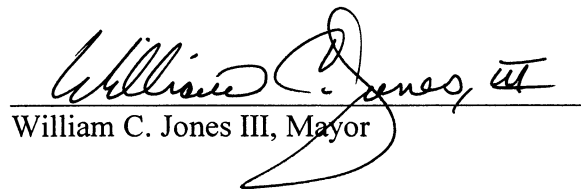
2. Bay Area New Priorities Campaign – *Submitted by Al Miller, El Cerrito.*

9. ADJOURN CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL MEETING/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY & PENSION TRUST BOARD MEETING at 8:55 p.m.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Concurrent City Council/Public Financing Authority & Pension Trust Board meeting of June 11, 2012 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



William C. Jones III, Mayor