

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 11, 2020 – 4:30 p.m.

Members:

Mayor Gregory B. Lyman

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

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1. Via WebEx using the “Raise Hand” feature to request to speak. Each period of public comment will be announced.

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To ensure that the City Council receives your written comments prior to taking action, they must be received by **1:30 p.m. the day of the meeting**. All written comments received by this deadline will be provided to the City Council and posted online in advance of the meeting.

Written comments received after the deadline will be provided to the City Council and included with supplemental materials after the meeting. No written comments will be read into the record.

4:30 P.M. ROLL CALL - CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Lyman called the meeting to order at 4:48 PM.

Present: Mayor Lyman, Mayor Pro Tem Fadelli, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto, Councilmember Quinto
Absent: None

1. TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

2. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Agreement with Mark 43 Inc. to provide Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Software.

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to make payment to Mark 43, Inc. to provide computer aided dispatch and records management software for an amount not to exceed \$50,000, for the time period of July 25, 2020 through July 24, 2021.

Contact: Paul Keith, Chief of Police, El Cerrito Police Department

Public Comments: All written comments submitted prior to and during the meeting were posted online as supplemental materials and incorporated into the official meeting record. Written public comments on the consent calendar were received from Daniel Schulman.

Oral Public Comments:

Sherry Drobner - spoke regarding an increase of transparency and privacy concern in records as a result of the contract.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Quinto/Mayor Pro Tem Fadelli

Action: Approved Resolution 2020-44. **Ayes:** Mayor Lyman, Mayor Pro Tem Fadelli, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto, Councilmember Quinto **Noes:** None

3. POLICY MATTERS

A. Fiscal Response Plan

Action Proposed: Discuss the City's fiscal response to the COVID recession and lack of reserves, including the budget reduction target and potential strategies, and to direct staff to implement the recommended strategies within the upcoming amendments to the City's budget.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding actions on expenditure side, timeline and speed of recovery of reserves, strategies and protection of affected positions, civil service process, staff reductions, regular cash reporting, unknown effects of the pandemic, concerns on delaying revenue discussion, one time versus ongoing savings for cost of living adjustments, affect of increased tax assessment, projections, staffing for permit counter, austerity, school resource officers, if total reduction amount is sufficient, permanent decrease in salaries over \$100,000, building revenues, quarterly budget amendments, police restructuring, mental health services, and building revenues.

Public Comments: All written comments submitted prior to and during the meeting were posted online as supplemental materials and incorporated into the official meeting record. Written public comments on the consent calendar were received from Charlie Soldavini, Richard Bell, Yan Linhart, Landry Wildwind, Cathy Hanville, Justin Rodriguez, Sarah Klauer, John Stashik, Leslie D. Adams, Marlene Keller, Daniel Schulman, Tom Panas, Elli Matejka, Al Miller, Rhea Ewing, Sue Duncan, and Mark Friedman.

Oral Public Comments:

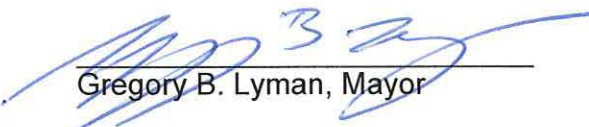
Rhea Ewing - spoke regarding rethinking public safety and encouraging continued dialogue on the subject.

Sherry Drobner - commented on evaluating police services/structure/ function with community needs.

Action: The City Council provided consensus on support of continuing with the recommendations made by the consultants, no formal action was taken.

4. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The special meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.



Gregory B. Lyman, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of August 11, 2020 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk