

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL EL CERRITO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Tuesday, February 22, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Ann Cheng – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Jones
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini

Councilmember/Agency Chair Janet Abelson
Councilmember Greg Lyman

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Jones, Lyman and Mayor Cheng all present.

7:30 p.m.

CONVENE CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Mayor Cheng convened the Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting at 7:33 p.m.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Councilmember Benassini.
- 2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Abelson announced the following events: 1) On February 26 there will be a special recycling event at the Recycling Center from 9-12; 2) On March 21 a study session is scheduled during the City Council meeting to discuss the proposed animal ordinance; 3) On March 26 from 9-12 at the Recycling Center, city staff and community members will discuss plans and rules of conduct for reuse and exchange at the new recycling center; 4) On April 16th, Earth Day will be celebrated in the City with work parties around town and lunch at the Community Center. Anyone who wishes to participate in a work party or project or obtain more information can contact earthday@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or 215-4350; and 5) There will be a compost give away at the Recycling Center on April 23. Councilmember Abelson also reported that she has been very busy attending meetings and events on redevelopment, including recent visits to Sacramento. Things are not going well in terms of saving redevelopment for our cities. Councilmember Abelson expressed her appreciation for staff's support on this issue.

Councilmember Benassini announced that newly passed legislation requires all students entering

the 7-12th grade have a TDAP vaccine booster shot which includes whooping cough, effective Fall 2011.

Mayor Pro Tem Jones announced the beginning of youth baseball this weekend. This will mark the organization's 48th year in El Cerrito. The festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. on February 26 and Mayor Pro Tem Jones invited all to attend. Mayor Pro Tem Jones also commented on Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PGE) intent to raise rates to pay for PGE's recent pipeline mistake in San Bruno and encouraged everyone to study the issue.

Councilmember Lyman stated that he was recovering from a cold virus that had left him quite ill for three weeks and encouraged anyone who is suffering from a cold to stay home and take care of themselves until they feel better.

Mayor Cheng stated that on March 5 at 9:00 a.m. the City Council will begin a worksession with the primary purpose of developing a mission statement for the City and identification of values that are most important. The Council will begin discussion on a long term vision for the city. The mission statement, values, and vision may ultimately provide the basis for a more detailed strategic planning process which would identify the major goals of the city that the Council will hope to accomplish in the future. The process provides an opportunity for Council discussion however the community is also invited to observe and participate. The process may lead to a discussion regarding implementation of goals. The idea of the worksession is to provide time for the Council to reflect and focus on a high level mission and vision. Mayor Cheng stated that the General Plan update is approaching along with larger budgetary issues.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – No speakers.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. **Proclaiming February 2011 as American Heart Month and Committing to a HeartSafe Community** – *Presentation by John Gioia, Supervisor, Contra Costa County and Pamela Dodson, Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Services*

Approve a proclamation proclaiming February 2011 as American Heart Month and acknowledge the continuing partnership of the City of El Cerrito and the Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Services in educating the public on maintaining a heart-healthy lifestyle and calling on all residents to re-dedicate themselves to fighting heart disease by improving heart-healthy habits and by raising awareness at home and creating a HeartSafe Community.

Lance Maples, Fire Chief, thanked the City Council for taking the time to declare February as American Heart Month and Committing to a HeartSafe Community and for acknowledging the City's recent Contra Costa County designation as a HeartSafe Community. Chief Maples also thanked Ms. Dodson for supplying his department with the information needed to become a HeartSafe Community and El Cerrito Fire Captain Thomas McCullagh for his hard work.

Pam Dodson, Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Services, stated that Supervisor Gioia regrettably could not be present this evening due to a conflicting engagement. Ms. Dodson congratulated the City on becoming the first city in Contra Costa County to achieve HeartSafe designation. Ms. Dodson, on behalf of the Contra Costa County Office of Emergency Medical Services, formally recognized the Fire Department for its placement of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in public places throughout the community, teaching courses on CPR, and for having a robust community awareness program. Ms. Dodson concluded by stating that the City is a community that assures that it has all the elements of a chain of survival in place and that this ultimately ensures that anyone who has a cardiac emergency will have the best chance of survival.

Action: Presentation heard and proclamation presented.

B. Street Committee Audit Report – *Presentation by Al Miller, Chair, El Cerrito Citizens' Street Oversight Committee.*

Action: Presentation heard.

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

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Benassini) and carried unanimously to adopt Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5B, 5C and 5E in one motion as indicated below. Consent Calendar Item No. 5A was removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Lyman and Consent Calendar Item No. 5D was removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Benassini as indicated below.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the February 7, 2011 Special City Council and February 7, 2011 Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Lyman. Moved, seconded (Abelson/Benassini; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Jones and Mayor Cheng; Noes – None; Absent – None; Abstain – Councilmember Lyman) and carried to approve the minutes as submitted.

B. Proclamation Commending and Congratulating Officer Robert Chalk, Jr. for his Recognition by the Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 Peace Officer Appreciation Program

Approve a proclamation commending and congratulating Officer Robert J. Chalk, Jr. on the occasion of recognition by the Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 Police Officer Appreciation Night.

Action: Approved proclamation.

C. Purchase of an Equipped Incident Command and Patrol Supervisor's Vehicle

Adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase of an equipped Incident Command and Patrol Supervisor's Vehicle for the Police Department.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2011-09.

D. Support for Locating a Satellite Campus of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory to the City of Richmond

At the request of Mayor Cheng and Councilmember Abelson, direct the City Clerk to send a letter to the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory which expresses the City's support for bringing a satellite campus of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory to the City of Richmond.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Benassini due to a conflict of interest involving Ms. Benassini's place of business. Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson: Ayes – Councilmember Abelson, Jones, Lyman and Mayor Cheng; Noes – None; Absent – None; Abstain – Councilmember Benassini) and carried to approve the recommendation.

E. Amendment of West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

Authorize Mayor Cheng to execute the fourth amendment to the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement which changes the commencement date of the terms of a Board Chair and Vice Chair from July 1 of each fiscal year to February 1 of each calendar year.

Action: Approved recommendation.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ITEM

A. Amendment of the Public Improvements and Cooperation Agreement between the City of El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency to Include Public Buildings

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a City Council resolution and adopt a Redevelopment Agency resolution approving an authorization to amend the Public Improvements and Cooperation Agreement between the City of El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency.

Presenter: Lori Treviño, Redevelopment Manager. Ms. Trevino presented revised City and Redevelopment Agency Resolutions and a revised Amended and Restated Public Improvements and Cooperation Agreement for the City of El Cerrito Redevelopment Project Area for the City Council/Redevelopment Agency's consideration.

Mayor Cheng opened the public hearing. No speakers.

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Jones) and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson) and carried unanimously to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2011-10 as revised.

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Benassini) and carried unanimously to adopt Redevelopment Agency Resolution No. 604 as revised.

CITY COUNCIL ITEM

B. New Newsrack Ordinance and Fee

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, introduce by title, waive any further reading and approve an ordinance establishing Chapter 13.60 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code (Fixed Pedestal Newsrack Zones) and adopt a resolution amending the City's Master Fee Schedule to include fees for newsrack permits.

Presenter: Jerry Bradshaw, Public Works Director. Mr. Bradshaw introduced a revised ordinance which included administrative changes to Sections 13.60.020(A) and 13.60.050(B).

Mayor Cheng opened the public hearing. One speaker.

Speakers: Mike Switzer, Concord, single copy manager with Bay Area News Group. Mr. Switzer noted that although he works with many cities that do not charge a permit fee and would

not prefer to have fees associated with newsracks, the fees and regulations proposed by El Cerrito appear to be very fair. Mr. Switzer said he looks forward to working with the city to make San Pablo Avenue look nicer.

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson) and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson) and carried unanimously to adopt Ordinance No. 2011-01 as revised. *Second Reading scheduled for March 7, 2011.*

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson) and carried unanimously to adopt Council Resolution No. 2011-11.

7. POLICY MATTERS

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ITEM

A. Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement with Eden Housing, Inc. for Redevelopment Agency Property at 10860 and 10848 San Pablo Avenue

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Exclusive Negotiating Rights Agreement (ENRA) with Eden Housing, Inc. (Developer) for negotiation of a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) of a mixed-use affordable housing project (Project) at 10860–10848 San Pablo Avenue.

Presenter: Hilde Myall, Senior Project Manager.

Action: Moved, seconded (Benassini/Jones) and carried unanimously to adopt Redevelopment Agency Resolution No. 605.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

B. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets in the El Cerrito Climate Action Plan

Adopt a resolution adopting greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets of 15% below 2005 levels by the year 2020 and 30% below 2005 levels by 2035 for both municipal operations and the El Cerrito community as a part of the El Cerrito Climate Action Plan.

Presenter: Maria Sanders, Senior Environmental Analyst.

Action: Moved, seconded (Abelson/Lyman) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2011-12.

C. Draft 2007–2014 Housing Element Study Session

Staff requests feedback from the City Council and general public on the Draft Housing Element in order to submit the document to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for the initial 60-day review period.

Presenter: Jennifer Carman, Development Services Manager.

Action: Presentation heard and discussion held.

8. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Item No. 6A Amendment of the Public Improvements and Cooperation Agreement between the City of El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency to Include Public Buildings

1. Revised City Council Resolution, Redevelopment Agency Resolution and Amended Cooperative Agreement – *Submitted by Lori Treviño, Redevelopment Manager.*

Item No. 6B New Newsrack Ordinance and Fee

2. Revised Ordinance Sections 13.60.020(A) and 13.60.050(B) – *Submitted by Jerry Bradshaw, Public Works Director.*

Item No. 7B Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Targets in the El Cerrito Climate Action Plan

3. Powerpoint presentation – *Submitted by Maria Sanders, Environmental Analyst.*

Other

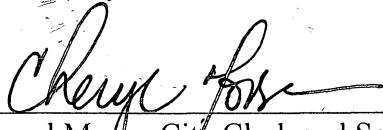
4. Matrix illustrating characteristics of General Law Cities and Charter Cities – *Submitted by Councilmember Abelson.*

9. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

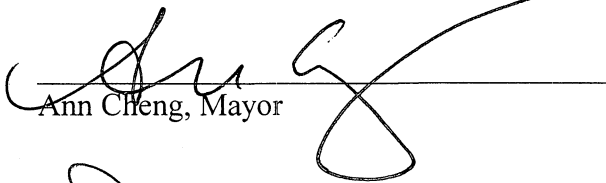
- A. Mayor Cheng reported that the Arts & Culture Commission asked the [San Pablo Avenue Public Art] artists to present a full design in March. Mayor Cheng also announced that one member had resigned resulting in a vacancy on the commission. The Human Relations Committee did not meet due to lack of quorum.
- B. Councilmember Abelson reported that the Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) has been active and recently performed “a year in review.” Everyone, including the audience, divided into small groups to express opinions. The EQC received reports from subcommittees as well. The Committee on Aging undertook the annual process of subcommittee reassignments. The Committee also asked for information regarding differences between charter cities and general law cities.
- C. Councilmember Benassini stated that neither the Financial Advisory Board or Economic Development Board had met since the last City Council meeting.
- D. Councilmember Jones reported that the new softball field at Gilman Fields is under construction. The Planning Commission reviewed the Housing Element and had no problems with it and are looking forward to reviewing the general plan.
- E. Councilmember Lyman reported that the Park and Recreation Commission met in January. There were no actions to report on. The City Council will not see a Measure WW proposal come through this year. The Design Review Board recently considered Safeway’s sign program.

9. ADJOURNED CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING at 10:27 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Concurrent City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of February 22, 2011 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council and Redevelopment Agency.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk and Secretary to the Redevelopment Agency



Ann Cheng, Mayor



Janet Abelson, Redevelopment Agency Chair