

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 3, 2019 – 7:00 p.m. City Council Chambers

Meeting Location:

El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Members:

Mayor Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Lyman
Councilmember Paul Fadelli

Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Gabriel Quinto

7:00 P.M. ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mayor Pardue-Okimoto called the meeting to order at 07:03 PM.
Present: Mayor Pardue-Okimoto, Mayor Pro Tem Lyman,
Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember
Quinto **Absent:** None

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF
MOMENT OF SILENCE** - *Councilmember Lyman*

2. 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.*
Councilmember Quinto - reported attendance at retreat with east bay division.

Councilmember Fadelli - reported attendance at Wildcat Canyon Fire
Prevention group.

Mayor Pardue-Okimoto - reported attendance at tree lighting ceremony.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Rose Stramm - shared comments from Ira Shareno and Judith Frank regarding
the city's budget and lack of reserves, requested access to un-audited
financials and additional financial details provided on the city's website.

Denny Christner - spoke regarding the state auditor report, lack of reserves,
and concerns regarding the financial status of the city.

Kay Starkweather - spoke regarding fire safety, thanked city for work
completed, spoke regarding fires that occurred in October and blocked access,
requested guidance on evacuation routes prior to the next fire season and
weekly nixle reports during the fire season on activity.

4. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Greg Lyman/Councilmember Gabe Quinto **Action:** Approved items A, D, and E on the consent calendar as indicated below.

Ayes: Mayor Pardue-Okimoto, Mayor Pro Tem Lyman, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

A. Proclamation in recognition of 20 years of service to the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC)

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation in recognition of Councilmember Abelson's 20 years of dedicated service to the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee.

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

Action: Approved proclamation

B. Proclamation upon Retirement of Detective Jeff Albrandt

Action Proposed: Pass motion to approve a proclamation in recognition upon the retirement of Detective Jeff Albrandt of the El Cerrito Police Department.

Contact: Paul Keith, Chief of Police, Police Department

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Lyman/Councilmember Fadelli

Action: Pulled from consent by Mayor Pro Tem Lyman. Approved proclamation. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto, Mayor Lyman, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

C. Proclamation for 70th anniversary of Sundar Shadi Holiday Display

Action Proposed: At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Lyman, pass a motion to approve a proclamation in recognition of the 70th anniversary of the Sundar Shadi holiday display.

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

Public Comments:

Jane Bartke - thanked volunteers and steering committee who help with continuing to put up the display.

Michelle Fadelli - shared details of Mr. Shadi's life and history of display, as well as upcoming events.

Rich Bartke - shared that Mr. Shadi was also a member of Park and Recreation Commission, President of the Historical Society, and donated funds to help build city hall.

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Lyman/Councilmember Quinto

Action: Pulled from consent by Mayor Pro Tem Lyman. Approved proclamation. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto, Mayor Pro Tem Lyman, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

D. Declare and Certify the Results of the November 5, 2019 Special Election and adopt a special tax on Real Property Located in El Cerrito

Action Proposed: 1) Adopt a resolution confirming the results of the November 5, 2019 Special Election and declaring the passage of Measure H; and 2) Adopt Ordinance No. 2019-06, authorizing a Special Tax on Real Property Located in El Cerrito to Fund Parks and Recreation Facilities Maintenance and Enhancement and Amending and Restating Chapter 4.56 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code as Approved by the Voters at the November 5, 2019 Special Election.

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

Action: Adopted Resolution 2019-67 and Ordinance 2019-06

E. Co-Sponsorship Application - Friends of Ravenclyff

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution recognizing the Friends of Ravenclyff as a City Co-Sponsored organization and authorizing the City Manager or designee to grant the use of City Facilities utilizing the co-sponsored rates in the Master Fee Schedule.

Contact: Taylor Melton, Recreation Supervisor, Recreation Department

Action: Adopted Resolution 2019-68

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

**A. 2nd Read and Adoption of Building and Fire Code Ordinance -
*Notice Published 11/23/2019, 1st Public Hearing and Reading Held 11/19/2019***

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2019-09 which adopts the 2019 California Green Code, Administrative, Building, Fire, Plumbing, Mechanical, Electrical, Energy, Residential, Existing Building Code and related Construction Codes as applicable to all construction within the City of El Cerrito, with local modifications as outlined in the ordinance.

Contact: Mark Soltes, Building Official, Community Development
David Gibson, Fire Marshal, Fire Department

Public Hearing: Mayor Pardue-Okimoto opened the public hearing.

Public Comments: None

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Lyman/Councilmember Quinto

Action: Closed the public hearing. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto, Mayor Pro Tem Lyman, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Lyman/Councilmember Quinto
Action: Waived the second reading and adopted Ordinance 2019-09.
Ayes: Mayor Pardue-Okimoto, Mayor Pro Tem Lyman, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. CITY COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

The City Council will elect a Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tempore to serve a term of one year.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management
Mayor Pardue-Okimoto shared reflections of her year, her goals from when she took office, and accomplishments from 2019.

The City Clerk declared the offices of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore open. Councilmember Fadelli nominated Councilmember Lyman for the office of Mayor.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Lyman/Councilmember Quinto
Action: Selected Councilmember Lyman as Mayor. **Ayes:** Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto, Councilmember Lyman, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

Mayor Lyman was sworn in and shared comments on his plans and goals for the upcoming year.

Councilmember Quinto nominated Councilmember Fadelli for the office of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto/Councilmember Abelson **Action:** Selected Councilmember Fadelli as Mayor Pro Tempore. **Ayes:** Mayor Lyman, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Fadelli, Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

Mayor Pro Tempore Fadelli shared comments on his plans and goals for the upcoming year.

8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

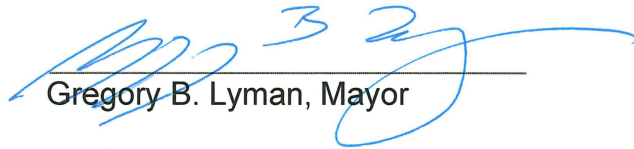
Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments and committee reports.

Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto - reported that the Park and Recreation Commission is planning to bring forward names for trails in the Hillside Natural Area.

Mayor Lyman - announced that the Environmental Ad Hoc Committee is meeting and plans to bring a recommendation to the full in the new year.

9. **ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM



Gregory B. Lyman, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting(s) of December 3, 2019 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk