

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL EL CERRITO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
Monday, November 2, 2009 – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Meeting Location
El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Sandi Potter – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson
Councilmember Greg Lyman

Councilmember/Agency Chair William C. Jones, III
Councilmember/Agency Vice-Chair Ann Cheng

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers/Agency Members Abelson, Cheng, Jones and Mayor Potter.

Absent: Councilmember Lyman.

7:30 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Mayor Potter convened the Special Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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

Mayor Potter thanked the Police Department for their work in the investigation and trial of Edward Wycoff in the murder of Paul and Julie Rogers in 2006. Mayor Potter said the Police Department behaved professionally and noted that the trial was an emotionally trying time for the officers involved.

Mayor Potter also acknowledged the Police Department for their successful location of an 8 year old child who was missing from Harding School and found to be safe in Albany. The Police Department had been looking for three missing persons on the same day and each was recovered safely. Mayor Potter acknowledged the Police Department for their excellent work and continuing service to the El Cerrito Community.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Al Miller, El Cerrito, reminded the public of the November 3, 2009 10th Congressional District Special Election and encouraged all to vote. Mr. Miller also reported in the participation in the El Cerrito High School Homecoming Parade and noted the fine work of the Police Department in organizing traffic barriers and bicycle and pedestrian safety for the parade.

4. **PRESENTATIONS – None**

5. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Items 5A through 5D**

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

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT ITEM

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the October 19, 2009 Special Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency Meeting Minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

B. National Family Caregivers Month.

Approve a proclamation proclaiming November 2009 as National Family Caregivers Month in the City of El Cerrito.

Action: Approved proclamation.

C. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Application

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City of El Cerrito to apply for and enter into an agreement with the California Energy Commission (CEC) for Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) funds for an amount of no more than \$123,066 and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute all necessary agreements to carry out the purposes of the award.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2009–71.

D. Purchase of Replacement Type 1 Engine for Fire Station 72

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with Hi-Tech Emergency Vehicle Services to purchase a replacement Type 1 fire engine for Fire Station 72 through a “Tag On” order process in an amount not to exceed \$567,335.63.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2009–72.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING – None**

7. **POLICY MATTERS**

Neighborhood Traffic Management on Rockway Avenue

Adopt a resolution: 1) Authorizing the City Engineer/Public Works Director to implement a six-month trial of a half-street closure prohibiting entry onto eastbound Rockway Avenue from Ashbury Avenue; and 2) Authorizing the appropriation of \$8,000 from the unrestricted fund balance to cover the cost of its implementation.

Presenter: Yvetteh Ortiz, Engineering Services Manager.

Speakers: Carolyn Hayashida, El Cerrito, expressed her concerns regarding traffic volume and safety and encouraged the City Council to support the trial traffic proposal.

Margaret Breeding, El Cerrito, described many safety hazards associated with traffic volume and encouraged the City Council to support for the trial traffic proposal.

Rachel Thevenet, El Cerrito, expressed her concerns regarding traffic and safety hazards, particularly for her 2.5 year old daughter, and encouraged the City Council to support the trial traffic proposal.

Lisa Motoyama, El Cerrito, asked the City Council to support the staff recommendation of a trial traffic proposal.

Thomas Van Fleet, El Cerrito, asked the City Council to support the half-street closure proposal and noted that the recent paving of Rockway Avenue has reduced the height of the speed bump enabling faster traffic.

Alisa Cruveti, El Cerrito, thanked Ms. Ortiz for her work and encouraged the City Council to support the half-street closure and value safety and community over the convenience of drivers.

Wiley Osborn, El Cerrito, advocated in favor of the half-street closure proposal and asked that staff look at the potentially hazardous turn onto Seaview Drive.

Action: Moved, seconded (Cheng/Abelson: Ayes – Abelson, Cheng, Jones and Mayor Potter; Noes – None; Absent – Lyman) and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2009-73 as amended at the request of Mayor Potter to add an additional enacting clause to state: "Be it further resolved, that this project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act under Guideline Section 15303." At the request of Councilmember Cheng, the City Council also provided staff with direction to explore the installation of bicycle actuated signal detector loops and reducing the radius of curb corners at Sea View and Colusa as mitigations to additional traffic coming from alternate routes and at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Abelson to acknowledge that this project supports a safer pedestrian crossing at the Rockway/Ashbury intersection.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Potter reported on her attendance at the West County Mayors Conference. Five cities in the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) have been working with fire departments on a West County Fire Protection Area Master Plan that is scheduled for release in January or February 2010. Additionally, Mayor Potter and other members of the Council will be attending the Contra Costa Mayors Conference in Moraga on November 5, 2009.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Abelson announced that she has been appointed chair of the League of California Cities Community Services Committee and will be attending a training League Leaders later this month. Mayor Pro Tem Abelson also attended the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly as the City's delegate. Ron Simms, Deputy Undersecretary of Housing and Urban Development was the featured speaker.

- C. Councilmember Cheng reported on her attendance at the October 7 Design Review Board (DRB) meeting in which the DRB discussed the design guidelines of the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan and worked toward a vision of a livable, walkable, safer and more active San Pablo Avenue corridor. On October 14, the DRB underwent conceptual review of the Hatlen Center. Councilmember Cheng stated that the Hatlen Center interfaces very well with the Ohlone Greenway and will add to the City's standard of architecture. The DRB also did a sign review for I-Hop and a fence review for Rose Park Condominiums.
- D. Councilmember Jones reported that the Gilman Sports Fields Joint Powers Authority is working with the East Bay Regional Park District on Mayor Pro Tem Abelson's prior inquiry regarding parking.
- E. Councilmember Lyman – Absent. No report.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

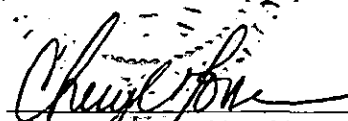
Item No. 7 Neighborhood Traffic Management on Rockway Avenue

Powerpoint presentation – Submitted by Yvetteh Ortiz, Engineering Services Department.

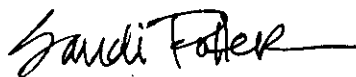
- 9. **ADJOURNED CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING in memory of Nina Oshinsky** at 9:37 p.m. Ms. Oshinsky was a planner with the City of Antioch and the wife of El Cerrito Community Development Director, Mitch Oshinsky. Ms. Oshinsky passed away on October 29 after a long struggle with cancer.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council is Monday, November 16, 2009.

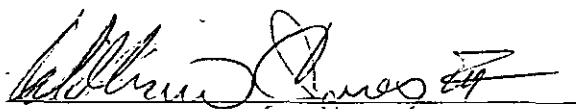
This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Concurrent City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of November 2, 2009 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council and Redevelopment Agency.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk and Secretary to the Redevelopment Agency



Sandi M. Potter, Mayor



William C. Jones, III, Agency Chair