

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 3, 2010 – 6:30 p.m.

Hillside Conference Room

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 3, 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

Present: Councilmembers Cheng, Jones, Lyman and Mayor Abelson.

Absent: Councilmember Potter.

6:30 p.m.

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Abelson convened the Special City Council meeting at 6:34 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 6:37 p.m.

POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cheng, Jones, Lyman and Mayor Abelson.

Absent: Councilmember Potter.

7:30 p.m.

CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Abelson convened the Special City Council meeting at 7:41 p.m.

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

2. **COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Abelson reported that the Council had just met in Closed Session and gave direction to labor negotiators. No decision was reached.

Councilmember Lyman reminded everyone that the Bicycle Rodeo will take place on May 22, 2010 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Johns School Kearney Street Yard and stated that all are welcome.

Councilmember Cheng announced the Bike in Movie on May 12, 2010 at the Cerrito Theater. There will be free valet bike parking offered by the East Bay Bike Coalition. On May 13, 2010 in the morning there will be an official energizer station located at the Plaza BART Station with prizes and give-aways making for a great commute. Councilmember Cheng also highlighted the City's Green Team month long No Car Challenge. El Cerrito is the only Contra Costa County city to undertake this challenge.

Mayor Abelson reported that she attended the April 22, 2010 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Session. The theme of the meeting was Climate Sustainability and California Senate Bill 375.

Michael Bond, Battalion Chief and Fire Marshal, informed the Council and public that the Fire Department is initiating the kick-off of its vegetation management standards inspections in the middle of the month. Notices of non-compliance will follow. Battalion Chief Bond informed that the new fire prevention officer is Terry Pace and stated that he is hoping for 100% compliance this year.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Sylvia Gott, El Cerrito, spoke of the value of senior services to the community, described many of the classes offered, acknowledged the many volunteers offering service and encouraged the Council to continue to support the senior centers and thanked the Council for its steadfast and continuing support, particularly last summer.

Mark Guthrie, El Cerrito, stated that he attends Christ Lutheran Senior Center, and informed the Council of the value of senior programs to the community.

Cora Tiongson, El Cerrito, member and volunteer of St. John Senior Center, expressed her appreciation for senior services, the work of the volunteers, and the warmth and community offered by the Senior Centers.

Laurel Spahr, Richmond, speaking on behalf of Marie Roth, who has been going to the Christ Lutheran Church for the past ten years, encouraged the Council to support the senior centers and spoke of the benefits of the senior center to Ms. Roth.

City Manager Hanin clarified that certain senior centers received funding from the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. New Venture Training – Presentation by Dwayne Dalman, Economic Development Project Manager.

Speakers: Jeff Hall, Training Manager, Contra Costa Small Business Development Center.

Luke Kreinberg, One To One Box, expressed his appreciation for the program.

Cara Toomey, Charismatic Events, thanked the Council for their support and described the value of the program to her.

Mayur Patel, Software Solutions, described the benefits of this training program.

Action: Received presentation.

B. Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing (PACE) – Presentation by Mike Marcus, Regional Program Manager, Renewable Funding LLC.

Action: Received presentation.

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

Moved, seconded (Cheng/Lyman; Ayes – Cheng, Jones, Lyman and Abelson; Noes – None; Absent – Potter) and carried to adopt Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5C as indicated below.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the April 19, 2010 Special Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Landscape and Lighting Assessment District Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements

Accept the Engineer's Report specifying assessments for the Landscape and Lighting Assessment District and adopt a Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, and setting the time, date, and place of the public hearing as May 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2010-23. Public hearing scheduled for May 17, 2010.

C. Claims Against the City

Reject the claim filed by Jones Lang LaSalle Americas, Inc., Claim No. 2010-08, per City Attorney.

Action: Rejected Claim No. 2010-08, per City Attorney.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

7. **POLICY MATTERS**

Solid Waste Ordinance Update

Introduce by title, waive any further reading and approve an ordinance amending El Cerrito Municipal Code (ECMC) Chapter 8.12 – Collection and Disposal of Waste Stream.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman /Jones; Ayes – Cheng, Jones, Lyman and Abelson; Noes –None; Absent – Potter) and carried to approve Ordinance No. 2010–06 by title and waive any further reading. *Adoption scheduled for May 17, 2010.*

8. **COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS**

Held over from the meeting of April 19, 2010.

A. Mayor Abelson – No report.

B. Councilmember Cheng reported on her attendance at the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC). WCCTAC made a recommendation supporting a November 2010 ballot measure for a \$10 license fee on vehicles registered within the County. The Design Review Board looked at the conceptual plans for Safeway and will be looking at revised plans on May 5, 2010.

C. Councilmember Jones reported that final plans are being made to install the softball field at the Gilman Sports Fields but there is not enough money to finish the baseball field which would finish the project along with permanent parking and field house structures. The Joint Powers Authority is awaiting additional permits for the softball field and additional permanent parking. The Integrated Waste Management Authority will be finalizing its contract for waste hauling in May for renewal in June. Councilmember Jones also advised that there is a statewide scam regarding requests for social security numbers related to jury duty and advised the public not to provide any personal information over the phone.

D. Councilmember Lyman reported that the Crime Prevention Committee discussed the May 22, 2010 Bike Rodeo and the National Night Out barbeque host planning event on July 17, 2010 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Community Center. The National Night Out Event is August 3, 2010. The Financial Advisory Board reviewed the audit report presented at the last Council meeting, had questions for staff and did not propose any action.

E. Councilmember Potter – Absent.

9. **ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at 9:04 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 3, 2010 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



Janet Abelson, Mayor