EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – 6:40 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/
EL CERRITO EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION
Tuesday, June 19, 2018 – Immediately Following the Special Concurrent Meeting
Hillside Conference Room

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, Pardue-Okimoto, and Mayor Quinto

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Quinto convened the special City Council meeting at 6:40 p.m.

COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

Conduct an interview of a candidate for City Boards and Commissions. The interview may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting.

Action: One interview completed. The City Council appointed Kathy Fleming to the Citizen Street Repair and Maintenance Oversight Committee to a term concluding on March 1, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council/Authority/Board/Agency Members Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, Pardue-

Okimoto, and Mayor/Chair Quinto

CONVENE CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/EL CERRITO EMPLOYEE TRUST BOARD/SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING

Mayor/Chair Quinto convened the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Quinto reported that the Council appointed Kathy Fleming to the Citizen Street Repair and Maintenance Oversight Committee for a term concluding March 1, 2022.

Councilmember Lyman announced that due to construction at the del Norte BART Station, anyone parking on the San Pablo Avenue side of the station over the weekend of June 29 will have their car towed.

Mayor Pro Tem Pardue-Okimoto thanked the Human Relations Commission for all the work they did on the two Loving Day events. One event was in conjunction with Off the Grid, and the other one was the screening of the *Case Against 8*, a documentary film on the people who fought against Proposition 8.

Councilmember Abelson noted that she is reading the book of the *Case Against 8* and highly recommends it.

Councilmember Fadelli announced he also attended the great Loving Day event held at the Cerrito Theater.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cordell Hindler, Richmond, announced Richmond's Healthy Village Festival on June 23rd. He said some of his neighbors are questioning why El Cerrito Police continue to be seen in his neighborhood.

Sherry Drobner, El Cerrito, announced that a rally took place Thursday to protest the government's action to separate immigrant families at the border. She invited others to join another rally this Thursday.

Susan Pricco, El Cerrito, stated that the members of Contra Costa Taxpayers Association has been researching CalPERS pension crisis for over a year. She stated that the current system is unsustainable and unaffordable and urged the City to address this critical matter. She provided the Council with a copy of their report.

Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, reported that Environmental Quality Committee and El Cerrito Progressives cohosted a successful first *Fixit Clinic* on June 9 and plan on another event in the Fall.

Robin Mitchell, El Cerrito, praised the *Fixit Clinic* event.

Richard Bell, El Cerrito, urged the Council to speak out in whichever way they feel is appropriate on the separation of families at the border. He invited the Council to join the protest on Thursday.

James Kenney, El Cerrito, stated that he is an actuary and has worked on the calculation of GASB requirements of the pension contribution. He stated it is his belief that the calculations being used are unrealistic as it relates to projected interest rates and that the calculations overstate the longevity of retirees. He expressed his support for making sure employees continue to receive decent pensions.

William Jones, Richmond, expressed his concern that there is racism at El Cerrito High School based on what he has heard from black students at the high school.

Robin Mackey, El Cerrito, stated that she opposes any increase to taxes, including the proposed real property transfer tax. She noted the $12 per $1000 is higher than Richmond's, the only other city in Contra Costa Count that has a real property transfer tax.

4. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: Moved, seconded (Pardue-Okimoto/Fadelli) and carried unanimously to approve Consent Calendar as indicated below.

A. Environmental Quality Committee Appointment

Approve an Environmental Quality Committee recommendation to appoint Alison Moreno and Sheila Tarbet to the Environmental Quality Committee, effective June 19, 2018.
Action: Approved appointment of Alison Moreno and Sheila Tarbet to the EQC.

B. Support for Chinese American World War II Veterans Congressional Gold Medal Act

At the request of Mayor Quinto, adopt a resolution supporting U.S. House of Representatives Bill 2358 and U.S. Senate Bill 1050 and calling on Congress for a timely passage of the bills during its current session.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2018–39.

5. PRESENTATION

Annual Sundar Shadi Garden Club Awards – *Presentation by Landry Wildwind, El Cerrito Garden Club.*

Acknowledgement of contest winners and presentation of awards.

Presentation: Landry Wildwind of the El Cerrito Garden Club gave a presentation on the 2018 Sundar Shadi Contest and presented the awards to the winners. The addresses of the contest winners are: 1) 7148 B Street at Ashbury; 2) 238 Behrens at C Street; and 3) 651 Elm Street at Eureka.

Speaker: Cordell Hindler, Richmond, congratulated the winners.

Action: Awards presented.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – *None*

7. POLICY MATTERS

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY ITEM

A. Purchase and Sale Agreement with Great Falls Entertainment, Inc. for 10066-72 San Pablo Avenue – Cerrito Theater

Adopt Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency and City Council resolutions authorizing the City to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Great Falls Entertainment, Inc. (current operators) for the disposition of the Cerrito Theater located at 10066-72 San Pablo Avenue for the purpose of continued operation as a theater and preservation of the property's historic elements and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the disposition of the Cerrito Theater. *Approval of the agreement is exempt from CEQA.*

Presentation: Melanie Mintz, Director of Community Development, presented the staff report and answered questions raised by members of the Council.

Speakers: David Weinstein, Chairman of Friends of the Cerrito Theater, thanked everyone involved for working out such a thoughtful agreement.

Michael O'Rand, CFO of Rialto Cinemas, read a statement on behalf of Ky Boyd, the Rialto's proprietor. He thanked the City for the opportunity to purchase the theater and to continue serving to the community.

Al Miller, El Cerrito, stated that the Friends of the Cerrito Theater support the agreement.

Linda Carr, El Cerrito, said that she has been a supporter of the Cerrito Theater from the beginning and is supportive of this agreement.

Robin Mitchell, El Cerrito, stated that the theater is an asset to the City. She praised the theater's business model and wished other businesses could do the same.

Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, said he is supportive of the sale to the current operator. He did note that the sales price is lower than the median sale price for residential housing in El Cerrito.

Suzanne Stoddard, El Cerrito, stated that she also supports the sale to Rialto and is a big fan of the Thursday Night Classics at the theater.

Actions: Moved, seconded (Abelson/Pardue-Okimoto) and carried unanimously to adopt Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency Resolution No. 2018–02.

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Fadelli) and carried to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2018–40.

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND EL CERRITO EMPLOYEE TRUST BOARD ITEM

B. Adopt Fiscal Year 2018-19 and 2019-20 Biennial Budget

Staff requests that the City Council approve the following actions this evening:

1. Adopt a resolution approving the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20 and authorizing FY 2018-19 spending authority by fund for the City of El Cerrito;

2. Adopt a resolution approving the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20 and authorizing FY 2016-17 spending authority by fund for the El Cerrito Public Financing Authority;

3. Adopt a resolution approving the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2018-19 and 2019-20 and authorizing FY 2018-19 spending authority by fund for the El Cerrito Employee Pension Board; and

4. Adopt a resolution approving the calculation and establishing the FY 2018-19 annual Gann Appropriation Limit.

Presentation: Finance Director Mark Rasiah presented the staff report and responded to questions raised by members of the Council.

Speaker: Cordell Hindler, Richmond, urged the Council to accept the recommendation.

Actions: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Pardue-Okimoto) and carried to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2018–41 approving the City's budget.

Moved, seconded (Pardue-Okimoto/Lyman) and carried to adopt Public Financing Authority Resolution No. 2018–01 approving the Public Financing Authority's budget.

Moved, seconded (Abelson/Pardue-Okimoto) and carried to adopt El Cerrito Employee Pension Board Resolution No. 2018–01 approving the Employee Pension Board budget.

Moved, seconded (Fadelli/Lyman) and carried to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2018–42 establishing the Gann Appropriation Limit.

8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

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

Mayor Pro Tem Pardue-Okimoto announced that she attended the Save Alta Bates sub-committee meeting. She reported that the health impact assessment should be completed in four to eight weeks and in the Fall there will be a West County meeting for people to learn more about what they can do to save Alta Bates.

Councilmember Abelson reported that she attended a Chamber of Commerce event. Joshua Howard, Senior Vice President of California Apartment Association, was the speaker. She said that she found it interesting to hear a different perspective and that she is looking forward to working with them to solve the problem of high rents.

9. ADJOURNMENT OF THE CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/EL CERRITO EMPLOYEE TRUST BOARD/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

10. SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION – CANCELLED

Gabriel Quinto, Mayor/Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Concurrent City Council/Public Financing Authority/El Cerrito Employee Pension Trust Board/Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency Meeting of June 19, 2018.

Sherry M. Kelly
Acting City Clerk