

# EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL EL CERRITO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 5, 2008 – 6:45

Community Center Conference Room

### CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Monday, May 5, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

#### Meeting Location

El Cerrito Community Center

7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Moore.

Absent: Councilmember Moore

#### 6:45 p.m. SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Special City Council Meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS**

The City Council will deliberate the selection of Environmental Quality Committee members.

**ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at 7:30 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones.

Absent: Councilmember Moore

#### 7:30 p.m. CONVENE CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Concurrent City Council / Redevelopment Agency meeting at 7:36 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Councilmember Potter.
2. **COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Scott Hanin, City Manager, introduced and congratulated Michael Bond on his promotion to Battalion Chief.

Michael Bond, Battalion Chief, announced the kick-off of the annual vegetation management/fire hazard reduction program and described the process that the Fire Department will undertake in inspecting properties and working with residents to reduce fire hazards.

Councilmember Abelson thanked everyone who worked on the annual Earth Day event, including the event coordinators and all the volunteers. Councilmember Abelson also shared a climate action tip and encouraged residents to use LED bulbs in flashlights and other lighting sources to achieve energy and cost savings.

Mayor Jones announced the City Council's appointment of the following residents to the Environmental Quality Committee: Mindy Brown-Lechner, Ronald Egberman, Mark Miner, Mark Mendelsohn, Victoria Rome, Karineh Samkian, and Dave Weinstein.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, expressed concerns with administration of the Oath of Office to commissioners.

Karoler Johanna Kreileir, El Cerrito, expressed concerns with the placement of a cell phone tower at Colusa Circle in Kensington.

4. **PRESENTATIONS** – None

5. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Items 5A through 5C**

Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Potter; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore).

**A. Minutes for Approval**

Approve the April 21, 2008 Special City Council and Concurrent City Council/Public Financing Authority Minutes.

**Action:** Approved April 21, 2008 Special City Council and Concurrent City Council/Public Financing Authority minutes.

**B. Claim Filed Against the City**

Judith Ann McKinnon, Claim No. GL-008014 – Reject claim per Claims Administrator.

**Action:** Rejected Claim No. GL-008014 per Claims Administrator.

**C. March 31, 2008 Quarterly Investment Report**

Receive and file the City's March 31, 2008 Quarterly Investment Report.

**Action:** Received and filed.

## 6. PUBLIC HEARING

### REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ITEM

#### **Five Year Implementation Plan**

Conduct a public hearing, and upon conclusion, approve and adopt the Five-Year Implementation Plan for FY 2007–08 through 2011–12.

Presenter: Hilde Myvall, Housing Project Manager, outlined the various elements of the implementation plan.

Vice-Chairperson Abelson opened the public hearing. No speakers.

Vice-chair Abelson closed the public hearing.

**Action:** Moved, seconded, carried (Potter/Bridges; Ayes – Bridges, Jones, Potter and Vice-Chair Abelson; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to adopt Resolution No. 574 approving and adopting the five-year redevelopment implementation plan for FY 2007–08 through 2011–12.

## 7. POLICY MATTERS

### **A. City of El Cerrito Greenhouse Gas Inventory**

Approve the City of El Cerrito's base year 2005 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and adopt a resolution authorizing the Integrated Waste Services/Environmental Services Division to draft greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions targets and a Climate Action Plan for the City of El Cerrito.

Presenter: Garth Schultz, Integrated Waste Prevention Specialist.

**Action:** Moved, seconded, carried (Bridges/Abelson; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to approve the City's base year 2005 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory and adopt Resolution No. 2008–33.

### **B. Memorandum of Understanding Specifying Compensation, Benefits and Working Conditions for El Cerrito Police Employees Association**

Adopt a Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the El Cerrito Police Employees Association, establishing compensation, benefits and employment conditions effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2011.

Presenters: Sandy Chapek, Employee Services Manager and Paul Keith, Police Employee Association negotiator.

Speaker: Larry Damon, El Cerrito, expressed concerns with crime in El Cerrito and commented on various statistics presented to Council.

**Action:** Moved, seconded, carried (Potter/Abelson; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–34.

### C. Discussion of Summer Meeting Schedule

Consideration of a reduced summer meeting schedule limiting City Council and Redevelopment Agency meetings to the third Monday in July, August and September with the flexibility to schedule special City Council Meetings as necessary as has been done in each of the past six years.

**Action:** Moved and carried (Bridges; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to approve a reduced summer meeting schedule limiting City Council and Redevelopment Agency meetings to the third Monday in July, August and September with the flexibility to schedule special City Council and Redevelopment Meetings as necessary.

## 8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Mayor Jones reported on his attendance at the Contra Costa Mayors Conference and the discussion regarding an impasse in the state budget. At the West County Mayors Conference a representative from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) stated that the Board will require mandatory rationing of water in all service areas. Mayor Jones stated that the drought is a world-wide problem and that this may be a long term issue which may require permanent change in the way we all manage water.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem Potter – No report.
- C. Councilmember Abelson reported on her attendance at an Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) meeting which included a presentation by a developer regarding smart growth and its positive impacts on business. The meeting also resulted in passage of the budget and discussion of priority development areas. Councilmember Abelson also reported her attendance at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and stated that several items will be coming to Council in the near future. Lisa Hammond, Executive Director of West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) has accepted a position with the City of Hercules as Assistant City Manager.
- D. Councilmember Bridges reported that City's Financial Advisory Board continues to work on the budget. The Crime Prevention Committee is working on the annual National Night Out event. The Human Relations Commission is hosting a free diversity film and forum, a showing of the film, *From a Silk Cocoon*, followed by a question and answer session at the Cerrito Speakeasy Theater on May 18.
- E. Councilmember Moore – No report. Absent.

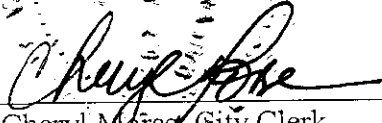
## COMMUNICATIONS

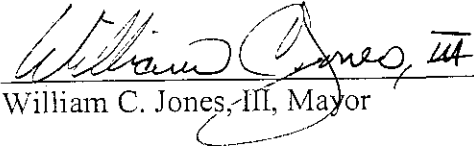
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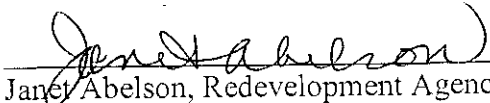
April 25, 2008 *R. Loubal Berkeley Daily Planet Commentary* – submitted by Peter Loubal.

- 9. **ADJOURNED CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING at 8:53 p.m.**

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council and Concurrent City Council and Redevelopment meeting of May 5, 2008 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

  
Cheryl Morse, City Clerk

  
William C. Jones, III, Mayor

  
Janet Abelson, Redevelopment Agency Vice-Chair

