

SPECIAL EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING

Monday, June 28, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

Hillside Conference Room

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City Council Chambers

MINUTES

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Janet Abelson – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Ann Cheng

Councilmember William C. Jones, III

Councilmember/Agency Chair Sandi Potter

Councilmember/Agency Vice-Chair Greg Lyman

ROLL CALL

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

6:30 p.m.

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Abelson convened the Special City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – No speakers.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiators (*Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6*)

Agency Representatives: Scott Hanin, City Manager and Glen Berkheimer

Employee Organizations: Police Employees Association
Public Safety Management Group
International Association of Firefighters, Local 1230
Service Employee International Union, Local 1021
Unrepresented Employees

RECESSED INTO CLOSED SESSION at 6:32 p.m.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION at 7:04 p.m.

POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

ROLL CALL

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

7:00 p.m.

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Abelson convened the Special City Council meeting at 7:09 p.m.

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

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Abelson reported that the City Council had just met in closed session and provided direction to the labor negotiators. Mayor Abelson also announced the city's annual July 4th event will take place at Cerrito Vista Park from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and encouraged everyone to join in the festivities. Additionally, the City received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association.

Councilmember Lyman reminded everyone of the upcoming National Night Out event on August 3, 2010. There will be a community barbeque for people interested in hosting a National Night Out event in their neighborhood on July 17 at the Community Center from 1-3 p.m.

Councilmember Potter reminded everyone that the Stockton Avenue Stroll will be on July 9, 2010 from 7-9 p.m.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Denise Sangster, El Cerrito, expressed her concerns with the city's budget and offered recommendations for addressing budget challenges including right sizing non-public safety staffing and aligning compensation with the private sector.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Extension of Moratorium on the Approval and Issuance of Conditional Use Permits for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion approve by title, waive any further reading and adopt an urgency ordinance extending a citywide moratorium on the issuance of conditional use permits for wireless telecommunications facilities for an additional period of ten months and 15 days pending a review of existing regulations of such facilities and study of opportunities to encourage the use of new technology that would eliminate or reduce the need for such facilities. Under Government Code Section 65858, a four-fifths vote is required to adopt the ordinance.

Presenter: Jennifer Carman, Planning Manager.

Mayor Abelson opened the public hearing. Six speakers.

Speakers: Aaron Neighbor, Pinole, spoke about ionizing radiation and expressed his belief that cell towers do not present significant health problems.

Jeff Peters, El Cerrito, expressed his support for extension of the moratorium, stated that he does not want to see the city filled with towers and encouraged public input.

Pam Bennett, El Cerrito, expressed her support for extension of the moratorium, stated that there is community support for the moratorium, noted that several cities have updated their ordinances and encouraged the City Council to involve the community and provide

opportunities for input. Ms. Bennett also asked if smart meters would also be studied.

Marti Kheel, El Cerrito, thanked the City Council and City Attorney for looking at this issue, stated that existing standards are inadequate and addressed the long term non-thermal effects on health impacts. Ms. Kheel urged support of the moratorium and encouraged the city to take the necessary time to study the issue in detail.

Harry Brill, El Cerrito, commented on a study commissioned by T-Mobile, expressed his concerns regarding health effects associated with exposure to electromagnetic radiation, commented on another study commissioned by members of the wireless industry showing damage to health from heavy cell phone use and stated that [society] needs to avoid irreversible damage and proceed on the side of caution. Mr. Brill also expressed concerns with impacts on property values.

Dianne Brenner, El Cerrito, cautioned the City Council not to be misled that current safety standards are being met by equipment. Current standards do not reflect the current state of technology or current usage patterns.

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

Action: Moved, seconded (Jones/Potter) and carried unanimously to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 2010-08.

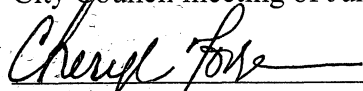
5. SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

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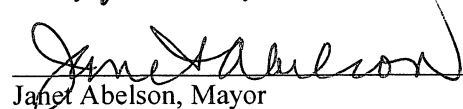
1. Correspondence, reports and sample ordinances in support of a moratorium –
Submitted by Marina Ratner, El Cerrito

6. ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:50 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of June 28, 2010 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



Janet Abelson, Mayor