

Mayor
Tessa Rudnick
Mayor Pro Tem
Carolyn Wysinger



Councilmembers
Paul Fadelli
Lisa Motoyama
Gabriel Quino

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

CONCURRENT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)

City Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Closed Captions available Via Zoom:

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Meeting ID: 851 7867 7831 **Password:** 565753 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

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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**.

6:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE CONCURRENT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Rudnick called the meeting to order at 6:03 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.

Assistant City Manager Orologas - announced upcoming holiday closure schedule,

Councilmember Fadelli - reported on attendance at the City Pancake breakfast, and fundraising efforts for DownHome Music.

Mayor Rudnick - announced recognition of El Cerrito centenarians Theresa Parella and Peggy Hender with Mayoral Certificates of Recognition and disbanded the Ad-Hoc comprised of Mayor Rudnick and Councilmember Quinto for Salary Negotiations with the City Manager.

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.

Janet Bryan, Steve Price, Kyle Brunelle, Henry Pinkard, Stuart Sonatina, Gaia Sonatina, Rhianna, Phoebe - spoke in support of dedicated bike lanes on Richmond Street.

Peter Degan– spoke in opposition to removal of on street parking on Richmond Street.

Jim Dolgonas – thanked outgoing councilmembers and announced commission vacancies.

Miguel, Leslie Adams, Somaia Nassef, Yuko – spoke in support of a City Council ceasefire resolution.

Harqanoush Preisler – spoke regarding conflict in the middle east.

6. 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 Quinto/Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger **Action:** Approved 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 November 19 and December 3, 2024.

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

Action: Approved minutes

B. El Cerrito Historical Society 50th Anniversary Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the El Cerrito Historical Society.

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

Action: Approved proclamation

C. Transportation Impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Report publicly posted 11/21/2024

Action Proposed: Receive and file the Transportation Impact Fee Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023-24, ending June 30, 2024.

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

Action: Received and filed

D. Monthly Disbursement and Check Register Report for November 2024

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

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

Action: Received and filed

E. Designating Primary and Alternate Board Members to the Municipal Pooling Authority of Northern California (MPA)

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution designating the Assistant City Manager as Primary Board Member and the Human Resources Manager as Alternate Board Member to the Municipal Pooling Authority of Northern California (MPA).

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management
Action: Approved Resolution 2024-94

F. Agreement with the City of Berkeley for Year-round Automatic Aid

Action Proposed: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the revised Memorandum of Understanding for mutual aid between the City of Berkeley and the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Eric Saylor, Fire Chief, Fire Department

Action: Approved Resolution 2024-95

G. Adopt a resolution authorizing staff to apply for the Prohousing Incentive Program

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing staff to apply for the Prohousing Incentive Program.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing-Economic Development Manager; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

Action: Approved Resolution 2024-96

H. Declare and Certify the Results of the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election

Action Proposed:

Adopt a resolution confirming the results of the November 5, 2024 General Municipal Election and declaring the re-election of Lisa Motoyama; election of Rebecca Saltzman and William Ktsanes to the office of City Council; and the passage of Measure G.

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

Action: Approved Resolution 2024-97

I. REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY ITEM: Approve Draft Annual Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule 25-26 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026)

Action Proposed: Adopt a Successor Agency resolution reviewing and authorizing submittal of the draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule 25-26.

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

Action: Approved SA Resolution 2024-01

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. Resolution Honoring Lead Maintenance Worker Jose Jaramillo for 38 years of service upon Retirement

Action Proposed: Approve a Resolution recognizing and honoring Lead Maintenance Worker Jose Jaramillo upon retirement after serving the City of El Cerrito for 38 years.

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

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Quinto

Action: Action: Approved Resolution 2024-98. **Ayes:** Mayor Rudnick, Mayor Pro Tem Wysinger, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

B. Recognition of City Councilmembers Leaving Office

Action Proposed: Special recognition of outgoing Councilmembers:

- Paul Fadelli - Mayor (2021) and Councilmember, served from 2016-2024
- Tessa Rudnick - Mayor (2024) and Councilmember, served from 2020-2024

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

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Senator Jessie Arraign, Harpreet Sandhu (representing Congressman John Garamendi), Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia, Nick Zamorano, Michael Fischer, Sue Duncan, John Stashik, Igor Tregub, Michelle Fadelli - provided comments, thanks and well wishes for outgoing members and their service.

C. Swearing in of Newly Elected Councilmembers

Action Proposed: Administration of Oath of Office and Presentation of Certificates of Election for:

- Lisa Motoyama - re-elected to a term ending December 2028
- Rebecca Saltzman - elected to a term ending December 2028
- William Ktsanes - elected to a term ending December 2028

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

Lisa Motoyama was sworn in by City Clerk Holly Charl  y; Rebecca Saltzman was sworn in by Alameda County Superior Court Judge Vicky Kolakowski; and William Ktsanes was sworn in by El Cerrito resident Betsy Bashor.

Public Comments:

Harpreet Sandhu (representing Congressman John Garamendi), Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia - provided comments, thanks and well wishes for incoming members.

8. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

9. **POLICY MATTERS**

A. **City Council Reorganization**

The City Council will elect a Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore to serve a term of one year.

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

The City Clerk declared the offices of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem vacant and called for nomination for Mayor. Councilmember Wysinger was nominated by Councilmember Quinto.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Ktsanes

Action: Closed nominations and selected Councilmember Wysinger as Mayor for 2024. **Ayes:** Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Saltzman, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

Mayor Wysinger shared remarks on her vision as Mayor in the upcoming year. The City Clerk called for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem. Councilmember Quinto was nominated by Councilmember Motoyama.

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Wysinger/Councilmember Saltzman **Action:**

Closed nominations and selected Councilmember Quinto to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for 2025 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Quinto, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto shared remarks on his vision as Mayor Pro Tem in the upcoming year.

Public Comments:

Dana Early, Courtney Wysinger - provided well wishes to the new Mayor.

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 Contra Costa Mayors Conference and Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board meeting.

11. **ADJOURN CONCURRENT REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY SPECIAL MEETING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** *The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, January 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The regular meeting adjourned at 8:47 PM*

DocuSigned by:

Carolyn Wysinger

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Carolyn Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of December 17, 2024 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Holly M. Charlety, MMC, City Clerk