

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

**Special City Council Meeting
March 25, 2020– 5:00 P.M.**

City Council and Staff Will Attend Via Teleconference

Members:

Mayor Gregory B. Lyman

Mayor Pro Tem Paul Fadelli · Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto · Councilmember Gabriel Quinto

Pursuant to Executive Order N-25-20, Teleconference Restrictions of the Brown Act Have Been Suspended, as Well as the Requirement to Provide a Physical Location for Members of the Public to Participate in the Meeting.

Members of the public will not be able to participate directly through the teleconference platform but can watch or listen to the meeting in the following ways:

1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 8 or AT&T Uverse Channel 99
2. Radio Broadcast on FM 88.1 Or 97.7
3. Livestream Online At www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials

Public comments may be submitted one of two ways:

1. Via email to cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us. Email must contain in the subject line **public comments – not on the agenda or public comments – agenda item #**.
2. Via voicemail at (510) 306-2558. The caller must start the message by stating **public comments – not on the agenda or public comments – agenda item #** followed by their name and place of residence, followed by their comments.

Comments received up until **one hour prior to the start of the meeting** will be provided in writing to the city council, included transcribed voicemails.

Comments received **during the meeting and up until the public comment period on the relevant agenda item is closed**, will be read into the record and will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes. Comments that do not conform to the city council's rules of decorum may be summarized rather than read verbatim.

All comments received by the close of the public comment period will be available after the meeting as supplemental materials and will become part of the official meeting record.

The city cannot guarantee that its network and/or the site will be uninterrupted. To ensure that the city council receives your comments, you are strongly encouraged to submit your comments in writing in advance of the meeting.

5:00 ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mayor Lyman called the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Present (Via Teleconference): Mayor Lyman, Mayor Pro Tem Fadelli,
Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto,
Councilmember Quinto

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.

All comments submitted prior to and during the meeting are posted online as supplemental materials and incorporated into the official meeting record.

Public comments were received from John Stashik, Howdy Goudey, Tomi Nagai-Rothe, Sherri Drobner, Ed Crowley, Jeffrey Levin, Elizabeth Thorsnes, Jeff Bloomfield, Karina Ioffee, Rhovy Lyn Antonio, and Karen Lile.

2. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Quinto - reported potential future meetings for Mayors Conference on WebEx or Zoom, and outreach of the League of CA Cities.

City Manager Pinkos - provided a COVID-19 update including announcement of school and city closure extended through May 1; cancellation of all non-essential public meetings and events extended through May 31; City Council and select advisory meetings will still take place; City Manager's update issued weekly; and staff work on budget proposals to present to City Council on April 7th.

Mayor Lyman - summarized actions taken to date regarding the city's budget, next steps and future actions.

Mayor Pro Tem Fadelli - shared comments and concerns regarding the current COVID-19 State of Emergency, budget status and moving forward.

Councilmember Quinto - shared comments and concerns regarding the current COVID-19 State of Emergency and ensuring fair budget cuts.

Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto - shared comments and concerns regarding the current COVID-19 State of Emergency, and healthcare needs of the community.

3. POLICY MATTERS

A. Urgency Ordinance Enacting a Temporary Eviction Moratorium

Requires a 4/5 vote of the City Council (G.C. 36937)

Action Proposed: Staff recommends the City Council introduce by title, waive further reading and adopt an Urgency Ordinance (Attachment 1) enacting a temporary moratorium on evictions for residential and commercial tenants financially impacted by the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). A four-fifths vote of the City Council is required for approval.

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management; Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director; Aissia Ashoori, Housing Analyst, Community Development Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding

accessibility of staff working remotely, applicability of ordinance in relation to Governor's orders, length of repayment period, resources available, process for repayment, payment plan models, involvement of tenant protection task force, potential funding available through city or other government resources, availability of small business loans for landlords, assisting both landlords and tenants, definition of decrease in household income, method of enforcement, tenant notice to landlord, and documenting loss of income.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto/Mayor Pro Tem Fadelli **Action:** Adopted Urgency Ordinance 2020-03 **Ayes:** Mayor Lyman, Mayor Pro Tem Fadelli, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

4. CLOSED SESSION CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

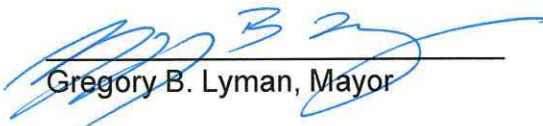
Agency Designated Representatives: Karen Pinkos, City Manager; Glenn Berkheimer, Labor Negotiator; Sky Woodruff, City Attorney; Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager; and Kristen Cunningham, Human Resources Manager.

Employee Organizations: Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 1021.

Contact: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, City Management
The City Council convened to closed session at 7:01 p.m. No reportable action.

5. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The special meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



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 March 25, 2020 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk