

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Meeting Location:

El Cerrito City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

7:00 PM ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pardue-Okimoto called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Present: Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE – *Councilmember Abelson*

2. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Quinto reported attendance at Central Valley Leadership representing the League API Caucus.

Councilmember Abelson announced events for Free Folk Festival on October 26, Senior Winter Ball on December 21, and Senior Resource Fair on October 2.

Councilmember Fadelli reported attendance at the East Bay Division meeting for the League of CA Cities, MCE retreat, and provided an update on holiday lights at El Cerrito Plaza.

Councilmember Lyman thanked fire for participation in Tri Safety day, announced ribbon cutting Thursday for Bright Now Dental, BART open house at Hana Gardens on Thursday regarding their anticipated development at Plaza station.

Mayor Pardue-Okimoto reported attendance on climate action forum, suggested a forum with council subcommittee for engaging the community on our climate action plan, asked residents to consider activities to decrease carbon footprint tomorrow in recognition of Clean Air Day.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Johanna Ferman spoke regarding the Kensington Police Services RFP and the ordinance requirements regarding contracting services.

Denise Sangster spoke regarding wildfire issues, referenced McBride Vegetation Management Plan contents, and need to address eucalyptus trees.

Gary Prost spoke on citizens' initiative regarding Buckingham Court to reduce fire hazard vegetation and award of grant.

Robin Mitchell spoke regarding volunteer efforts to clear vegetation of an elderly resident and need to address citizens with limited resources.

Dave Weinstein shared details about Historical Society's Clearwater revival gallery exhibit on the second floor of City Hall.

Heidi Goldstein shared library updates including lunches served, reported number of programs and attendees, increase in use thanks to increase in hours, and upcoming events.

Buddy Akacic commented on attendance at another city's council meeting, inquired if the San Pablo specific plan can include a hospital.

Sue Duncan shared potential solution for property owners who need additional resources for fire hazard abatement, shared information about Fire wise neighborhood application.

4. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Lyman/Quinto **Action:** Passed a motion to approve consent items A, B, C, E and H as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

A. Approval of Minutes

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of August 20 and September 17, 2019.

Contact: Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved minutes

B. National Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion approving a proclamation recognizing and supporting October 2019 as National Arts and Humanities Month in El Cerrito.

Contact: Maya Williams, Assistant to the City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved proclamation

C. Proclamation Honoring Joan Carpenter Upon Retirement

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation honoring Joan Carpenter in her retirement after 21 years of service to Contra Costa County, District 1.

Contact: Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved proclamation

D. Ordinance to Amend the Development Agreement for 1715 Elm Street Project Notice published 9/6/2019, 1st Reading 9/17/2019, MND previously adopted, this action does not require further CEQA review.

Action Proposed: Pass a motion waive the second reading and adopt ordinance 2018-08 approving an amendment to the Development Agreement for the 1715 Elm Street project to extend the term of the Agreement for five years, subject the project to Chapter 19.30: Inclusionary Zoning of the El Cerrito Municipal Code, and authorize the City Manager to execute the amendment.

Contact: Sean Moss, Planning Manager; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, Community Development Department

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Abelson/Quinto **Action:** Pulled from consent by Councilmember Lyman. A correction was read into the record for the proposed action to read ordinance 2019-08, rather than 2018-08 as written. Passed a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-08. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, and Quinto **Noes:** Councilmember Lyman

E. Storm Drain Easement Agreement with 10300 San Pablo Avenue
Exempt from CEQA review

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an Easement Agreement with The Little Hill LLC, "Owner", for public storm drain facilities located at 10300 San Pablo Avenue.

Contact: Julian Bobilev, Consulting Planner; Anna Bernardes, Engineering Manager/Senior Engineer; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Action: Approved Resolution 2019-60

F. Resolution of Support for the Countywide Imposition of One-Half of One Percent Sales Tax to Fund Transportation Improvements in Contra Costa County and Adopting the Proposed Transportation Expenditure Plan Conditionally Amending the Growth Management Program *Exempt from CEQA review*

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution of Support for the Countywide Imposition of One-Half of One Percent Sales Tax to Fund Transportation Improvements in Contra Costa County and Adopting the Proposed 2020 Transportation Expenditure Plan (TEP) Conditionally Amending the Growth Management Program (GMP), including Attachment A: Principles of Agreement for Establishing the Urban Limit Line (ULL) in the Measure J TEP to Match that Found in the 2020 TEP.

Contact: Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Public Comments:

Mark Fuchs, representative of the Carpenters Training Trust Fund of Northern California, spoke in support of adoption with the inclusion of the joint apprentice language as written.

Glenn Loveall, representative of Iron Workers Union Local 378, spoke in favor of adoption.

Ryan Lau, external affairs representative for AC transit, spoke in favor of the plan and on improvements to the community by adoption of the plan.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Abelson/Fadelli **Action:** Pulled from consent by Councilmember Fadelli. Staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council including the portion of funds that would come to AC Transit and to West County. Passed a motion to approve Resolution 2019-61. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

G. Approval of League of California Cities 2019 Annual Conference Resolutions Packet

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to authorize and provide direction to the annual conference voting delegate to vote in favor of the proposed resolutions packet for 2019.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Lyman/Quinto **Action:** Pulled from consent by Councilmember Lyman. Passed a motion to authorize the voting delegate to vote in favor of the proposed resolutions; authorize delegate to speak in favor of and authorize the Mayor to sign a letter in support of the resolution for amendment to Rule 20A. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

H. Clean Air Day Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion approving a proclamation declaring October 2, 2019 as Clean Air Day in El Cerrito.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved proclamation

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Contra Costa County Library Commission (CCCLC) Update

Action Proposed: Receive and file.

Contact: Michael Fisher, Commissioner, CCCLC

Presentation and Discussion: Michael Fischer, Library Commissioner, provided an update on new and ongoing library activities and pending legislation related to Libraries.

Public Comments

Howdy Goudy commented on library programs and shared information about countywide toolkit for evaluating energy efficiency in homes.

B. Citizens Street Oversight Committee Annual Report

Action Proposed: Receive and file.

Contact: Matthew Kelly, Chair of Citizens Street Oversight Committee

Presentation and Discussion: Matthew Kelly, Committee Chair, provided an update on the Committee's work and delivered annual report.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Abelson/Lyman **Action:** Passed a motion to receive and file. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

C. Arts & Culture Commission Update

Action Proposed: Receive and file.

Contact: Ruth Cazden, Chair of Arts and Culture Commission

Presentation and Discussion: Ruth Cazden, Commission Chair, provided an overview of the commission accomplishments and activities.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Adopt a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of El Cerrito and the United Professional Firefighters Association, Local 1230

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving an agreement between the City of El Cerrito and the United Professional Firefighters Association, Local 1230 modifying salaries and creating a new Memorandum of Understanding.

Contact: Kristen Cunningham, Human Resources Manager, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: Kristin Cunningham, Human Resources Manager provided an overview of the proposed agreement and Memorandum of Understanding and responded to questions raised by members of the council including salary adjustments, alignment with projected budget, and importance of the positions and being competitive.

Public Comments:

Vincent Wells, President of United Professional Firefighters Association, Local 1230, spoke of the favorable and fair experience in working with the city.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Quinto/Abelson **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-62 **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS – None

9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.



Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular City Council meetings of October 1, 2019 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk