

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Tuesday, February 21, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

Hillside Conference Room

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 21, 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

6:00 p.m. ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones.

Absent: Councilmember Cheng.

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Jones convened the Special City Council Closed Session at 6:03 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b): One potential case

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – No comments.

RECESSED INTO CLOSED SESSION at 6:05 p.m.

POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION – No report.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 6:59 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones.

Absent: Councilmember Cheng.

7:00 p.m. CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the City Council meeting at 7:05 p.m.

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

2. **COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Jones reported that the City Council had just met in closed session pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b) to discuss anticipated litigation and noted that no direction was given at this time.

Councilmember Abelson reported on her attendance at the League of California Cities Policy Committee (Administrative Services Policy and Community Services Policy) meetings on January 19-20, 2012. The state budget and redevelopment were discussed at both meetings. Members of the Community Services Policy Committee also discussed AB 1312, exemption from licensure for public recreation childcare programs and the HEALS Program (Healthy Eating and Active Living Campaign). Members of the Administrative Services Policy Committee discussed a variety of topics including elections and local government and reviewed the California Forward initiative. Councilmember Abelson also took a tour of the League of California Cities building which was rebuilt to LEED standards.

Councilmember Benassini invited all to a reception in the art gallery located upstairs at City Hall on February 25, 2012 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The gallery exhibits a new installation featuring the art of Evie Groch.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** – No speakers.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Proclamation in Recognition of Pumpsie Green**

Approve and present a proclamation recognizing Mr. Elijah “Pumpsie” Green for his distinguished stature in baseball history as the first African-American ever to play for the Boston Red Sox, the last team in the major leagues to integrate.

Action: Proclamation presented.

B. **El Cerrito Citizens’ Street Oversight Committee Annual Report to City Council** – *Presented by Al Miller, Chair, Citizens’ Street Oversight Committee.*

Action: Received presentation.

C. **Doctors Hospital Stroke Outreach Program** – *Presentation by Susila Patel, Doctors Hospital*

Action: Received presentation.

5. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5A through 5F**

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Cheng) and carried to adopt Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5E in one motion as indicated below. Consent Calendar Item No. 5F was withdrawn from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Jones. At the request of City Manager Hanin, Chief of Police Moir introduced Officer Shillinger, spoke of his achievements within the Police Department and congratulated him on his recognition as Richmond Elks Officer of the Year.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the February 6, 2012 Special City Council and Regular City Council meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Proclamation Commending and Congratulating Officer Schillinger for his Recognition as Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 Officer of the Year

Approve a proclamation commending and congratulating Officer Schillinger on the occasion of his recognition by the Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 Peace Officer appreciation night.

Action: Approved proclamation.

C. Reclassification of Building Division Staff

Adopt a resolution approving the reclassification of the Administrative Clerk position in the Building Division to Permit Technician I.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2012-12.

D. Annual Review of Financial Policy (*Held over from the meeting of January 17, 2012.*)

Adopt a resolution approving a revised Comprehensive Financial Policy and Investment Policy and rescinding Resolution No. 2011-05.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2012-13.

E. Authorization for Tipping Wall Solid Waste Registration Permit Application

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to sign and submit a Registration Permit Application to the Local Enforcement Agency regarding operation of the new solid waste tipping wall at the Recycling Center.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2012-14.

F. Defense of Bay Delta Issues From a Regional Perspective

At the request of Mayor Jones, adopt a resolution identifying the City of El Cerrito as a stakeholder with other County, Contra Costa County cities, Special Districts and other agencies and organizations, for the purpose of articulating mutual interests on Bay-Delta issues and as a stakeholder to resolve to work together to defend Bay-Delta related interests from a regional perspective. The resolution also identifies principles of mutual interest.

Action: Withdrawn from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Jones.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**7. POLICY MATTERS****A. City Council Policy Matters****1) Mid Year Budget Review Workshop**

Review and discuss the Fiscal Year 2011-12 budget at mid-year and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Presenter: Mary Dodge, Administrative Services Director.

Action: Received presentation.

2) Financial Review of Dissolution of the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency

Receive a staff report on the dissolution of the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency.

Presenter: Lori Treviño, Redevelopment Manager and Hilde Myall, Senior Housing Project Specialist.

Action: Received presentation.

3) Appointment and Approval of City Appointed Members to the Successor Agency Oversight Board

Request that the Mayor appoint an individual to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to represent the City of El Cerrito;

Request that the Mayor appoint Hilde Myall to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to represent employees of the former El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency; and

Adopt a resolution ratifying the Mayor's appointment of the aforementioned two members to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the former El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency.

Presenter: Scott Hanin, City Manager.

Action: Mayor Jones appointed himself and Hilde Myall, Senior Housing Project Manager, to the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency.

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Benassini; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Cheng) to adopt Resolution No. 2012–15 ratifying the appointment of Bill Jones and Hilde Myall to the Oversight Board.

B. City Acting as Successor Agency to the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency

1) Review and Authorization to Submit Initial Draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule

Adopt a Successor Agency Resolution reviewing and authorizing submittal of the initial draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule required under AB1x26.

Presenter: Lori Treviño, Redevelopment Agency Manager.

Action: Moved, seconded (Abelson/Lyman; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Lyman and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Cheng) and carried to adopt Successor Agency Resolution No. 2012–01.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Jones reported that he attended the Integrated Waste Management Authority Board meeting as an alternate. The Authority Board discussed consulting however the primary focus is on whether the Waste Management Authority should exist after 2014. Cities and the Board are analyzing whether it is in the best interests of cities to keep the Integrated Waste Management Joint Powers Authority going.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Lyman reported that the Integrated Waste Management Authority Board received a presentation and video on Household Hazardous Waste that will also be shown at a future City Council meeting. The Board is meeting this Thursday to discuss and consider some of the contracting that is ongoing at the Waste Management Board within the context of consulting services for the future of contracts associated with collection and processing.

C. Councilmember Abelson reported that she was elected vice chair of the Contra Costa Transportation Authority last week. The Committee on Aging received a presentation from Ashby Village, an organization that provides a variety of services to seniors, such as changing a light bulb, painting or plumbing. Services are available by membership and are performed by senior volunteers. This concept is being used in different parts of the United States. There are some residents in El Cerrito that are a part of this group.

D. Councilmember Benassini reported that the Arts and Culture Commission met earlier in the month regarding the San Pablo Avenue public art program. The Commission preliminarily selected the following potential locations for placement of icons on light poles along San Pablo Avenue: Carlson, City Hall, Potrero, Del Norte, and Conlon Avenue. The icons and the potential locations will be discussed at a public hearing of the Commission on March 21 or 22, 2012. The Commission is interested in having members of the public provide input. Additionally, the City will issue a Request for Proposal for public art at the Recycling Center soon. The concept at this time is to request proposals for functional art pieces that are needed at the Recycling Center such as shelving and gates.

E. Councilmember Cheng – Absent. *No report.*

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

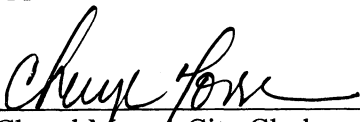
Item No. 2 Council/Staff Communications

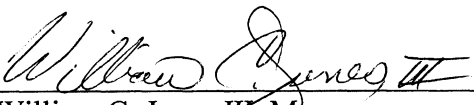
1. Ashby Village Brochure – *Submitted by Councilmember Abelson*
2. League of California Cities Building Brochure: Sustainable Design Features – *Submitted by Councilmember Abelson.*

9. ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 8:39 p.m.

A meeting of the El Cerrito Municipal Services Corporation followed immediately after this City Council meeting.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council and Regular City Council meetings of February 21, 2012 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.


Cheryl Morse, City Clerk


William C. Jones III, Mayor