EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING *(not televised)*
Tuesday, June 4, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY / EL CERRITO EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 4, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Lyman
Councilmember Paul Fadelli
Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Gabriel Quinto

6:00 PM **ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
Mayor Pardue-Okimoto called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
Present: Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto.

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

2. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

Action Proposed: Conduct interviews of candidates for City Boards and Commissions. Interviews may result in an announcement of appointment at the regular meeting.
Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management
Action: Conducted three interviews.

2. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

7:00 PM **ROLL CALL - CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY / EL CERRITO EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD MEETING**
Mayor Pardue-Okimoto called the meeting to order at 7:08 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** – *Mayor Pardue-Okimoto*

2. **COUNCIL/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Karen Pinkos, City Manager, announced the city will be instituting a moratorium on the use of Glyphosate in city-maintained landscaping for approximately one year, during which time staff will further research and consider a permanent ban on its use.

Councilmember Fadelli reported attendance at San Francisco housing symposium, participation in Baxter creek cleanup, and attendance at viewing of Plastic Ocean movie.

Councilmember Abelson reported attendance at Emergency Management Preparedness Summit.

Councilmember Quinto reported attendance at League of California Cities East Bay division meeting.

Mayor Pardue-Okimoto reported attendance at Emergency Management Preparedness Summit, and West County Mayors conference.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Gary Prost spoke on fire safety and leveraging budget with volunteers.

Paul Duncan spoke on consequences of possible loss of electricity during red flag days with PG&E's new policy, and concern about city being prepared and minimizing risk.

Susan Duncan requested additional details on adding house hardening with no time limit on available discounts under city's rebate program.

Scott Perry thanked fire for efforts in hillside area and spoke on hazardous conditions in the hillside area due to neglect.

Mary Ghidello discussed eucalyptus trees and concerns about pine trees in the Wildwood condominiums. Concerned about inaccurate information on the fire departments website and conflicting information on fire safe plants.

Anna Ippolito resident of wildwood complex near the hillside natural area, thanked fire department and Make El Cerrito Fire Safe, spoke on the need to make fire safety a priority with swift and deliberate action.

Robin Mitchell spoke on glyphosate, supportive of city managers comments and support of a permanent ban, advocated for a volunteer coordinator.

Annie Ben-Shalom asked to find funding to stop use of glyphosate, spoke about consequences of use of the chemical, and asked for a ban.

Lisa Zimmer-Chu shared what was collected in trash in front of the high school, spoke about the increase of the pollution from plastics, the need to do what we can locally and banning the use of single use plastics.

Mei Mei Everson provided a visual amount of single use plastics generated by a single person, and personal efforts to not use plastics. Recommended a food ware ordinance in support of biodegradable and compostable items and limit use of single use plastics.

Anne Ogonowski spoke about recycling and the consequences and referenced the plastic ocean, consequence of use of plastics and microplastic toxins, limitations of shipping waste to other countries or region and need to address the problem locally.

Sherry Drobner spoke on the petition circulating sponsored by California Apartment Association to overturn Just Cause ordinance, and deceptive and dishonest engagement by the Association, encouraged citizens to carefully read what they are signing.

Barbara Chan shared more can be done to improve the health and wellness of the city, support of the ban on glyphosate and spoke on recycling challenges. Support of measures to reduce the use of single use and non-compostable items.

Kay Starkweather shared low cost items for fire safety, and comments on education, volunteer efforts, and reorganization of efforts; requested information on the website to be more user friendly.

Toby Blome thanked staff for listening to concerns, spoke in favor of a ban on glyphosate and reliance on insect species effected by the use of pesticides, reviewed what other countries have done.

Al Miller spoke on what El Cerrito is doing right, and spoke on leadership, shared Stege Sanitary backup generators and ability to run system during an outage.

Tim Laidman spoke on glyphosate and appreciation of moratorium and desire a permanent ban, extending to the sale and use of the chemical.

4. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Abelson/Quinto **Action:** Passed a motion to approve the consent calendar as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

A. National Night Out Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation calling upon all residents of the City of El Cerrito to participate in "National Night Out" on Tuesday, August 6, 2019.
Contact: Lt. Lauren Caputo, Special Operations Division, Police Department
Action: Approved proclamation

B. LGBTQ Pride Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation declaring the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender, Questioning (LGBTQ) Pride month in the City of El Cerrito, and inviting everyone to reflect on ways we all can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding, and further, recognizing Pride Month by flying the rainbow flag at City Hall during the month of June.
Contact: Kristen Cunningham, Human Resources Manager, City Management
Action: Approved proclamation

C. Loving Day Celebration Proclamation

Action Proposed: Approve a proclamation declaring June 13, 2019 as Loving Day in the City of El Cerrito, inviting everyone to recognize this day as a celebration of multiculturalism, and encouraging people to reflect on the Loving family and all of pioneers who have and will continue to fight for the civil right to love.
Contact: Kristen Cunningham, Human Resources Manager, City Management
Action: Approved proclamation

D. Letter in Support of Senate Bill 54

Action Proposed: At the request of Councilmember Quinto, pass a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter on behalf of the City Council in support of Senate Bill 54 (Allen), which would require the adoption of regulations requiring manufacturers and retails to reduce the waste associated with single use packaging and products by 75% by 2030.
Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management
Action: Approved letter

E. Amendment to the City's Classification Plan

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution amending the City's Classification Plan to revise the class specification of Senior Recreation Leader in the Recreation Department.

Contact: Kristen Cunningham, Human Resources Manager, City Management; Chris Jones, Recreation Director, Recreation Department
Action: Approved Resolution 2019-34

F. Transmittal of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

Action Proposed: Receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ending June 30, 2018.
Contact: Mark R. Rasiah, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department
Action: Received and filed

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. El Cerrito Police Department 2018 in Review

Action Proposed: Receive and file a department update and review of 2018 from the El Cerrito Police Department.
Contact: Paul Keith, Chief of Police, Police Department
Presentation and Discussion: Paul Keith, Police Chief, provided a presentation on the department's 2018 accomplishments and 2019 goals; and answered questions raised by members of the council regarding bicycle patrols, graffiti, greenway surveillance, dealer plates, response to use of fireworks, massage establishments compliance, and license plate readers.

Action: Receive and File.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Proposed Integrated Waste Management Fees -- Effective July 1, 2019 *Notice published on 5/25/19 and 5/31/19*

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution setting Integrated Waste Management (IWM) Fees, effective July 1, 2019.
Contact: Maria Sanders, Operations + Environmental Services Manager; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department
Presentation and Discussion: Maria Sanders, Operations & Environmental Services Division Manager, provided a presentation on the status of recycling services, city programs and proposed fees; and answered questions raised by members of the council regarding class of plastics and future restrictions, if the increase is sufficient for the need, and addressing the need for long range programs increases in November.

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

Public Comments:
Robin Mitchell spoke on the need to educate people on what can and cannot be recycled, work to reduce single use plastic waste, work on programs to encourage reduction and provide education; and encouraged a larger increase to the fee.

Mei Mei Everson spoke in favor of a larger increase to the fee, stated plastic is not recyclable, and the need to look at foodware ordinance.

Barbara Chan discussed the need to move away from the term recycling, spoke in support of a higher fee to provide active education and reduction of plastics.

Lisa Zimmer-Chu spoke on costs being more than financial and addressing from a financial standpoint is an opportunity to educate on the true cost.

Howdy Goudey referred to the statement that the city recycling system is aspirational and the need to invest in a better solution, such as an additional increase to the fee.

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

Council Discussion: Members discussed restrictions to adopt rates in excess of the amounts that are proposed and noticing requirements, and the need to understand estimated costs in order to set a rate to only collect the cost of providing the service.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Abelson/Fadelli **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-35 **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY / EL CERRITO EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD ITEM
Approval of the City's Fiscal Year 2019-20 Budget Update and Spending Authority by Fund for the City, Public Financing Authority and Employee Pension Trust Board, and Approval of the FY 2019-20 Annual Gann Appropriation Limit.

Action Proposed: That the City Council, acting in the capacity of the listed entity 1) Adopt a City Council resolution authorizing Fiscal Year 2019-20 spending authority by fund; 2) Adopt a Public Financing Authority resolution authorizing Fiscal Year 2019-20 spending limits; 3) Adopt a

Employee Pension Trust Board resolution authorizing Fiscal Year 2019-20 spending limits; and 4) Adopt a City Council resolution approving the calculation and establishing the FY 2019-20 annual Gann Appropriation Limit.
Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management; Mark R. Rasiah, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department
Presentation and Discussion: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, provided a presentation overviewing the budget, proposed changes in revenues and expenditures, and answered questions raised by members of the council regarding grant funds, use of measure v funds, SB1 funds for CIP project on Central Ave., addressing recent fiscal audit findings, funding of additional library hours, correlation to parks master plan and ability to implement identified projects with current budget proposed, cost recovery of additional recreation programs, and clarification on additional funds requested for tree removal and abatement in the Hillside.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Abelson/Lyman **Action:** Passed a motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes to 11:00 p.m. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Lyman/Abelson **Action:** Passed a motion to extend the meeting by 30 minutes to 11:20 p.m. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

Public Comments:
Susan Duncan spoke on inadequate amount of funds being allocated to initiate fire hazard reductions.

Scott Perry spoke about costs for tree removal, concern about eucalyptus trees in the hillside natural area, and increasing the amount of Measure V funds used for fire mitigation and tree removal.

Kay Starkweather commented on shifting priorities for Measure V to increase immediate focus on fuel reduction, and support of removal of eucalyptus trees.

Motion/Seconded: Councilmembers Lyman/Quinto **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt City Council Resolution 2019-36. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

Motion/Seconded: Councilmembers Lyman/Abelson **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt Employee Pension Trust Board Resolution 2019-01. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

Motion/Seconded: Councilmembers Lyman/Fadelli **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt Public Financing Authority Resolution 2019-01. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

Motion/Seconded: Councilmembers Lyman/Abelson **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt City Council Resolution 2019-37. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

B. Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes – Fiscal Year 2019-20 Short Term Cash Flow Financing

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving the borrowing of funds for Fiscal Year 2019-20 and the issuance and sale of 2019-20 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes ("TRAN"), including authorization to execute agreements for a municipal advisor and bond counsel.
Contact: Mark R. Rasiah, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department
Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Lyman/Quinto **Action:** Passed a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-38. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Councilmember Abelson reported West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee is looking at a potential measure to get funding for projects.

Mayor Pardue-Okimoto asked for a moment of silence for the victims of Virginia Beach.

9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special and regular City Council meetings of June 4, 2019 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk