

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL EL CERRITIO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES

CONCURRENT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL & REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
Monday, September 15, 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

Councilmembers/Agency Members Abelson, Bridges, Moore, Potter and Mayor Jones all present.

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

Mayor Jones convened the concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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

Councilmember Abelson introduced several students from the University of California Berkeley's School of Journalism. The students will be reporting on El Cerrito because the class believes that El Cerrito and other smaller communities are not represented widely in the news. Fernando Gallo, UCB Student, explained that the class is working on an *El Cerrito Focus* multimedia website and introduced fellow students Daniel McGlynn, N'Jeri Eaton and Matt Durning.

Mayor Jones announced that this evening is the last scheduled meeting in the Community Center. The first meeting in October will be held in the new council chambers on San Pablo Avenue. Mayor Jones extended special appreciation to Pinole TV for their hard work covering the Council meetings over the past few years.

Mayor Jones also reported on his attendance at the September 6, 2008 Grand Opening of the Joint Powers Authority Gilman Sports Fields, a state of the art sports and recreation facility. The

project was a nine-year joint effort of several cities who combined resources, technical expertise and input from user groups to build more sports fields than one city could have built alone.

City Manager Hanin reported on the State Budget and noted that the anticipated hit to the Redevelopment Agency is significant.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Acceptance of Law Enforcement Challenge Award

Presenters: Scott Kirkland, Chief of Police. Chief Kirkland credited the outstanding efforts of Officer Stephen Bonini. Officer Bonini described the award process and selection of panelists and extended his appreciation to all officers assigned to the Traffic Unit.

Action: Presentation made.

B. Support Endorsement of East Bay Regional Park District's Extension of Regional Open Space, Wildlife, Shoreline and Parks Bond – *Presentation by Nancy Skinner, Director, East Bay Regional Parks District.*

Presenter: Jack Kenny, Chief of Parks, Operational Division, East Bay Regional Park District, encouraged the City Council to endorse the East Bay Regional Park District's Bond Measure WW, a follow up to Measure AA, initially placed on the ballot in 1988.

Action: Presentation heard.

C. Presentation by East Bay Municipal Utility District Regarding the Drought – *Presentation by Andy Katz, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District.*

Presenter: Andy Katz, Director, East Bay Municipal Utility District, informed the Council of the District's declaration of a second year drought and mandatory rationing. Information about free water conserving devices and device rebates and landscape and irrigation rebates are available by calling 1-866-EBMUD.

Action: Presentation heard.

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

Action: Moved, seconded (Potter/Bridges) and carried unanimously to adopt Consent Calendar Items 5A through 5E and 5G and 5H. Item 5F was removed from the Consent Calendar and voted on separately as indicated below.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the August 18, 2008 Concurrent City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Claims Against the City

1. Paul A. Daniels, Claim No. GL-008538 – Reject claim per Claims Administrator.

2. Ethel Tramble, Claim No. GL-008601 – Reject claim per Claims Administrator.
3. Enid S. Walker, Claim No. GL-008520 – Reject claim per Claims Administrator.

Action: Denied claims per claim administrator.

C. California Arts Day

Approve a proclamation recognizing and supporting the mission of the California Arts Council to advance California through the arts and creativity by declaring October 3, 2008 “California Arts Day” in the City of El Cerrito.

Action: Approved proclamation.

D. Citiflex Plan Amendment

Adopt a resolution approving a revised Health Flexible Spending Arrangement Benefit Component (Appendix A), amended at Section A4.4 and restated effective July 1, 2008.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008-72.

E. Support East Bay Regional Park District’s Extension of Regional Open Space, Wildlife, Shoreline and Parks Bond

The East Bay Regional Park District’s Board of Directors has requested that the City of El Cerrito consider adopting a resolution endorsing the Park District’s proposed park bond extension measure to be placed on the November 2008 ballot.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008-73.

F. Biennial Update of the Conflict of Interest Code

Adopt a revised Conflict of Interest Code for the City of El Cerrito and rescind Resolution No. 83-14 and all resolutions amendatory.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Bridges. Moved, seconded (Moore/Abelson) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2008-74.

G. City Council Meeting Schedule

Approve a recommendation cancelling the December 1, 2008 Regular Meeting and reschedule to Tuesday, December 2, 2008 to accommodate the Statutory Deadline for Submitting a Certified Statement of Election Results by the County.

Action: Approved a recommendation to reschedule the December 1, 2008 City Council Meeting to Tuesday, December 2, 2008.

H. Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Approve a proclamation proclaiming October 2008 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and urging all residents to actively participate in the efforts to end violence in our homes, schools and communities.

Action: Approved proclamation.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ITEM**A. Request for Housing Fund Assistance for Affordable Rental Development**

Adopt a resolution approving the following: 1) A predevelopment loan in the amount of \$100,000 from the Housing Fund for the Living Skills Center & Family Housing Development proposed by Resources for Community Development (RCD) and the Living Skills Center for the Visually Impaired; and 2) The necessary appropriation of \$100,000 from the Housing Fund for the predevelopment loan.

Presenter: Hilde Myall, Housing Project Manager.

Speakers: Patricia C. Williams, San Pablo, Executive Director of the Living Skills Center, expressed support for the proposal and described the benefits to participants in the program.

Patricia Maffei, San Rafael, expressed support for the Living Skills Center.

Bianca Samaniego, San Pablo, expressed support for the Living Skills Center.

Christen Sessom, El Cerrito, expressed support for the Living Skills Center.

Samir Shaibi, Richmond, expressed support for the Living Skills Center.

Lisa Motovama, El Cerrito, Resources for Community Development, expressed Resources for Community Development's (RCD) excitement in partnering with the Living Skills Center in a perfect location.

Dan Sawislak, El Cerrito, Director, RCD, expressed support for the project and expressed his delight in the ideal location and partner.

Dori Kojima, Berkeley, Director of Housing Development at Satellite Housing, expressed support for the Alameda Court project and her excitement about the opportunity to develop an affordable housing project in the City of El Cerrito, the many benefits of project including relocation benefits and incorporating green building into the design.

Ryan Chao, Berkeley, Satellite Housing, expressed excitement in developing affordable housing in El Cerrito and disappointment in the evaluation process.

Darin Lounds, Oakland, Executive Director of Housing Consortium, expressed support for the Satellite Housing project, particularly the green features of the project and accessibility for those with developmental disabilities.

Action: Moved, seconded (Jones /Abelson) and carried unanimously to adopt Redevelopment Agency Resolution No. 577.

CITY COUNCIL ITEM**B. City Council Recognition Process**

Establish a City Council Subcommittee to Evaluate Issuance of Certificates of Recognition, Proclamations, Awards and Wall of Fame Nominations.

Introduced by Mayor Jones.

Speaker: Al Miller, El Cerrito, expressed support for an Annual Wall of Fame event.

Action: Moved, seconded (Jones/Potter) and carried unanimously to appoint Councilmembers Moore and Bridges to the Council Subcommittee on the Wall of Fame to: 1) Review policies regarding the Wall of Fame nomination, appointment and selection process; 2) Review pending Wall of Fame Applications; and 3) Consider inauguration of a special Wall of Fame Event.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Jones – No report.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Potter reported on her attendance at the Tom Bates Sports Complex ribbon cutting event and commented on her prior service as alternate on the JPA Committee comprised of the cities of Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, Emeryville and Richmond. The facility will serve a quarter of a million people and be seen by a quarter of a billion people annually. It is envisioned to be an integrated sports complex and wetland restoration area. Mayor Pro Tem Potter also reported that the Stockton Stroll on September 12 was successful and announced the Arts and Culture Commission's hard work planning California Arts Day on October 3, 2008. Mayor Pro Tem also announced that the City is still looking for an alternate on the West Contra Costa Bond Oversight Committee.

C. Councilmember Abelson reported that she and Mayor Jones will be attending the Statewide Annual League of California Cities Conference in Long Beach and that the Environmental Quality Committee is moving forward in assessing goals and setting priorities.

D. Councilmember Bridges reported that the FAB had reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report and was pleased.

E. Councilmember Moore reported that the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority appointed Chris Lehon as its new Executive Director.

9. SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

Item No. 4B Support Endorsement of East Bay Regional Park District's Extension of Regional Open Space, Wildlife, Shoreline and Parks Bond

Measure WW Fact Sheet – *Submitted by Jack Kenney, Chief of Parks. EBRPD*

10. ADJOURNED CONCURRENT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY in memory of Martinez Police Sergeant Paul Starzyk who was killed in the line of duty on September 6, 2008 and Fairfield Councilmember Matt Garcia who suffered a fatal gunshot wound on September 1, 2008 at 10:08 p.m.

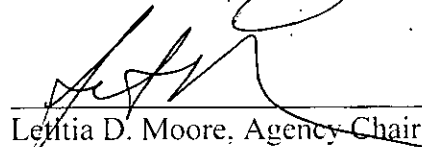
This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Concurrent City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of September 15, 2008 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk and Secretary to the Redevelopment Agency



William C. Jones, III, Mayor



Leticia D. Moore, Agency Chair