

CITY OF EL CERRITO
EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Tuesday, February 19, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.

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City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito Community Center

7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Potter

6:30 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Jones convened the Special City Council Closed Session at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -- Existing Litigation

(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

City of El Cerrito v. Albany Unified School District

Contra Costa Superior Court, Case No. N07-1266

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – No speakers.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION at 7:13 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Potter

7:15 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Special City Council Meeting at 7:15 p.m.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The City Council will discuss appointment of one member to the Human Relations Commission fill an existing vacancy on the Commission. The discussion may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – No speakers.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:27 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Potter

7:30 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Special City Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Mayor Jones.
2. **COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS** (*Possible Report out of Closed Session and Informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council & Staff.*)

Mayor Jones made the following announcements:

- 1) There was no report out of closed session;
- 2) The City Council has appointed Caitlin Taffe to the Human Relations Commission for a term ending January 1, 2009; and
- 3) The City Council will convene a Goal Setting Worksession at 9:00 a.m. on February 23, 2008 at the Arlington Clubhouse.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, commented on item 5D and the public process involved in curb marking designations. Mr. Loubal asked that a proposed traffic study for the Del Norte Station area ensure a livable and safe community.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

Environmental Services – presentation by Heather Abrams, Integrated Waste Services Manager.

Presenter: Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager, provided background on initiation of the Environmental Services Division. Heather Abrams, Integrated Waste Services Manager and Proposed Environmental Services Division provided details about the benefits, organization

and operations of the proposed division.

Action: Presentation heard.

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Items 5A through 5F

Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes–Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Jones; Noes–None; Absent–Potter) to approve Item Nos. 5A through 5C and 5E on the Consent Calendar. Item Nos. 5D and 5F were removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Jones.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the Special City Council Closed and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2008.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Bay Friendly Landscaping and Gardening

Adopt a Resolution designating the City of El Cerrito as a Charter Signatory to the Seven Principles of Bay Friendly Landscaping and Gardening as a model approach to sustainable landscaping.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008–03.

C. Award Annual Maintenance Contract for Traffic Signal Maintenance and Street Tree Trimming

Adopt two resolutions authorizing the City Manager to execute two separate maintenance contracts for Traffic Signal Maintenance and Street Tree Trimming in fiscal year 2007–08.

Action: Adopted Resolution Nos. 2008–04 and 2008–05.

D. Red Curb Markings on Junction Avenue, Hill Street and Barrett Avenue

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Public Works Director/City Engineer to install red curb markings at the following locations: 1) Junction Avenue at Morris Avenue; 2) Hill Street at the BART Garage-Ohlone Greenway marked crosswalk, north side, 25 feet to the east of the existing red curb markings at the crosswalk, as shown on Exhibit A; 3) Barrett Avenue at Tassajara and Carquinez Avenues, on north and south sides, as shown on Exhibit B.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Jones. Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Jones; Noes – None; Absent-Potter) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–06 with Exhibit B as revised.

E. Claims Filed Against the City

Yin Ling Yin; Lily Seid, Claim No. GL–007897 – Reject claim per Claims Administrator.

Action: Rejected Claim No. GL–007897.

F. Proclamation Commending Sergeant Shawn D. Maples

Approve issuance of a Proclamation commending and congratulating Sergeant Shawn Maples for his recognition by the Richmond Elks Organization as part of Law Enforcement Night.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Jones. Moved, seconded, carried (Moore/Abelson; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Jones; Noes-None; Absent-Potter) to approve proclamation. Presented proclamation to Sergeant Maples.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Measure A Update and Award of Contracts Related to Sales Tax Revenue Bonds

Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager to enter into agreements with RBC Capital Markets in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 and Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP in an amount not to exceed \$98,000 for Underwriting and Bond Counsel services, respectively, for the issuance of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds.

Presenters: Scott Hanin, City Manager, Jerry Bradshaw, Public Works Director and Mary Dodge, Finance Director.

Speaker: M. Selph, El Cerrito, requested information regarding the issuance of bonds and the City's protection against default.

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Moore/Abelson; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Potter) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–07.

Moved, seconded, carried (Moore/Abelson; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Potter) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–08.

B. Mid Year Budget Review

Adopt a Resolution authorizing budget adjustments from the Adopted 2007-08 Operating Budget to account for operational variations and receive and file the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR), Redevelopment Agency Basic Financial Statements, Public Financing Authority Financial Statements, Employee's Pension Plan Financial Statements, Compliance Letter for Proposition 111 and the Auditors Findings and Recommendations on Internal Controls for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

Presenter: Mary Dodge, Finance Director.

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Moore; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Potter) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–09. Received the CAFR, Redevelopment Agency Basic Financial Statements, Public Financing Authority Financial Statements, Employees' Pension Plan Financial Statements, Compliance Letter for Proposition 111 and the Auditors Findings and Recommendations on Internal Controls for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 for filing.

C. Six Month Moratorium on Foreclosures

Adopt a Resolution calling on subprime mortgage lenders and servicers for properties in Contra Costa County to voluntarily agree to a six month moratorium on foreclosures.

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Moore/Abelson; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Potter) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–10 and direct the City Clerk to transmit the resolution to the County with a request that it be forwarded to the appropriate financial institutions.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Mayor Jones reported on his attendance at the Integrated Waste Management Authority meeting and stated that the Board passed a pilot program for food waste recycling. The Board specifically mentioned El Cerrito as the City most interested in taking on this program. Mayor Jones commended the Authority's research efforts and innovative programs. Mayor Jones also reported that laying of turf at the Gilman Sports Field JPA project has been delayed due to the rain and winds.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem Potter – No report. Absent.
- C. Councilmember Abelson – No report.
- D. Councilmember Bridges announced the Human Relations Commission's organization of a diversity forum on May 18, 2008, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Cerrito Theater. The Theater will be showing *From a Silk Cocoon*, a film directed by Satsuki Ina, about Japanese Internment. The director will be present for a question and answer session.
- E. Councilmember Moore reported that she had received a comment from someone in a neighboring city who expressed respect for El Cerrito's passage of Measure A and its commitment to initiate a permanent program to take care of the city and its streets.

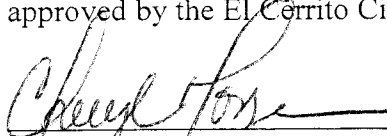
SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

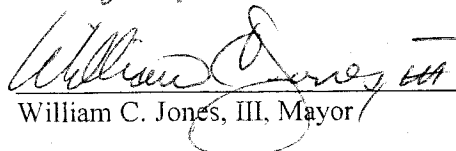
Item 5D Red Curb Markings on Junction Avenue, Hill Street and Barrett Avenue

Revised Exhibit B to Resolution No. 2008–06.

9. ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 9:28 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council Closed Session and Special City Council meetings (2) of February 19, 2008 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.


Cheryl Morse, City Clerk


William C. Jones, III, Mayor