EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – 6:15 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

6:15 PM **ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
Mayor Pardue-Okimoto called the meeting to order at 6:26 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 meeting.
Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management
Action: Conducted two interviews.

3. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
The meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

7:00 PM **ROLL CALL - CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL 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 – *Councilmember Quinto*

2. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Lyman reviewed current vacancies on Boards, commissions and commissions.

Councilmember Abelson reported attendance at EBMUD luncheon with Director Katz, Chamber of Commerce luncheon, Housing Committee and Community Services Policy Committee meetings for League of CA Cities; announced Earth Day events on April 13th.

Councilmember Quinto reported attendance at Environmental Policy Committee meeting for League of CA Cities, and EBMUD luncheon with Director Katz; spoke at the Water Education for Latino Leaders (WELL) Conference, hosted by the Latino Caucus of League of CA Cities.

Councilmember Fadelli reported attendance at arbor day events, including planting at Poinsett Park; attended Transportation and Public Works Policy Committee meeting for League of CA Cities; will be attending Rosie the Riveter annual benefit dinner.

Mayor Pardue-Okimoto reported attendance at Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and upcoming meeting locations; Chaired West County Mayors and Supervisors meeting.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Dave Weinstein shared details on upcoming Trail Trekkers Hillside Festival.

Paul Duncan commented on eucalyptus trees, seeing young trees and need to enforce prohibition.

Scott Perry commented on preparation for earthquakes and mitigation measures taken, fire events and lack of preparation by the City; Eucalyptus removal and needed mitigation.

Diane Straus commented on need to enforce ordinances in place regarding vegetation and trees.

Philip Zimmerman spoke regarding urban forest committee meeting attendance, polarization in voting, and effects of rent control.

Sherry Drobner announced a tenants' rights clinic being held on April 24th.

4. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Councilmember Fadelli commented on the importance of meeting minutes and that he would like the content to be less generic.

A. Approval of Minutes

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve the minutes for the meetings of February 19, 2019, March 5, 2019, and March 19, 2019.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management
Action: Approved minutes

B. **Action Proposed:** Pass a motion to approve a proclamation designating April 13, 2019 as "Earth Day" in the City of El Cerrito and encourage residents and businesses to help make El Cerrito a greener, healthier, more sustainable place for all.
Contact: Precilla Mandujano, Management Assistant, Public Works Department
Action: Approved proclamation

Will Provost, Management Analyst II, accepted the proclamation and encourage participation in celebration and activities on April 13th.

C. **Action Proposed:** Pass a motion to approve a proclamation recognizing the week of April 7th as National Library week in El Cerrito.
Contact: Heidi Goldstein, Library Manager, Contra Costa County Library
Action: Approved proclamation

Heidi Goldstein, Library Manager, accepted the proclamation on behalf of Contra Costa County Libraries.

D. **2020 Census Support Proclamation**

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation recognizing the importance of and Partner in Support of the 2020 U.S. Census
Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management
Action: Approved proclamation

E. **2019 West Contra Costa County Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program Fee (STMP)** *1st Reading Approved on 3/19/2019, Summary Published on 3/28/2019*

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2019-02 amending Chapter 4.52 – West County Subregional Transportation Mitigation Program (STMP) of the El Cerrito Municipal Code.
Contact: Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department
Action: Adopted Ordinance 2019-02

F. **Annual Parcel Assessment for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program and Drainage Maintenance Activities for Fiscal Year 2019-20**

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution establishing the annual parcel assessment for the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program and Drainage Maintenance activities at the current rate of $38.00 per Equivalent Run-off Unit (ERU) and authorizing the Contra Costa County Flood Control & Water Conservation District to adopt

Stormwater Utility Area (SUA) levies based on said amount for Fiscal Year 2019-20.
Contact: Will Provost, Public Works Analyst; Maria Sanders, Operations + Environmental Services Division Manager; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department
Action: Approved Resolution 2019-17

G. Accept Engineer's Report for Fiscal Year 2019-20, Order Improvements, and Set Public Hearing for Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1

Action Proposed: Approve a resolution accepting the Engineer's Report specifying assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1 for Fiscal Year (FY 2019-20), intention to order improvements pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, and set the time, date, and place of the public hearing as April 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Shannon Collins, Accounting Supervisor; Mark Rasiah, Finance Director, Finance Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department
Action: Approved Resolution 2019-18

H. Calendar Years 2016 and 2017 Growth Management Program Compliance Checklist

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving the Calendar Years 2016 and 2017 Growth Management Program (GMP) Compliance Checklist for allocation of Fiscal Years 2017-18 and 2018-19 Measure J, Local Street Maintenance and Improvement Funds by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA).
Contact: Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department
Action: Approved Resolution 2019-19

I. Final Parcel Map for one-lot subdivision at 10300 San Pablo Avenue

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving the Final Parcel Map for a one-lot subdivision consisting of 32 condominiums in the Transit-Oriented Mid-Intensity Mixed-Use (TOMIMU) district at 10300 San Pablo Avenue.
Contact: Julian Bobilev, Consulting Planner; Sean Moss, Acting Planning Manager, Community Development Department
Action: Approved Resolution 2019-20

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Contra Costa Library Systemwide Report

Action Proposed: Receive and file an overview and update on the Contra Costa Library System, with a focus on the El Cerrito branch.

Contact: Heidi Goldstein, Library Manager, Contra Costa County Library

Presentation and Discussion: Heidi Goldstein, Library Manager, provided a presentation on upcoming events to celebrate library week, library card benefits, adult literacy programs, student outreach, usage statistics, special events, and summer lunch program. Presenter responded to comments regarding need for a new facility, and questions about Discover and Go program.

Action: Receive and File

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Adopt El Cerrito Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan and Adopt Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program *Notice published on 3/16/2019*

Action Proposed: Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, approve a resolution adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and adopting the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan.
Contact: Christopher Jones, Recreation Director, Recreation Department; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Presentation and Discussion: Chris Jones, Recreation Director introduced and overviewed the item including purpose and scope; Lauren Ivey, Project Manager with Royston, Hanamoto, Alley, & Abbey, reviewed the content and structure of the master plan; Doug Svensson, with Applied Development Economics, reviewed financial impacts of the plan, including maintenance costs and capital projects and funding; and Gene Eisberg, with Lexington Planning, provided an overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, mitigation monitoring and reporting program.

Presenters and staff responded to comment and questions raised by members of the council regarding performing pre-construction surveys in undeveloped areas, the pond at Arlington Park, what Centennial Park phase II entails, Cerrito Vista Park turf, Community Center sound system, Hillside Natural Area master plan; financial effects if Measure A does not pass, immediate work priorities, north side park needs, midtown activity center, East Bay Regional Parks as a possible source of funding, services for individuals with disabilities and ability to participate in the discussion and access facilities, effects on scotch broom and eucalyptus tree removal, Central Park and relationship with Richmond, structure of future measure for pool, impacts of bond ratings, financial needs and significance on projects not estimated.

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

Public Comments:

Al Miller spoke on the importance of extending Measure A, effects on overlapping community interests depending on how Council decides to move forward.

Dave Weinstein commented on participation by Trail Trekkers in the process, support of the plan, but lack of attention to urban paths.

Tom Panas spoke on the urban forest, history of types of tree population, fire hazards, and recommended potential mitigation.

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

Council Discussion: Members commented on the important role recreation plays in quality of life, need to find ways to continue funding facilities, consideration of needs for other city facilities, extending Measure A as a potential funding source, recognizing needs identified in the plan; identifying priorities, funding sources, and next steps.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Lyman/Abelson
Action: Passed a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-21, adding "WHEREAS the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed the addition of Appendix J and language changes in the Master Plan that resulted from the more detailed information presented in Appendix J at their meeting on May 27, 2019; and", and incorporating changes provided in the supplemental resolution.
Ayes: Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. FY 2018-19 Mid-Year Budget Update

Action Proposed: Receive an update on City revenues and expenditures for the first six months of the fiscal year through December 31, 2018 and pass a motion to 1) Adopt a resolution authorizing amendment to the FY 2018-19 budget and approving new spending limits; and 2) Adopt a resolution approving a correction to the method and a resulting adjustment to the FY 2018-19 annual Gann Appropriation Limit.
Contact: Mark R. Rasiah, Finance Director/City Treasurer

Presentation and Discussion: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, introduced the item and Mark Rasiah, Finance Director/City Treasurer, provided a presentation overviewing general fund budget, reserve status, proposed amendments, and special revenue fund status. Staff responded to

questions raised by members of the council regarding presentation of amounts, and clarification on figures presented.

Public Comments:

Cordell Hindler commented on the presentation and recommended council approval.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Lyman/Abelson
Action: Passed a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-22 authorizing amendment to the FY 2018-19 budget and approving new spending limits. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

Moved/Seconded: Councilmembers Lyman/Quinto
Action: Passed a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-23 approving a correction to the method and a resulting adjustment to the FY 2018-19 annual Gann Appropriation Limit. **Ayes:** Mayor Pardue-Okimoto; Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, and Quinto **Noes:** None

8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Councilmember Fadelli reported that Solano County joined Marin Clean Energy (MCE).

Councilmember Lyman reported MCE is taking on unincorporated Solano County and several Contra Costa communities are considering joining during open enrollment.

Councilmember Quinto reported attendance at Poinsett Park tree planting, Planning Commission meeting; will attend upcoming Human Relations Commission meeting.

9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 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 April 2, 2019 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk