EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/ EL CERRITO EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD
Monday, June 11, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

ROLL CALL
Present: Council/Authority/Board Members Abelson, Fadelli, Lyman, Pardue-Okimoto, and Mayor/Chair Quinto

CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mayor/Chair Quinto convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

2. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Abelson stated that the work being done on the Senior Center appears to be coming along smoothly. Unfortunately, the Director of the Senior Center will be retiring in September after the move is completed.

She reported that she attended the Annual ABAG meeting and the League of Cities Policy Meeting. Councilmember Abelson informed the Council that the League's Governance Committee spent most of their time talking about PERS as it relates to financing future rate increases and their investment policy as it relates to investing in businesses whose practices aren't consistent with the League's policies.

Councilmember Fadelli gave a shout out to the Arts & Culture Commission for a great celebration of the Down Home Music Store.

He reported that he also attended the League of Cities Policy Meeting and a Caltrans meeting regarding the Central Avenue intersection.

Mayor Pro Tem Pardue-Okimoto announced various events to take place in celebration of Loving Day.
Councilmember Lyman reported that there are vacancies on various commissions and committees and that information is available on the City's website.

Mayor Quinto thanked all the volunteers who serve on commissions and committees and for the work they do on behalf of the City.

The Mayor reported that he also attended the League of Cities Policy Meeting. The Environmental Caucus requested $100 million to make sure fire fighters have the funding they need to continue to fight fires in California.

Mayor Quinto expressed his support for SB 623, The Water Tax, which will provide for clean drinking water in those areas of California that don't have it.

The Mayor reported that he attended the Mayor's Conference at which a representative from Contra Costa Health Services spoke about tobacco influences. He noted that many of the policies the County has put in place are policies that had already been adopted by the City of El Cerrito.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Howdy Goudy, El Cerrito, spoke to Consent Item 4E. He stated that he believes the owners intent to rent the condominiums for a period of ten (10) years undermines the City's condo conversion ordinance.

Al Miller, El Cerrito, announced that the Library is open on Sundays and provided information on the County's "Books for the Homebound" program.

Sherry Drobner, El Cerrito, stated that she believes it is important for local communities to speak out about policies, such as the federal government's family separation policy for immigration detainees, which is not consistent with the local communities wishes. She distributed a letter expressing concern for the separation of children from parents addressed to various federal agencies. She asked the Council to consider sending this letter to these agencies.

Janet Newman, Albany, informed the Council that the City of Richmond is in the process of developing an ordinance to divest all city funds from businesses that have relations with ICE. She asked that the City take a similar position.

Donna Crawford, El Cerrito, agreed with prior comments related to the City implementing a policy of divesting from businesses that do business with ICE.

4. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Action: Moved, seconded (Abelson/Pardue-Okimoto) and carried unanimously to approve Consent Calendar Items B, D and F. Item C was removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Abelson. Items A and E were removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Lyman.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the May 15, 2018 Special and Regular City Council meeting and the May 29, 2018 City Council Special Meeting – Closed Session minutes.

Discussion: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Lyman for purposes of offering corrections to the minutes of May 15, 2018. Councilmember Lyman read revised language under Section 8 and his comments related to the MCE Technical Committee.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson) and carried unanimously to approve the minutes for May 15, 2018 as revised by Councilmember Lyman and the minutes of May 29, 2018 as submitted.

B. National Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring the month of June 2018 as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and June 21, 2018, as "The Longest Day" in the City of El Cerrito.
Action: Approved the proclamation.

C. Human Trafficking Prevention Proclamation

Approve a proclamation commending Soroptimist International for its tireless efforts in increasing awareness and education in an effort to end human trafficking, supporting the Soroptimist International Club of El Cerrito as they raise awareness, through education and other efforts, and calling upon El Cerrito residents to recognize the vital role that everyone can play in ending all forms of slavery and protecting people from human trafficking.
Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Abelson with a request that the item be rescheduled to the Council Meeting of July 17, 2018 so that a member of Soroptimist may be present.

D. Loving Day Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring June 12, 2018 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.
Action: Approved the proclamation.

E. Final Subdivision Map for a One-Lot Subdivision for Condominium Purposes of a 128-Unit Multi-Family Residential Project Located at 510 and 512 El Cerrito Plaza

Adopt a resolution approving the Final Subdivision Map for a one-lot subdivision for condominium purposes of a 128-unit multi-family residential project located at 510 and 512 El Cerrito Plaza. *A Certified Final Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for this project (SCH: 2004032021).*

Discussion: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Lyman for purposes of obtaining addition information from staff. Councilmember Lyman pointed out that renters will have a right of first refusal to purchase their units when they are available for sale and that information will be provided to renters when they first move in, and at additional times throughout their tenancy.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Pardue-Okimoto) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2018-37 approving the Final Subdivision Map.

F. Environmental Quality Committee Appointment

Approve an Environmental Quality Committee recommendation to appoint Elizabeth Molnar to the Environmental Quality Committee, effective June 11, 2018.
Action: Approved the appointment of Elizabeth Molnar to the EQC.

5. PRESENTATION

Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation – *Presentation of proclamation to Sabrina Robertson, Social Worker Supervisor, Contra Costa County Adult Protective Services.*

Approve a proclamation declaring the month of June 2018 as Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Awareness Month in the City of El Cerrito and encourage all to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.

Presentation: Sabrina Robertson, Contra Costa County Adult Protection Services made a presentation regarding statistics of elder and dependent adult abuse.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Pardue-Okimoto) and carried unanimously to approve the proclamation.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – *None*

7. POLICY MATTERS

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

A. Proposed Fiscal Year 2018-19 and 2019-20 Biennial Budget

Receive a presentation on the city budgets and provide direction, as necessary to staff.

Presentation: City Manager Hanin and Finance Director Mark Rasiah presented the staff report. Members of the staff answered questions raised by members of the Council/Authority/Board.

City Auditor Ahmed Badawi, Badawi & Associates, answered questions related to how the City reported accrued payroll expenses and his recommendation that the City make an adjustment for the final pay period in the fiscal year.

Speakers: Michael Fischer, El Cerrito, spoke in support of continued funding for extended Library hours.

Action: No action taken. The Council/Authority/Board scheduled another discussion on the budget at the meeting of June 18, 2018.

CITY COUNCIL ITEM

B. Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes – Fiscal Year 2018-19 Short Term Cash Flow Financing

Adopt a resolution approving the borrowing of funds for Fiscal Year 2018-19 and the issuance and sale of 2018-19 tax and revenue anticipation notes ("TRAN").

Incorporated into the resolution is the authorization of the City Manager to execute an agreement to sell the TRAN in an amount not-to-exceed $6,000,000 and authorize staff to enter into agreements with NHA Advisors, LLC, as the City's Municipal Advisor and Jones Hall, as bond counsel, to prepare and execute appropriate legal documents related to said financing.

Presentation: Finance Director Rasiah presented the staff report.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2018-38.

8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Action: There were no reports.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Gabriel Quinto, Mayor and 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 Meeting of June 11, 2018.

Sherry M. Kelly
Acting City Clerk