

**EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL
EL CERRITO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
THE PENSION TRUST BOARD
EL CERRITO PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY**

MINUTES

**Monday, June 7, 2010 – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

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/Agency Members/Board Members Cheng, Jones, Lyman, Potter (Agency Chair) and Mayor/Board President Abelson all present.

7:30 p.m.

**CONVENE CONCURRENT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL /
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY / PENSION TRUST BOARD AND THE PUBLIC
FINANCING AUTHORITY**

Mayor Abelson convened the Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency/Pension Trust Board and Public Financing Authority Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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

Mayor Abelson encouraged all residents to exercise their right to vote in the June 8, 2010 election and provided important information on vote by mail ballots and how to find one's polling place location. Election and polling place information can be obtained by calling the City Clerk at 215-4305, the County's Election Office at 925-335-7800 or on-line at www.cocovote.us. Mayor Abelson also announced that the City Council is conducting an extended recruitment for volunteers to serve on the City's many Boards, Commissions and Committees. Interested residents can download an application from the City's website or contact the City Clerk at 215-4305 for more information.

Mayor Abelson reported on her attendance at the Richmond Ohlone Greenway Gap Closure project meeting in El Cerrito. This project will provide a major connection from the

Richmond Greenway to the Ohlone Greenway at Baxter Creek in the Greenway network. Mayor Abelson also participated in the June 6, 2010 *Bike to Bridges for Special Olympics* event in Martinez along with Councilmember Potter and Mayor Pro Tem Cheng. The event raised a large amount of money for Special Olympics. On May 26, Mayor Abelson and Councilmember Jones attended the Exchange Club Officer of the Year event in which Officer J.T. Wahrlich was recognized as El Cerrito's Officer of the Year. The West County Winds performed at the El Cerrito Performing Arts Center in celebration of its Silver Anniversary. Mayor Abelson encouraged everyone to attend their concerts.

Councilmember Potter thanked Officer Maples for organizing the *Bike to Bridges for Special Olympics* event, particularly with the fundraising and the El Cerrito High Mountain Bike Team for participating in the event. Officer Maples was commended for ensuring a safe and enjoyable ride for over 100 people who rode in the event. Councilmember Potter also congratulated Officer Caputo for winning first place in the obstacle course despite tough competition from the other police departments. Councilmember Potter announced that this is the last week for Officer Caputo as School Resource Officer at El Cerrito High and thanked Chief Kirkland for allowing Officer Caputo to participate in the Mountain Biking Team and for fulfilling all of his responsibilities at the High School. Councilmember Potter thanked Officer Caputo for all of his support and stated that he will be missed.

Mayor Pro Tem Cheng described the *Bike to Bridges for Special Olympics* 26 mile course and noted the beautiful views of the Bay and scenery. Mayor Pro Tem Cheng thanked the Police Department for such a wonderful community event. On May 25 Mayor Pro Tem Cheng represented the City in a meeting with the elected Tibetan Prime Minister in Exile. El Cerrito is home to the largest population of Tibetan Americans in the Bay Area. Mayor Pro Tem Cheng stated that it was a great honor to represent the City and acknowledge the cultural wealth within the City which is reflective of our community's acceptance of all cultures. Mayor Pro Tem Cheng noted that the Tibetans face many challenges as a culture and as a society.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Toni Cyr Kirsch, El Cerrito, presented a petition for the permanent improvement to the storm drain system affecting Carmel and Ramona Avenues in the Cerrito Creek Subdivision of El Cerrito. Ms. Kirsch stated that she is represented by 23 households, with property valued at approximately \$13.9 million. The petition is signed by 32 individuals. Ms. Kirsch stated the years in which flooding had occurred and described problems with the storm drain and trash rack design noting impacts of flooding in the area on property values and general well being.

Al Miller, El Cerrito, thanked Officer Caputo for his service as a School Resource Officer and acknowledged his contributions in school safety and thanked Chief Kirkland for being instrumental in creating the program and the City Council for their support.

4. PRESENTATIONS – None

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

Moved, seconded (Potter/Jones) and carried unanimously to adopt Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5E in one motion as indicated below.

A. Call and Consolidate the November 2, 2010 General Municipal Election

Adopt a Resolution: 1) Ordering and calling for a general municipal election to be held in the

City of El Cerrito on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, for the purpose of electing two members of the City Council for full terms of four years; 2) Requesting and consenting to consolidation of elections with the regular election to be held on November 2, 2010; 3) Requesting the services of the Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters; 4) Providing for Notice of Election; and 5) Setting specifications of the Election Order to include limiting candidate statements to 300 words, requiring candidates to pay for the costs of their candidate statement, establishing the estimated cost of each candidate statement to be \$525 payable at the time of filing; and determining that, in the event of a tie vote, the winner shall be determined by lot at a time and place designated by the election board.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2010-28.

B. Minutes for Approval

Approve the May 17, 2010 Special City Council and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

C. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Contra Costa and participating Contra Costa local government agencies for the distribution of the "regular" Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant (JAG).

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2010-29.

D. Recognizing Police Chief Scott Kirkland on the Occasion of his Upcoming Retirement

Adopt a resolution drawing special public attention to Chief Scott Kirkland on his record of service to and concern for the protection of life and property in the local community, and extending the City Council's sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2010-30.

E. June 28, 2010 Special City Council Meeting

Approve the City Manager's recommendation to schedule a Special City Council Meeting on June 28, 2010 for the purpose of conducting a public hearing to discuss continuation of the Wireless Telecommunication Facility Moratorium and any other business as needed.

Action: Approved recommendation.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Budget – Presentation by Scott Hanin, City Manager

Presentation and discussion of the City's Fiscal Year 2010-2011 budget. *Adoption of the budget is scheduled for consideration on June 21, 2010.*

Action: Presentation heard and discussion held.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Abelson reported on her attendance at the Contra Costa Mayors Conference in which David Rounds, Publisher, Contra Costa Times, spoke about changes in reporting and delivery of the news. The Committee on Aging is also recruiting for additional members and all residents are encouraged to submit an application. The Environmental Quality Committee met about the small animal ordinance and received a lot of public input. The West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC), a sub-regional agency, has been discussing a possible November 2010 ballot measure for a \$10 vehicle registration fee. Most of the funds would be used for local streets and roads. A portion of the funding would also be devoted to local pedestrian and bicycle projects and a third amount to transit. The West County Mayors met. There were no major business items to report.

B. Councilmember Cheng reported that the Design Review Board is continuing to look at the Safeway proposal and is continuing to provide input on the design.

C. Councilmember Jones reported that the Gilman Fields Sports Field Joint Powers Authority amended their agreement with the East Bay Regional Park District in light of the current state of economy to develop the softball field now and the rest of the project when the funds come in. The West County Integrated Waste Management Authority will be finalizing its fiscal year budget including renewal of the process and agreements with its green waste and compost collector.

D. Councilmember Lyman – No report.

E. Councilmember Potter reported that the Arts and Culture Commission did not meet in May due to lack of quorum but will be meeting on June 16th to continue discussion on the San Pablo Avenue Public Art Project. The Human Relations Commission is scheduled to meet on July 7.

9. SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Item No. 7 Fiscal Year 2010–2011 Budget

1. Revised powerpoint presentation – *Submitted by City Manager Hanin*

Other

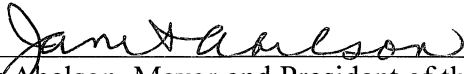
2. Petition for Permanent Improvement of the Storm Drain System Affecting Carmel and Ramona Avenues in the Cerrito Creek Subdivision of El Cerrito –
Signed by 32 residents and Submitted by Toni Cyr Kirsch, El Cerrito.

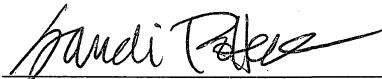
10. ADJOURNED CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY / PENSION TRUST BOARD AND PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING at 9:26 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the concurrent City Council / Redevelopment Agency / Pension Trust Board and Public Financing Authority meeting of June 7, 2010 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council / Redevelopment Agency / Pension Trust Board and Public Financing Authority.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk and Secretary to the Redevelopment Agency, Pension Trust Board and Public Financing Authority


Janet Abelson, Mayor and President of the Pension Trust Board and Public Financing Authority


Sandi Potter, Redevelopment Agency Chair