

# EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 4, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**

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

Janet Abelson – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Benassini  
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Mark Friedman  
Councilmember Greg Lyman

*This meeting was not televised*

### ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Benassini, Friedman, Lyman and Mayor Abelson.

Absent: Councilmember Bridges

7:00 p.m.

### CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Abelson called the regular City Council meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE** was led by Mayor Pro Tem Benassini.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Benassini thanked all for the well wishes and cards she received welcoming the new members of her family.

Mayor Abelson reported on her attendance at the Mayors Innovation Project meeting in Washington D.C., January 24-25, 2014. She learned a lot about innovation. The meeting and another meeting she attended in Sacramento recently, reinforced the importance of coordinating with other agencies and working for the common good. She saw particular relevance in the area of education. Recently she participated in a field trip to a start-up facility where one can rent desks, tables and meeting space. The facility offers an opportunity for people to work together creatively on an as needed basis in areas related to government. Mayor Abelson has been thinking about whether such a place could work well in El Cerrito.

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** – No speakers.

### **4. PRESENTATIONS**

**Proclamation in Recognition of Officer Matt Wong**

Approve a proclamation congratulating Officer Matt Wong for his recognition by the Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 as the El Cerrito Police Department honoree for Police Officer Appreciation Night to be held on February 12, 2014.

Sylvia Moir, Police Chief, commented on many positive qualities demonstrated by Officer Wong.

**Action:** Moved, seconded (Lyman/Friedman; Ayes – Councilmembers Benassini, Friedman, Lyman and Mayor Abelson; Noes – None; Absent: Councilmember Bridges) to approve the proclamation. Chief Moir received the proclamation on behalf of Officer Matt Wong.

**5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5(A) through 5(C)**

Move, seconded (Friedman/Benassini; Ayes – Councilmembers Benassini, Friedman, Lyman and Mayor Abelson; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Bridges) and carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5C. The effective appointment date of Environmental Quality Committee member Robert Schaadt was changed from March 11 to February 11, 2014.

**A. Minutes for Approval**

Approve the: 1) January 21, 2014 Regular City Council; and 2) January 29, 2014 Special City Council meeting minutes.

**Action:** Approved minutes.

**B. Quarterly Investment Report**

Receive and file the City's Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2013.

**Action:** Received and filed.

**C. Environmental Quality Committee Appointment**

Approve an Environmental Quality Committee recommendation to appoint Robert Schaadt to the Environmental Quality Committee, effective February 11, 2014.

**Action:** Approved recommendation.

**6. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION**

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE** (*Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957*)

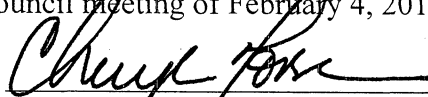
**RECESSED INTO CLOSED SESSION** at 7:15 p.m.

**REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION** at 7:52 p.m.

Mayor Abelson announced that the City Council (Ayes – Councilmembers Benassini, Friedman, Lyman and Mayor Abelson; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Bridges) upheld the termination of a maintenance worker.

**7. ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at 7:52 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting of February 4, 2014 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



Janet Abelson, Mayor