

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION
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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 16, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Gabriel Quinto – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto
Councilmember Paul Fadelli

Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Greg Lyman

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Fadelli, Lyman, Pardue-Okimoto, Abelson and Mayor Quinto all present.

6:00 p.m.

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Quinto convened the special City Council meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – *No speakers.*

COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

Conduct interviews of candidates for the City Boards and Commissions. Interviews may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting.

Action: Two interviews completed.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 6:28 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Fadelli, Lyman, Pardue-Okimoto, Abelson and Mayor Quinto all present.

6:30 p.m.

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Quinto convened the Special City Council – Closed Session meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiators (*Pursuant to Government Code Section 5495.7.6*)

Agency Designated Representatives: Scott Hanin, City Manager, Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager, Kristen Cunningham, Senior Human Resources Analyst and Glenn Berkheimer, Labor Negotiator.

Employee Organizations: El Cerrito Police Employee Association.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – *No speakers.*

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION at 6:31 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Quinto reported that there was no reportable action taken.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING CLOSED SESSION at 6:53 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Fadelli, Lyman, Pardue-Okimoto, Abelson and Mayor Quinto all present.

7:00 p.m.

CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Quinto convened the Regular City Council meeting at 7:03 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE was led by Councilmember Greg Lyman.

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Fadelli reminded residents that they can now take their hazardous waste materials to the City's Recycling Center. The annual Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) March and Celebration held on January 15 was a wonderful event! Councilmember Fadelli said he is pleased to be the council liaison for the Human Relations Commission (HRC), which is responsible for organizing the MLK events. He thanked the HRC, El Cerrito High School, the Police Department and many others for their work on the event. He was a senior at Kennedy High School when the Vietnam War was going on, Dr. King and Robert F. Kennedy were assassinated, and many riots were happening. He stated that the class of 2018 also has many difficult challenges ahead.

Councilmember Abelson stated that she also attended MLK event and received the MLK Dream Award. She is very appreciative of the award and is honored to have received it.

Councilmember Lyman stated that the City Council met on January 4, 2018 to interview Charter City Committee candidates. The Council appointed members to form the committee.

Mayor Pro Tem Pardue-Okimoto reported that the MLK parade was fantastic and complemented the HRC and Pat Durham for coordinating the parade. Mayor Pro Tem Pardue-Okimoto also reported that she continues to serve as a liaison on the Keep Alta Bates Open Committee and invited all to a Keep Alta Bates Open Community Forum, on February 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ed Roberts campus in Berkeley.

Mayor Quinto encouraged all to volunteer with the WriterCoach Connection to help El Cerrito High School students with guidance and reading. Mayor Quinto reported that he attended a new year luncheon with the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors and the new Board President, Karen Mitchoff. He also announced that there is an online pre-application sign up period underway for affordable housing projects, including Hana

Gardens, located at 10860 San Pablo Avenue, in El Cerrito. The selection will be done by lottery. Mayor Quinto also attended the MLK parade and program, thanked everyone who participated and encouraged everyone to see the film, *Gina's Journey: The Search for William Grimes*, which was featured as part of the celebration. Mayor Quinto attended the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce luncheon with Councilmember Abelson, Mayor Pro Tem Pardue-Okimoto, California State Board of Equalization Board Member Fiona Ma and many other community members today. The speaker talked about tax legislation. Mayor Quinto also thanked Atcha Thai Bistro and Pearl Parmelee for donating hors d'oeuvres at the last City Council meeting and also thanked everyone who attended.

Mayor Quinto also reported that the City Council met during two separate special meetings earlier this evening to interview candidates for boards and commissions and receive an update on labor negotiations.

STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director, introduced Aissia Ashoori, the new Affordable Housing Analyst, who will be working on Affordable Housing Strategy.

Aissia Ashoori, Affordable Housing Analyst, said she was ecstatic to join the El Cerrito team and announced that she will be conducting an affordable housing application workshop with other staff members at the Senior Center on Thursday, January 18 and Friday, January 19.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Al Miller, El Cerrito, thanked all the sponsors who participated in the MLK parade and celebration. Mr. Miller expressed concerns that there were less marchers in the parade this year. He stated that as a community, El Cerrito needs to encourage others to join the march and other important events in the city. Mr. Miller praised the Police Department for blocking off the streets and making it safe for the marchers.

Cordell Hindler, Richmond, emphasized the need to keep Alta Bates open. Mr. Hindler also advocated for youth to serve on boards, commissions and committees. He thanked the Centennial Task Force for all of their planning throughout El Cerrito's centennial year.

James Sanders, Richmond, asked the City Council to re-consider the project proposed for 11965 San Pablo Avenue as it will block his view of San Francisco and noted its negative impact on the value of houses located on Barrett Avenue. Mr. Sanders also thought the proposed project might pose difficulty for the Police Department in observing potential criminal activities.

4. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item No. 4(A) through 4(E)

Moved, seconded (Abelson/Fadelli) and carried unanimously to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4(A) through 4(C) and 4(E) in one motion as indicated below. Item No. 4(D) was removed from the consent calendar at the request of Councilmember Fadelli and voted on separately as indicated below.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

Approve the December 19, 2017 Regular City Council and January 4, 2018 Special meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Proclamation Celebrating the El Cerrito Lions Club 90th Anniversary

At the request of Councilmember Abelson, approve a proclamation congratulating the El Cerrito Lions Club for its ninety years of dedicated, consistent and inspirational

community services.

Action: Approved proclamation.

C. On-Call Geotechnical Engineering and Material Testing Services

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute professional services agreements with three consultant firms, Ninyo & Moore, Smith Emery, and BSK Associates to provide on-call geotechnical engineering and material testing services for three years with options to extend for an additional two years in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per fiscal year for each agreement. *Exempt from CEQA.*

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2018-01.

D. Transportation Development Act Article 3 Grant Application Approval

Adopt a resolution approving a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) by the City of El Cerrito for an allocation of Fiscal Year (FY) 2018/2019 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Project funding in the amount of \$100,000 for Carlson Boulevard and San Diego Street Crosswalk Improvements. *Exempt from CEQA.*

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of Councilmember Fadelli. Moved, seconded (Fadelli/Abelson) and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2018-02 as amended by Councilmember Fadelli to include an additional recital in the resolution stating that the City will be including \$20,000 in matching funds from Senate Bill 1.

REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY ITEM

E. Successor Agency Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule

Adopt a Redevelopment Successor Agency resolution reviewing and authorizing submittal of the draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule (ROPS) 2018-2019.

Action: Adopted Successor Agency Resolution No. 2018-01.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Stand Together Contra Costa County – Rapid Response Program

At the request of Mayor Quinto, receive a presentation from Ali Saidi, Contra Costa Public Defender, regarding the Stand Together Contra Costa County – Rapid Response Program.

Action: Received presentation.

B. LimeBike Dockless Bikeshare Program

Presentation by Megan Colford, LimeBike Bay Area Operations Manager.

This program operates within cities, independent of government funding, and allows for bike sharing without having to return the bike to a docking station.

Speakers: Cordell Hindler, Richmond, expressed support for the program.

Al Miller, El Cerrito, encouraged the City to educate the public about how they can participate in the program without smartphones.

Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, expressed the importance of explicit outreach and thorough implementation that does not conflict with other uses to ensure LimeBike is a positive experience for everyone.

Action: Received presentation.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Consideration of an Ordinance Adding Chapter 8.42 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code Related to the Regulation and Voluntary Abatement of

Graffiti

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, waive first reading and introduce by title an ordinance of the City of El Cerrito adding Chapter 8.42 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code to provide an additional graffiti abatement program. *Exempt from CEQA.*

Presenters: Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Development Services Manager.

Mayor Quinto opened the public hearing.

Speaker: Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, expressed concerns regarding the cumbersome nature of managing numerous accounts and transactions and noted that it may be easier to have one rather than multiple accounts to manage for the common good.

Action: Moved, seconded (Abelson/Lyman) and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

Moved, seconded (Abelson/Pardue-Okimoto) and carried unanimously to approve by title and waive any further reading of Ordinance No. 2018–01, an ordinance adding Chapter 8.42 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code to provide an additional graffiti abatement program. *Adoption of the ordinance is scheduled for February 6, 2018.*

7. POLICY MATTERS

Annual City Council Local and Regional Liaison Assignments

Discuss the Mayor's appointment of City Council members to regional bodies and assignments to local boards, commissions and committees for 2018.

Speaker: Cordell Hindler, Richmond, stated that he attends meetings so he can update the community on various topics.

Action: No discussion regarding the Mayor's assignment of City Council local and regional liaison assignments. Assignments for 2018 are as follows:

Mayor Quinto

League of California Cities East Bay Division Delegate (also delegate for the League's Annual Conference), Contra Costa Mayors' Conference Delegate, West Contra Costa County Mayors and Supervisors Association Delegate, West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Alternate, East Bay Green Corridor Principal, Tom Bates Regional Sports Field Joint Powers Authority Alternate, Economic Development Committee Liaison, Municipal Services Corporation Chair, El Cerrito Employee Pension Board Chair and Redevelopment Successor Agency Chair.

Mayor Pro Tem Pardue-Okimoto

Association of Bay Area Governments Alternate, League of California Cities East Bay Division Alternate, Contra Costa Mayors' Conference Alternate, West Contra Costa County Mayors and Supervisors Association Alternate, Tom Bates Regional Sports Field Joint Powers Authority Delegate, Environmental Quality Committee Liaison, Urban Forest Committee Liaison, Municipal Services Corporation Vice-Chair, El Cerrito Employee Pension Board Vice-Chair and Redevelopment Successor Agency Vice-Chair.

Councilmember Abelson

Association of Bay Area Governments Delegate, West Contra Costa Transportation

Advisory Committee Delegate, Crime Prevention Committee Liaison, Committee on Aging Liaison and Park and Recreation Commission Liaison.

Councilmember Fadelli

Marin Clean Energy Board Alternate, West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Alternate, Arts and Culture Commission Liaison, Charter Committee, Financial Advisory Board Liaison and Human Relations Commission Liaison.

Councilmember Lyman

Marin Clean Energy Board Director, West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Delegate, Charter Committee, Design Review Board Liaison and Planning Commission Liaison.

8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

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

Councilmember Lyman reported that the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority will be discussing recommendations from the City Managers located within the Authority's jurisdiction regarding potential changes in funding arrangements for some of the Authority's reserves. This may come back to the City Council as a part of a revision of the joint powers agreement.

Mayor Quinto announced the City Council's appointment of Bruce Yow to the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Citizens Advisory Committee and the El Cerrito Civil Service Commission.

9. ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 9:22 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

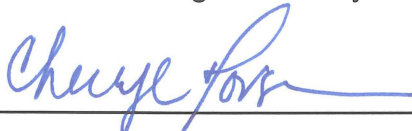
Item No. 5(A) Stand Together Contra Costa County – Rapid Response Program

1. Stand Together CoCo Summary Fact Sheet – *Submitted by Ali Saidi, Contra Costa Public Defender.*

Other:

2. Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors Major Achievements in 2017 – *Submitted by Mayor Quinto.*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council, Special City Council Closed Session, and Regular City Council meeting of January 16, 2018 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



Gabriel Quinto, Mayor