

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November 17, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Meeting Location
El Cerrito City Hall – City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, 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 Abelson, Bridges, Moore, Potter and Mayor Jones all present.

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

Mayor Jones convened the regular city council meeting at 7:31 p.m.

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

Councilmember Abelson reported on her attendance at the *Climate All Stars Conference* in San Francisco this month pursuant to AB 1234. The City of El Cerrito received an honorable mention award for work performed over the past year. Councilmember Abelson commented that there is value in doing the little things to make a difference in climate protection such as changing out a light bulb. However, what is really needed to make an impact on the climate is to reduce consumption; the small things are not enough.

Mayor Jones announced that the installation of new council officers will occur on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 to accommodate enough time for the receipt of the County's certification of election results. The City Council will also induct Miriam Wilkins into the Wall of Fame at this special meeting.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Al Miller, El Cerrito, informed the Council of his attendance as a Baxter Creek Gateway Park steward and how interesting it was to learn the site history and the different flora and fauna and note the different stages of recovery of each. Those present also worked together to remove non-native plants. Mr. Miller encouraged all to take part in an upcoming work party on December 13, from 9:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, commented on the closure of three schools and stated that there is an irony when considering the cost of building a new city hall.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Doctors Medical Center Update – *Presentation by Joe Stewart, Chief Executive Officer, Doctors Medical Center.*

Presenter: Joe Stewart, Chief Executive, Doctors Medical Center.

Action: Presentation heard and discussion held.

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

Moved, seconded (Abelson/Potter) and carried unanimously to adopt Consent Calendar items 5A through 5F.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the November 3, 2008 Special City Council and Regular City Council Meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Employee Vacation Cash-Out Policy

Adopt a resolution amending Section 5.6, the vacation cash-out provision of Resolution 2006–52, specifying compensation and working conditions for non-public safety management.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008–79.

C. Establishing an Assistant Program Supervisor Classification

Adopt a resolution amending the City's Classification Plan to add the Assistant Program Supervisor classification, abolish the Assistant Aquatic Supervisor classification and affirm the salary range.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008–80.

D. Pavement Management System Contract Amendment

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Associated Engineering Consultants, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$35,920 and approve change orders up to \$7,000.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008–81.

E. Maddy Act Local Appointment List (Commission Vacancies)

Receive and file the Maddy Act Local Appointments List and announce several vacancies on multiple City of El Cerrito board, commissions and committees.

Action: Received and filed.



F. September 30, 2008 Quarterly Investment Report

Receive and file the City's September 30, 2008 Quarterly Investment Report.

Action: Received and filed.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

Budget Update. *Presentation by Scott Hanin, City Manager.*

Speaker: Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, expressed concerns regarding the State and local economy and expressed his concern that the presentation did not cover the status of Target or the Cerrito Theater.

Action: Presentation heard and discussion held.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Mayor Jones reminded everyone that the next City Council meeting will be Tuesday, December 2 and wished everyone an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem Potter invited all to attend the November 19 Arts and Culture Commission meeting wherein the Commission will discuss how to select art and manage the gallery space at City Hall.
- C. Councilmember Abelson – No report other than described in Agenda Item No. 2.
- D. Councilmember Bridges reported on the November 12 Crime Prevention Committee meeting and the Committee and Police Department's plans for a spring bike rodeo which will focus on safety. Councilmember Bridges also noted that El Cerrito has an ordinance that requires all riders, not just children as required by state law, to wear a helmet when riding a bicycle.
- E. Councilmember Moore referred to her comments during the budget presentation regarding the Integrated Waste Authority Board's discussion of how the economic slowdown has impacted the recyclable materials markets negatively.

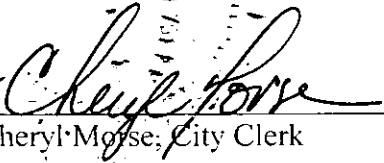
9. SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

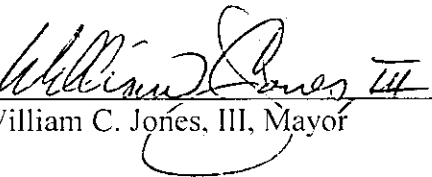
The Ahwahnee Principles for Climate Change, Local Government Commission – submitted by Councilmember Abelson.

10. ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 9:09 p.m.

The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular City Council meeting of November 17, 2008 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.


Cheryl Morse, City Clerk


William C. Jones, III, Mayor