

Mayor

Tessa Rudnick

Mayor Pro Tem

Carolyn Wysinger



Councilmembers

Paul Fadelli

Lisa Motoyama

Gabriel Quino

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 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: 821 9893 0423 **Password:** 258140 **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 5:04 PM.

Present: Mayor Rudnick, Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama (left at 5:17 PM), Councilmember Quinto (arrived at 5:11 PM) **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. 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 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: Police Employees Association (PEA); Public Safety Management Association; and Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1021.

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management

City Council convened to closed session at 5:05 PM.

Councilmember Motoyama recused herself due to a potential financial conflict of interest and left the meeting at 5:17 PM.

No reportable action.

4. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The special meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM

6:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE CONCURRENT SPECIAL PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY, EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD, AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Rudnick called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Rudnick, Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **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 holiday closure for Juneteenth, reported on recent library community meeting, and upcoming July 4th event.

Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger - reported on recent speaking engagement with El Cerrito High School Graduates.

Councilmember Fadelli - announced the upcoming Regional Wildfire Prevention Coordination Group hosted by El Cerrito on 7/8.

Councilmember Motoyama - announced amateur radio field day on 6/22 at Kensington Park.

Mayor Rudnick - Formally disbanded the Crime Prevention Committee Evaluation Ad-Hoc Committee.

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.

Amelia Schmale, Stuart Sonatina, Pier LeBlanc, Janet Bryan, Mark Peterson, Rebecca Saltzman, Gaia Sonatina - spoke regarding the need for additional street safety and traffic-calming measures in the City and requested to meet with the Public Works Director.

BL, Lucinda Casson - spoke in opposition to a council ceasefire resolution.

Buddy Akacic - commented regarding city diversity and needs for increasing senior services.

Barbara Chan - commented on the need for the Financial Advisory Board to have more oversight on financial matters.

Ann Ogonowski - commented on attendance at city advisory body meetings, and the need for education on how to properly sort waste bins including notes or warnings when bins are not sorted properly.

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 Fadelli/Councilmember Motoyama

Action: Approved Items A, B, D-G on the consent calendar as indicated below.

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

A. Approval of Minutes

Action Proposed: Approve the City Council Meeting minutes from May 7, 21, and June 4, 2024.

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

Action: Approved minutes

B. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for May 2024

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

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

Action: Received and filed

C. Resolution to Amend the City's Classification Plan

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution amending the City's Classification Plan to 1) authorize revisions to the existing classifications of City Manager, Assistant City Manager, Assistant to the City Manager, City Clerk, Management Analyst I/II, Information Technology Manager, Network Security Manager, Human Resources Manager, Senior Human Resources Analyst, and Human Resources Specialist; and 2) authorize the new classification of Senior Management Analyst.

Contact: Shannon Bassi, Senior Human Resources Analyst, City Management

Pulled from Consent by Councilmember Motoyama

Discussion: Revisions to City Manager and Human Resources Manager descriptions.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2024-39 including authorization for the City Manager to administratively amend language in the City Manager's classification to reference "efficient and economically sustainable performance of the City's operations"; and adding language for a leadership component to the Human Relations Manager classification. **Ayes:** Mayor Rudnick, Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

D. Call, Consolidate and Request Election Services for a November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election for the Purpose of Electing Three Members of City Council

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution to call for a general municipal election to be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024 for the purpose of electing three members of the El Cerrito City Council, each for a term of four years; and to request the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors consent and direct the Registrar of Voters to provide specified services to the City related to the conduct of the election.

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2024-40

Councilmember Fadelli announced that he will not be seeking re-election.

E. SB 1 - The Road Repair and Accountability Act, List of Projects for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Action Proposed: Approve a resolution adopting a list of projects for Fiscal Year 2024-25 to receive funding from Senate Bill 1 – The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017 through the Local Streets and Roads Program.

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2024-41

F. Resolution to Join Green Empowerment Zone

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City of El Cerrito to participate in meetings of the Green Empowerment Zone.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2024-42

G. Consulting Services Agreements for On-Call Engineering and Project Management Services

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute consulting services agreements with three firms, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Pakpour Consulting Group, Nichols Consulting Engineers (NCE) to provide On-call Engineering and Project Management services for three years with options to extend for an additional two years in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per fiscal year for each agreement.

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2024-43

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Fire Hazard Abatement

Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Sections 15304 and 15308, Notice published 6/8/2024

Action Proposed: 1) Adopt a resolution declaring weeds, rubbish, litter, or other flammable material on certain real property identified in the resolution constitutes a public nuisance; and 2) Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution overriding objections by property owners and ordering the City Manager or their designee to abate certain public nuisances pursuant to El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 16.26.

Contact: Traviss Crumpacker, Fire Prevention Officer; Chase Beckman, Fire Marshal, Fire Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding

reoccurring violations at certain properties, inclusion of the Kensington area.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2024-44 (Declaring Public Nuisance) with the revised Exhibit A. **Ayes:** Mayor Rudnick, Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

Public Hearing: Mayor Rudnick opened the public hearing.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Quinto/Councilmember Motoyama
Action: Closed the public hearing **Ayes:** Mayor Rudnick, Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Quinto/Councilmember Motoyama
Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2024-45 (Overriding Objections)
Ayes: Mayor Rudnick, Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

9. POLICY MATTERS

A. CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD

Approval of the City's Fiscal Year 2024-25 and 2025-26 Proposed Budget and Spending Authority by Fund for the City, Public Financing Authority, Employee Pension Board, and Approval of the FY 2024-25 Annual Gann Appropriation Limit.

Action Proposed: 1) Adopt a City Council resolution authorizing Fiscal Year 2024-25 spending authority by fund for the City of El Cerrito; 2) Adopt an El Cerrito Public Financing Authority resolution authorizing Fiscal Year 2024-25 spending authority by fund; 3) Adopt an El Cerrito Employee Pension Board resolution authorizing Fiscal Year 2024-25 spending authority by fund; and 4) Adopt a City Council resolution approving the calculation and establishing the FY 2024-25 Gann Appropriation Limit.

Contact: Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Claire Coleman, Budget/Financial Services Manager; Finance Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding Kensington budget calculation error and correction, assumptions, fire overtime estimates, track changes on budget book updates, intent statements, Financial Advisory Board involvement, increasing surplus and equivalent of service reductions, cost allocation study, and deferred maintenance.

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

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Fadelli/Councilmember Motoyama
Action: Approved Resolution No. 2024-46, Resolution No. 2024-47, PFA Resolution No. 2024-01, and PB Resolution No. 2024-01 **Ayes:** Mayor Rudnick, Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

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.*

Mayor Rudnick - reported on attendance at 6/6 Mayors Conference, 6/8 El Cerrito Summertime Kick Off Craft Fair, 6/12 Loving Day screening, and 6/14 Advisory Body Recognition Dinner.

Councilmember Quinto - reported on attendance at Local Area Formation Commission meeting.

Councilmember Fadelli - reported on Contra Costa Transportation Authority meeting.

Councilmember Motoyama - reported on attendance at 6/5 El Cerrito High School Graduation ceremony, 6/8 El Cerrito Summertime Kick Off Craft Fair, 6/12 Police Swearing in Ceremony, and 6/14 Advisory Body Recognition Dinner.

11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The concurrent meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM in memory of Willie Mays.

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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 June 18, 2024 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charlety, MMC, City Clerk