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MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING (5:00 PM)
Hillside Conference Room - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82804106371?pwd=8JtlyJgPPbZJ1kls3H8JHJHpJSy09s.1>

Meeting ID: 828 0410 6371 **Password:** 199639 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING (6:00 PM)
Council Chambers - 10890 San Pablo Ave, El Cerrito

Join Via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88469010144?pwd=wWpahSimetpNFYEKXHu9JQhDmEZsXb.1>

Meeting ID: 884 6901 0144 **Passcode:** 346087 **Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

View (Regular Meeting Only):

1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Livestream Online at www.elcerrito.gov/CouncilMeetingMaterials

Public Comments:

1. In-person, by submitting a request to speak to the City Clerk.
2. Via Zoom, using the "[Raise Hand](#)" feature to request to speak.
3. By phone, dialing *9 to "raise your hand", and *6 to unmute.
4. Online, using the "[Submit Comments](#)" feature on the [meeting event](#).
5. Via email to cityclerk@elcerrito.gov indicating **Public Comments – Agenda Item #**.

Written comments received by **11:00 AM** the day of the meeting will be provided to the City Council and posted online in advance of the meeting. Comments received after the deadline will be provided to the City Council and posted after the meeting.

Accommodations: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk at 510-215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable accommodations. Closed Captions are available via zoom.

Conduct: This meeting is held pursuant to City Council [Rules of Order and Procedure](#).

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5:00 PM ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Quinto called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

Present: Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Wysinger

Absent: None

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

All persons wishing to speak should sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person and to items on the special meeting agenda only.

2. CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Agency Designated Representatives: Karen Pinkos, City Manager; Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager; Shannon Bassi, Senior Human Resources Analyst; Glenn Berkheimer, Labor Negotiator; and Sky Woodruff, City Attorney.

Employee Organizations: Police Employees Association (PEA); and Public Safety Management Association (Police Chief, Fire Chief.)

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management

No reportable action.

3. CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Name of case: David Ciappara v. City of El Cerrito (California Public Employment Relations Board Case No. SF-CE-2346-M)

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management

No reportable action.

4. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The special meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM

6:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Quinto called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.

Present: Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Wysinger

Absent: None

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

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3. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Reports of closed session, commission appointments and informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council and staff.

City Manager Pinkos - announced Districting Community workshop scheduled for 6/3 at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers.

Police Chief Keith - provided clarification on the Peregrine Technology contract.

Mayor Quinto - reported signing a letter of support of the Golden Gate Fields Open Space project, issuing a Mayoral Proclamation in recognition of Former Mayor Rich Bartke's 90th birthday; announced upcoming Districting Community workshop and Special City Council Meeting scheduled for 6/9 for the next Districting public hearing; and no reportable action from the 5:00 PM closed session meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman - encouraged voters to vote by 8 PM and commented on Pride month.

Councilmember Motoyama - commented on submission of vote-by-mail ballots at polling or ballot box locations.

Councilmember Wysinger - commented on Pride month and flag raising event and working towards holding Juneteenth events.

Councilmember Ktsanes - commented on election results timing.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person. The Mayor may reduce the time limit per speaker depending upon the number of speakers and may limit the total time for public comment to facilitate the completion of business on the agenda. Comments regarding non-agenda, presentation and consent calendar items will be heard first. Comments related to items appearing on the Public Hearing or Policy Matter portions of the Agenda will be heard prior to the City Council taking action on each item.

Public Comments: Written comments submitted prior to and during the meeting are posted online as supplemental materials and incorporated into the official meeting record.

Ry Crawford - expressed concerns regarding surveillance and data collecting software used by the Police Department.

Megan Steffen - commented regarding public trust in local government.

Henry Pinkard - spoke in support of adding stop signs at neighborhood crossings on the Ohlone Greenway.

Bill Barish - expressed concerns regarding software used by the Police

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Department and need for public discussion regarding contracts for software used.

Michael McDougall - thanked City staff for their work; spoke regarding support of moving forward with five districts, and makeup of district boundaries.

Jiggy Geronimo - spoke regarding need to expand research and thought in determining who to contract with for police data services, and support of additional stop signs at neighborhood crossings on the Ohlone Greenway.

Denise Sangster - expressed concern regarding decision to cancel the Flock Cameras contract.

Ryan Lau - representative of AC Transit, provided updates on upcoming AC Transit Board consideration for reduction in service due to budget shortfalls.

Nakiesha - spoke regarding the process of contracting for data services in the Police Department.

Cindy McPherson - expressed concern regarding Police Department data software contracts.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the consent calendar shall be acted upon in one motion, unless a member of the City Council or staff request separate consideration.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Ktsanes

Action: Approved the consent calendar as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Quinto, Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman, Councilmember Ktsanes, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Wysinger **Noes:** None

A. Financial Advisory Board Recommendation

Action Proposed: Receive and file recommendations from the Financial Advisory Board.

Contact: David Carvel, Chair, Financial Advisory Board

Action Received and filed. General direction provided to staff regarding evaluating Internal Service Fund policies and procedures and to provide an update to City Council in advance of the next mid-cycle budget update.

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B. Loving Day Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation declaring June 12, 2026 as Loving Day in the City of El Cerrito, and encourage people to reflect on the Loving family and all of the pioneers who have and will continue to fight for the civil right to love.

Contact: Shannon Bassi, Human Resources Manager, City Management

Action: Approved proclamation

C. Economic Development Committee Appointment

Action Proposed: Approve an Economic Development Committee recommendation to appoint UlugBeck Nurmatov, effective June 1, 2026.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Housing-Economic Development Manager; Community Development Department

Action: Approved appointment

D. Authorization for Purchase of a 2023 EV Ford E-Transit 350 Gamechanger Paratransit Van

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Model1 Commercial Vehicles through the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Agreement (Contract No. 0813250-CRE), in an amount not to exceed \$115,000, for the purchase of one Ford E-Transit 350 for use in the Easy Ride Senior & Disabled Paratransit Program.

Contact: Bridget Cooney, Recreation Supervisor; Christopher Jones, Recreation Director, Recreation Department

Action: Approved Resolution No. 2026-30

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. POLICY MATTERS

A. Draft Proposed FY 2026-27 and FY 2027-28 Biennial Budget Action

Proposed: Receive and file the Draft Proposed Fiscal Year 2026-27 and 2027-28 City Biennial Budget and provide direction to staff as necessary.

Contact: Claire Coleman, Budget/Financial Services Manager; Crystal Reams, Finance Director/City Treasurer; Finance Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding operating revenues versus expenses, one-time fund balance uses, Capital Improvement Program (CIP) public review process, street

improvement program, Utility User Tax revenue litigation, allocation of insurance among departments, and CIP prioritization.

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Public Comments:

Michael McDougall - spoke in support of the proposed budget.

David Carvel - expressed concerns regarding high salaries and increases.

Megan Steffen - spoke regarding need for a political counter narrative in the community.

Action: No action taken

9. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments, committee reports, and any required reporting under AB 1234 for meetings (as defined by the Brown Act) attended at the public's expense.

Councilmember Motoyama - reported on attendance at the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board meeting, Financial Advisory Board meeting, East Bay Wildfire Coalition meeting, and Pride Flag raising event.

Mayor Pro Tem Saltzman- reported on attendance at the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

Mayor Quinto - reported on Cal Cities meetings in Ontario and Fort Bragg, and participation in gubernatorial candidate interviews.

10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM

Signed by:

Gabe Quinto

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Gabe Quinto, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of June 2, 2026 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

Signed by:

H. Charley

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Holly M. Charley, MMC, City Clerk