

Mayor
Tessa Rudnick
Mayor Pro Tem
Carolyn Wysinger



Councilmembers
Paul Fadelli
Lisa Motoyama
Gabriel Quino

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 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:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89053003770?pwd=DjawVX5FHtBliGNdyTWiPVaaZtZgon.1>

Meeting ID: 890 5300 3770 **Password:** 685559 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

View (Regular Meeting Only):

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 5:00 PM.

Present: Mayor Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Quinto

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

Councilmember Motoyama disclosed that her adult child is employed as a part-time childcare aide for the City of El Cerrito and her position is represented by SEIU. The City Council convened to closed session at 5:02 PM. No reportable action.

4. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The special meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

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

Mayor Rudnick called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

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

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 Police Department meeting on 8/22 regarding expansion of the license plate reader program, deadline of 8/25 for Hillside Natural Area Fire resilience and forest conservation management Plan public comments, and workshop for Richmond Complete Streets Improvement project on 9/12.

Councilmember Motoyama - announced the El Cerrito Art Association Call for Artists open until 9/1 and thanked staff and neighbors for the National Night Out event.

Councilmember Fadelli reported on attendance at the 8/15 Hillside Natural Area signage event.

Mayor Rudnick - announced the formation of a Wall of Fame Ad-Hoc committee comprised of Councilmember Motoyama and Mayor Rudnick; re-assignment of alternate voting delegate for Cal Cities annual conference from Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger to Councilmember Fadelli; and on 8/8 signing a letter to the Secretary of the Interior requesting a non-expedited public review period and to fully address environmental impacts of the proposed Scotts Valley Mega Casino and Tribal Housing Project in Solano County.

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.

Bill Barish - rep of 350 Contra Costa, spoke regarding the Climate Action and Adaptation Plan, and requested discussion and update of the CAP at every council meeting.

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 Motoyama/Councilmember Fadelli

Action: Motion to Approve the consent calendar as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Rudnick, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama **Noes:** None **Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Quinto

A. Approval of Minutes

Action Proposed: Approve the City Council Meeting minutes from June 18 and July 16, 2024.

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

Action: Approved minutes with a correction to the spelling of Linda "Cain" under oral communication from the public on the 7/16 minutes.

B. Board, Commission, and Committee Workplan(s) and/or Accomplishments

Action Proposed: Receive and file adopted workplan(s) and accomplishments from applicable Boards, Commissions, and Committees of the City.

- Environmental Quality Committee (FY24 Accomplishments)
- Financial Advisory Board (FY24 Accomplishments)

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

Action: Receive and Filed

C. Civility Awareness Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: *At the request of Mayor Rudnick* Approve a proclamation recognizing August as Civility Awareness Month in El Cerrito

Contact: Holly Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved proclamation

D. FY 2023-24 Fourth Quarter Cash and Investment Report

Action Proposed: Receive and file the City's Fourth Quarter Cash and Investment Report for the period April 1, 2024 to June 30, 2024.

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

Action: Received and Filed

E. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for July 2024

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

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

Action: Received and Filed

F. 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 Van Driver II, Administrative Assistant I/II and 2) authorize new classifications of Fire Marshal, Van Driver I and Neighborhood Preservation Program Coordinator.

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2024-55

- G. Execute an Agreement For The Lease Purchase of Five EKG Monitors And Three Mechanical CPR Devices For An Annual Amount Not To Exceed \$79,000 With A Total Price Of ~~\$332,000~~ \$432,000.**

Action Proposed: Adopt a Resolution authorizing a sixty-six month lease purchase of five EKG monitors and three mechanical CPR devices for an amount not to exceed \$79,000 per year, for a total purchase price of ~~\$331,173~~ \$432,000.

Contact: Eric Saylor, Fire Chief, Fire Department

Action: Approved Revised Resolution No. 2024-56

- H. Amendment of the License Agreement with the Kensington Police Protection & Community Services District Extending the Use of Site and Amenities at 10940 San Pablo Avenue**

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the license agreement with the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District extending the temporary usage of the modular building and other site amenities located at 10940 San Pablo Avenue for an additional three years with options to extend in two-year increments.

Contact: Christopher Jones, Recreation Director, Recreation Department

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2024-57

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Fire Hazard Abatement

Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Sections 15304 and 15308, Notice published 8/10/2024

Action Proposed: 1) Adopt a resolution declaring that 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 3) 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 1745 Elm.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Fadelli
Action: Resolution No. 2024-58 (Declaring Properties). **Ayes:** None
Noes: None **Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Quinto

Public Hearing: Mayor Rudnick opened the public hearing.

No Comments

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Fadelli/Councilmember Motoyama
Action: Closed the Public Hearing. **Ayes:** None **Noes:** None **Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Quinto

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Fadelli
Action: Resolution No. 2024-59 (Overriding Objections). **Ayes:** None
Noes: None **Absent:** Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Quinto

9. POLICY MATTERS

- 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 the Contra Costa Mayors Conference, and the Hillside Natural Area sign designation event.

- 11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
The regular meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM

DocuSigned by:
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 August 20, 2024 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk