

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

Members:

Mayor Paul Fadelli

Mayor Pro Tem Gabe Quinto · Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Lisa Motoyama · Councilmember Tessa Rudnick

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2. 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 #**.

To ensure that the City Council receives your written comments prior to taking action, they must be received by **4:00 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.**

7:00 P.M. ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Fadelli called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present: Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Absent:** None

1. TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

2. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Reports of closed session, commission appointments and informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council and staff.
City Manager Pinkos - provided an update on local health restrictions and vaccinations.

Councilmember Motoyama - reported on interviewing with the state auditor.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto - reported on interviewing with the state auditor, attendance at New Mayor and Councilmember meeting with East Bay division of Cal Cities, appointment to Cal Cities statewide Board, attendance at Hazardous Materials Commission meeting.

Mayor Fadelli - reported attendance at Cal Cities New Mayors Conference and legislative kickoff meeting, West County Mayors meeting, reported County approval of restrictions to delivery fees for restaurant food orders.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person. The Mayor may reduce the time limit per speaker depending upon the number of speakers and may limit the total time for public comment to facilitate the completion of business on the agenda. Comments regarding non-agenda, presentation and consent calendar items will be heard first.

Comments related to items appearing on the Public Hearing or Policy Matter portions of the Agenda will be heard prior to the City Council taking action on each item.

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 for matters not on the agenda were received from Cordell Hindler, Gary Prost, Cathy Hanville, and Sue Duncan.

Oral Public Comments:

Miguel Gravelle - spoke against any further recreation reductions.

Rishi Singh - commented on community connections and a social emotional taskforce.

Sherry Drobner - commented on meeting platform.

Howdy Goudey - spoke regarding climate action subcommittee

Megan Wier - spoke against any recreation reductions.

4. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

All items on the consent calendar shall be acted upon in one motion, unless a member of the City Council or staff request separate consideration.

Moved/Seconded: Mayor Pro Tem Quinto/Councilmember Abelson **Action:** Motion to approve the consent calendar as indicated below. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

A. Black History Month Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring February as Black History Month in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved proclamation

B. Lunar New Year Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation recognizing the cultural and historical significance of Lunar New Year in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

Action: Approved proclamation

C. Modification to Climate Action Subcommittee Assignment

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to assign Councilmember Rudnick to serve on the Climate Action Subcommittee with Councilmember Abelson in place of former Councilmember Lyman.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved assignment

D. 2nd Reading and Adoption of Ordinance amending Section 2.04.050 and 2.04.220 regarding Rules of Order

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to waive the second reading and adopt Ordinance 2021-01 amending Section 2.04.050 and 2.04.220 regarding Rules of Order.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Adopted Ordinance 2021-01

E. Urban Forest Committee Reappointment

Action Proposed: Approve an Urban Forest Committee recommendation to reappoint Robin Mitchell to the Urban Forest Committee, effective March 1, 2021.

Contact: Stephen Pree, Environmental Programs Manager; Will Provost, Operations + Environmental Services Manager; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

Action: Approved appointment

F. Adopt a Resolution to Set Urban Forest Committee Term Limits

Action Proposed: At the direction of the City Council on 1/19/2021, adopt a resolution setting the term limits for the Urban Forest Committee to three full four-year terms.

Contact: Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

Action: Approved Resolution 2021-04

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. FY 2020-21 General Fund Budget Update for December 2020

Action Proposed: Receive and file an update on City General Fund revenues and expenses for FY 2020-21 through December 2020 and direct staff on mid-year budget modifications to the FY 2020-21 Adopted Budget.

Contact: Mark R. Rasiah, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

Presentation and Discussion: Presenters and staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the council regarding charges for services, net changes in fund balance, modifications and timing of figures becoming actuals, upcoming CAFR presentation content, source of payment for TRAN, separate reporting for Recreation versus other fees for service, property taxes vs. property transfer taxes, use of potential federal relief funds, correlation of reserve balance to credit rating, additional cuts for consideration by department, need for increased revenue, CalPERS obligations and upcoming presentation, and redevelopment agency lawsuit.

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 for this item were received from Nicol U., Anna Misharina, Yann Jacob, Leah Katz Ahmadi, Sara and Mark

Haller, Maia Bazjanac, Mary, Joshua Sassman, Daniel Schulman, Sarah Klauer, Justine Clifford, and Leslie Adams.

Oral Public Comments:

Cathy Hanville - commented on insufficient level of reductions proposed and need to reduce in all departments.

Dan Schulman - spoke regarding lack of options for reductions and need for increased reductions.

Debra - spoke regarding need for increased reductions, financial implications of the TRAN.

Sherry Drobner - spoke on reductions and need for more details on impacts of reductions, and public safety reductions.

Moved/Seconded: Councilmember Motoyama/Councilmember Rudnick
Action: Passed a motion directing staff to return with options for cuts to achieve a fund balance of \$664,000, and for \$1,000,000 in cuts from all departments for the current fiscal year, including impacts and resulting fund balance. **Ayes:** Mayor Fadelli, Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, Councilmember Abelson, Councilmember Motoyama, Councilmember Rudnick **Noes:** None

8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

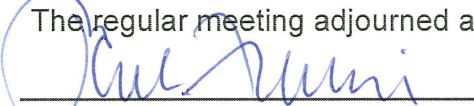
Mayor and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments and committee reports.

Councilmember Rudnick - reported attendance at RecycleMore Board meeting, Save Alta Bates Taskforce, and Arts and Culture Commission meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto - commented on upcoming Urban Forest Committee attendance.

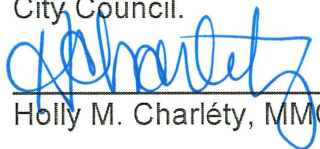
9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The regular meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.



Paul Fadelli, Mayor

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of February 2, 2021 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Holly M. Charléty, MMC, City Clerk