

# EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Monday, February 4, 2008 – 6:45 p.m.  
Community Center Conference Room

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 4, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.  
City Council Chambers

#### Meeting Location

El Cerrito Community Center  
7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito

#### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore, Potter and Mayor Jones. All members present.

6:45 p.m.

#### CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Special City Council Meeting at 6:45 p.m.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

**PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT – City Attorney**  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – No speakers.

**ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION** at 7:43 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore, Potter and Mayor Jones. All members present.

7:30 p.m.

#### CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:47 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Councilmember Abelson.
2. **POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION** – No report.
3. **COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilmember Moore reported that she recently attended the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Lucy Wilson, who is a recipient of the El Cerrito Wall of Fame designation. Councilmember

Moore requested issuance of a proclamation recognizing Ms. Wilson's contributions to our community and acknowledgment of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 2, at a future meeting.

Mayor Jones commented on his attendance at a Fairmont Childcare lunch and noted the enthusiasm of the children and their eagerness to learn and to play and commented on how well the program is being run by staff.

#### 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Al Miller, El Cerrito, commented on Stege Sanitary District's role in El Cerrito street repairs, particularly lateral sewer testing and repair upon point of sale. Mr. Miller also expressed his enthusiasm for green policies and projects within the context of the year end presentation.

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, commented on the role of housing in the proposed zoning ordinance and the year-end review.

#### 5. PRESENTATIONS

**2007 Year End Review** – presentation of 2007 City accomplishments and activities.

**Presenters:** Scott Hanin, City Manager, Suzanne Iarla, Public Information Specialist, and Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager.

**Action:** Presentation heard and discussion held.

#### 6. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Items 6A through 6F

Moved, seconded, carried (Bridges/Potter) to adopt the Consent Calendar in one motion.  
Vote: Unanimous.

##### A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the City Council Special City Council Closed (2) and Special City Council Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2008.

**Action:** Approved the Special City Council Closed (2) and Special City Council Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2008.

##### B. Ordinance for Second Reading *(First Reading on January 22, 2008. Vote: Unanimous)*

Waive further reading and adopt second reading of an Ordinance which repeals Title 19 ("Zoning") and the associated Zoning Map, and Chapter 16.36 ("Sign Regulations") of Title 16 ("Buildings and Construction") of the El Cerrito Municipal Code and adopts a new Zoning Ordinance as Title 19 ("Zoning") including a new Chapter 19.26 ("Sign Regulations") and a new associated Zoning Map.

**Action:** Adopted Ordinance No. 2008-02.

##### C. Proclamation Honoring Miriam Wilkins

Approve issuance of a proclamation honoring the life and contributions of Miriam Wilkins and proclaiming February 14, 2008 as Miriam Wilkins Day in the City of El Cerrito.

**Action:** Approved issuance of a proclamation honoring Ms. Wilkins.

**D. Proclamation Honoring the El Cerrito Lions Club**

Approve issuance of a proclamation celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the El Cerrito Lions Club.

**Action:** Approved issuance of a proclamation celebrating the Lions Club 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**E. Claims Filed Against the City**

1. Judith Ann McShane, Claim No. GL-007965 – Reject claim per Claims Administrator; and
2. Yvonne White, Claim No. GL-007781 – Reject claim per Claims Administrator.

**Action:** Rejected claim Nos. GL-007965 and GL-007781 per Claims Administrator.

**F. Quarterly Investment Report**

Receive and file the City's December 31, 2007 Quarterly Investment Report.

**Action:** Received and Filed.

7. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

8. **POLICY MATTERS** – None

**9. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Mayor Jones reported on the West County Mayors meeting and the discussion among those in attendance of a six month moratorium on sub-prime and foreclosure situations that affect Contra Costa County. The issue will be also be discussed at the Contra Costa Mayors Conference and brought back to the El Cerrito City Council for deliberation. Mayor Jones also reported on a Contra Costa County campaign to work with the nineteen Contra Costa Cities to look at how to provide assistance for housing the homeless.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Potter reported on the Arts and Culture Commission's excitement in the progress of the new City Hall. As the Arts and Culture Commission oversees public art in El Cerrito, it looks forward to fulfilling its responsibility regarding visual and performing art in the Civic Center. The Commission is developing a policy for the new gallery wall space at City Hall. All plans will take into consideration the impact on those who work in the building, and those who visit for business or government purposes. The Commission is researching policies at other cities' public centers and will develop a comprehensive set of goals, procedures and schedules as soon as possible. The Commission is aware that the appearance of public places such as the new City Hall, Civic Center and the Ohlone Greenway reflect the entire community and it is the Commission's deep commitment to contribute to the visual and cultural richness of the El Cerrito community.


C. Councilmember Abelson reported that she was re-elected as the WCCTAC representative for CCTA for another two years and that the current chair and vice-chair were retained.

D. Councilmember Bridges – No report.

E. Councilmember Moore – No report.

**10. ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 8:46 p.m.**

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council Closed and City Council Regular meeting of February 4, 2008 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

  
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Cheryl Morse, City Clerk

  
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William C. Jones, III, Mayor