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Carolyn Wysinger
Mayor Pro Tem
Gabe Quinto



Councilmembers
William Ktsanes
Lisa Motoyama
Rebecca Saltzman

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MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

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: 813 9569 2419 **Password:** 660211 **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**.

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

Mayor Wysinger called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

Present: Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman (Arrived at 6:13 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. 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 - provided an update on the city's network issues.

Councilmember Motoyama - announced upcoming Earth Day activities on 4/9, and the Norman Mineta High School Summer Academy application deadline of 4/27.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto - reported attendance at a ribbon cutting event for Great Clips in El Cerrito Plaza.

Mayor Wysinger - reported on sending a second letter of support sent for BART's Congressionally Directed Spending request for their LED Lighting Program which includes the El Cerrito Plaza station, attendance at the ribbon cutting for Security Public Storage, and walking YELP representatives through city businesses.

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.

Buddy Akacic - commented on bicycle commuters and public perceptions of the Richmond Street Complete Streets project.

Elaine Fielding, Shelby Holguin, Inge Brust, Changmo Quan, Clifford Nuzman - spoke in opposition to the Richmond Streets Complete Streets project.

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: Mayor Pro Tem Quinto/Councilmember Motoyama **Action:** Approval the consent calendar as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

A. Approval of Minutes

Action Proposed: Approve the City Council Meeting minutes from March 4, 18 and April 1, 2025.

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

Action: Approved Minutes

B. Community Safety Committee Appointments

Action Proposed: Approve Community Safety Committee recommendations to reappoint William Cedrick Cobb effective April 1, 2025 and appoint Richard Ehara effective April 15, 2025.

Contact: Aaron Leone, Sergeant/CommSC Liaison, Police Department

Action: Approved appointments

C. Adopt Landscape and Lighting Assessment (LLAD) for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and Adopt Resolution of Intent to Order Improvements; and Set the Public Hearing as May 06, 2025

Action Proposed: Accept the Engineer's Report specifying assessments for Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No 1988-1 for Fiscal Year 2025-26 and adopt a Resolution of Intention to order improvements pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, and set the time, date, and place of the public hearing as May 06, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2025-19

D. Authorization for the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority to Enter into New Regional Post-Collection Agreements

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority (Authority), also known as RecycleMore, to enter into new regional post-collection agreements and exercise certain related powers pursuant to section 5.4 of the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement (JEPA) that created the Authority.

Contact: Christina Leard, Management Analyst III; Amelia Timbers, Operations & Environmental Services Division Manager; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2025-20

E. Approve Professional Services Agreement with CentralSquare Technologies for Permitting and Licensing Software Configuration

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve an agreement with CentralSquare Technologies LLC (CentralSquare) for professional services to configure existing cloud-based permitting and licensing modules to fulfill programmatic needs in the Community Development Department.

Contact: Eric Ng, Information Technology Manager, City Management; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2025-21

F. Approve an Agreement with Ally Technologies for Nutanix Hyper Converged Infrastructure Software Platform

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with Ally Technologies for Nutanix Hyper Converged Infrastructure (HCI) from Dell in an amount not-to-exceed \$144,751.

Contact: Eric Ng, Information Technology Manager, City Management

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2025-22

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Public Nuisance Abatement Hearing for 6327 Conlon Avenue

Property Notice posted on 3/26/2025, Notice Published on 4/5/2025

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution declaring substandard maintenance on private property located at 6327 Conlon Avenue and declaring the property a public nuisance, overriding objections by the property owner and authorizing the City Manager or their designee to abate the public nuisance pursuant to El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 8.34, and approve budget authority to perform the abatement.

Contact: Steven Mello, Neighborhood Preservation Program Coordinator; Aissia Ashoori, Housing-Economic Development Manager; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding process if the property is sold, and timeline to receive reimbursement from a lien placed on the property.

Public Hearing: Mayor Wysinger opened the public hearing.

Public Comments:
None

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

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Saltzman
Action: Approved Resolution No. 2025-23 **Ayes:** Mayor Wysinger, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Saltzman **Noes:** None

9. POLICY MATTERS

A. Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget Study Session

Action Proposed: Conduct a study session on the Fiscal Year 2025-26 General Fund Budget including:

- Adjustments to Proposed Budget
- One-Time Expenditure Considerations

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager; Will Provost, Assistant to the City Manager, City Management; 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 accounting for expected recession, unfunded pension liability and potential study session, general fund balance and restricted amounts, impact of departments with reduced budgets, status of deferred maintenance, preferences on presented materials, revenue impacts if pool was closed to replaster, options for audio video improvements in chambers without a complete overhaul, wildfire hazards in the Hillside Natural Area, and process of rolling forward purchase orders.

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

Action: General direction provided to staff regarding information to bring back at the next budget discussion.

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, Association of Bay Area Governments Housing Committee meeting and appointment as Vice Chair, and the Community Seder at Temple Beth Hillel.

Councilmember Saltzman - reported on attendance as US Air Force band performance, and the Community Seder at Temple Beth Hillel.

Councilmember Ktsanes - reported on attendance at the Community Seder at Temple Beth Hillel, the Urban Forest Committee meeting, and announced office hours at El Cerrito National Grocery to meet with constituents.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto - reported on attendance Bay Area Air District, Marin Clean Energy Technical Committee, Richmond Rotary Club event, and upcoming Cal Cities meetings in Sacramento.

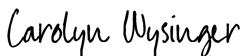
Mayor Wysinger - reported on attendance at the Contra Costa Mayors Conference, Human Relations Commission, and announced joining the Cal Cities Leadership Institute (CCLI).

11. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM

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Carolyn Wysinger, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of April 15, 2025 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Alexandra Orologas, Deputy City Clerk