

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL EL CERRITO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES

CONCURRENT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Monday, August 18, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito Community Center
7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito

William C. Jones, III – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Sandi Potter
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Letitia D. Moore

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers/Agency Members Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Jones.

Absent: Councilmember/Agency Member Potter.

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

Mayor Jones convened the Concurrent City Council / Redevelopment Agency meeting at 7:31 p.m. and noted for the record that Mayor Pro Tem Potter was absent due to her travel and attendance at a memorial service.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Councilmember Bridges.
2. **COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**
3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Al Miller, El Cerrito, announced two El Cerrito Democratic Club Candidate Forums on August 26 and September 6, 2008.

Rosemary Loubal, El Cerrito, commented on her work helping the Filipino community and asked the Council if there is a way to endorse or support Filipino singers who will be visiting the East Bay as part of a choral singing tour, specifically October 10 at St. John the Baptist Church in El Cerrito, and asked the Council to welcome the community. Ms. Loubal also commented on proposed development actions by the City of Richmond that will damage Point Isabel, including bird life.

Eleanor Yukic, Albany, stated that her family owns property in El Cerrito and that she is President of PIDO, a 3,500 member Point Isabel Dog Owners Association. Ms. Yukic expressed her opposition to development at Point Isabel.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Support AC Transit Parcel Tax Ballot Measure – presentation by Jim Gleich, Deputy General Manager, AC Transit.

Mr. Gleich asked the City Council to support an existing AC Parcel Tax Ballot Measure that would increase approximately \$4.00 per parcel per month to generate \$14 million for operations directly on the street. The average El Cerrito homeowner currently pays \$48 per month.

Action: Presentation heard.

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

Moved, seconded and carried (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Pro Tem Potter) to adopt Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A, 5C, 5D, 5F, 5H, and 5I in one motion. Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5B, 5E and 5G were removed from the Consent Calendar and voted on separately as indicated below.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the July 21, 2008 Special Redevelopment Agency meeting and Concurrent City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Albany Centennial Proclamation

Approve a proclamation commending the City of Albany during its Centennial Year and wishing the City and its residents good fortune during the coming one hundred years.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Jones. Combined with Consent Calendar Item No. 5G. Moved, seconded (Abelson/Moore; Ayes - Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Jones; Noes - None; Absent – Mayor Pro Tem Potter) and carried to approve the proclamation.

C. Fall Prevention Proclamation

Approve a proclamation proclaiming the week of September 21, 2008 as “Fall Prevention Awareness Week” in the City of El Cerrito and call upon all residents and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate activities that promote awareness of fall prevention.

Action: Approved proclamation.

D. June 30, 2008 Quarterly Investment Report

Receive and file the City’s June 30, 2008 Quarterly Investment Report.

Action: Received and filed.

E. Award Annual Maintenance Contract for Green Janitorial Maintenance Services at City Buildings

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a maintenance contract for fiscal year 2008–09 to provide janitorial maintenance services to City buildings by Universal Building Services for a cost not to exceed \$50,000 with four possible one-year renewal options.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Moore. Moved, seconded (Moore/Abelson; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Pro Tem Potter) and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2008–64 as amended by Councilmember Moore to add an additional whereas clause stating El Cerrito’s commitment to the purchase of Green Seal Certified and recycled products.

F. Land Exchange with Stege Sanitary District

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept the Stege parcel formally identified as tax assessor parcel number 503-160-025 on behalf of the City of El Cerrito and to execute all documents to effect said real property transfer including certificates of acceptance and grant deeds.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008–65.

G. Purchase of Mobile Data Computers

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his/her designee to enter into an agreement with Motorola, Inc. and their preferred vendor, Red Cloud Wireless Voice and Data to purchase Mobile Data Computers in an amount *not to exceed* \$162,000. The computers will be used in Police Department vehicles to provide department personnel with access to dispatch services and other databases which are critical to core functions.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Jones. Combined with Consent Calendar Item No. 5B. Moved, seconded (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Pro Tem Potter) and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2008–66.

H. Support AC Transit Parcel Tax Ballot Measure

Adopt a resolution supporting efforts to operate and maintain bus service for passengers within the City of El Cerrito and expressing an endorsement of the AC Transit Parcel Tax measure on the November 4, 2008 ballot (the AC Transit Parcel Tax Measure).

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008–67.

I. Windrush School – Inspiring Sustainable Futures Day Proclamation

Approve a proclamation proclaiming September 12, 2008 as Windrush School – Inspiring Sustainable Futures Day in the City of El Cerrito and urging all citizens to lessen their environmental impacts.

Action: Approved proclamation.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fire Hazard Abatement

Adopt a Resolution declaring that weeds, rubbish, litter or other flammable material on certain identified private properties constitute a public nuisance.

Then adopt a resolution overriding objections by property owners and ordering the City Manager or his designee to abate such public nuisance conditions pursuant to the El Cerrito Municipal Chapter 16.26.

Presenter: Michael Bond, Battalion Chief, Fire Department.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried (Moore/Abelson; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Pro Tem Potter) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–68 to declare a public nuisance.

Speaker: Roy Henrichs, El Cerrito, expressed concerns with fire hazards that exist in the Hillside Nature Reserve behind his property and adjacent to the Recycling Center.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing. No speakers.

Moved, seconded and carried (Moore/Bridges; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Pro Tem Potter) and carried to close the public hearing.

Moved, seconded and carried (Moore/Abelson; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Pro Tem Potter) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–69 to order abatement of the public nuisance.

7. POLICY MATTERS

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ITEM

A. Real Property Acquisition – 10860 & 10848 San Pablo Avenues

Staff is requesting that the Agency Board adopt a resolution approving the following:

1. Authorize the Agency to acquire the property located at 10860 and 10848 San Pablo Avenue from the owner, Mr. Joseph Conwill, approve the Purchase and Sale Agreement, and authorize the Executive Director to execute the Purchase and Sale Agreement and related documents;
2. Approve the appropriation of \$4,050,000 in Low/Moderate Income Housing Fund monies for the acquisition of the property and approve a budget adjustment to the FY 08/09 budget for Fund 802 – Low/Moderate Income Housing Fund for \$1.7 million from the available fund balance for the acquisition of the property; and
3. Find that the acquisition of the property will assist in the elimination of blighting conditions in the Redevelopment Project Area, and is consistent with the Agency's Implementation Plan, based on facts and analysis presented in this staff report.

Presenter: Hilde Myall, Housing Project Manager, highlighted key terms of purchase and sale agreement.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes – Agency Members Abelson, Bridges, Jones and Chairperson Moore; Noes – None; Absent – Agency Member Potter) to adopt Agency Resolution No. 576.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

B. 2008 Patch Paving Program – Expand Expenditure Authority

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract change order with Stevens Creek Quarry in an amount not to exceed \$325,000 for additional paving on streets included in the 2008 Patch Paving Program (Contract No. 08-3027-6).

Presenter: Jerry Bradshaw, Director of Public Works.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried (Bridges/Moore; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Pro Tem Potter) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–70.

C. Support California Senate Bill 1420 Requiring Nutrition Information on Menus and Menu Boards

Adopt a resolution supporting Senate Bill 1420 requiring nutrition information on Menus and Menu Boards and directing the City Clerk to write a letter to the California legislature stating the City Council's support of SB 1420.

Action: Moved, seconded and carried (Bridges/Abelson; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Potter) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–71.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Jones reported that the Gilman Fields are currently in use. On September 6, 2008 there will be a grand opening event to commemorate the conclusion of an eight year effort building the fields and celebrate the opening of the fields. Five cities were involved in this \$7 million recreation project along with the East Bay Regional Park District, the University of California, and State Parks.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Potter – Absent. No Report.

C. Councilmember Abelson reported that WCCTAC has appointed Christina Atienza as Executive Director to WCCTAC. Ms. Atienza has sixteen years of varied public and private transportation experience and is a licensed civil and traffic engineer. She will be starting in the middle of September.

D. Councilmember Bridges reported that Human Relations Commission is continuing to work on its Diversity Day program at Cerrito Theater on October 5 from 2-4. There will be a special presentation and reception with the filmmaker. This year the National Night Out event was one of the city's most successful events. Councilmember Bridges expressed special recognition to Suzanne Iarla for her work coordinating the event. The Crime Prevention Committee's next event is the Tri-City Safety Day on September 20, 2008 from

11 to 3:00 p.m. at the El Cerrito Plaza.

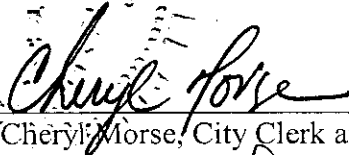
- E. Councilmember Moore reported that the Planning Commission granted 33 Revolutions Record Store and Café, located at Central and San Pablo Avenues, a use permit to have live music at their site resulting in a possible new music venue in El Cerrito.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

Ateneo Chambers Singers Announcement – *submitted by Rosemary Loubal*

- 9. **ADJOURNED CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT MEETING** at 8:58 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the concurrent City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of August 18, 2008 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council and Redevelopment Agency.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk and Secretary to the Redevelopment Agency



William C. Jones, III, Mayor



Letitia D. Moore, Agency Chair