

# EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL EL CERRITO PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD

## MINUTES

**SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL MEETING /  
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD MEETING**  
Monday, June 17, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers

**Meeting Location**  
El Cerrito City Hall  
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Janet Abelson – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Benassini  
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Mark Friedman  
Councilmember Greg Lyman

### ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bridges, Friedman, Lyman and Mayor Pro Tem Benassini

Absent: Mayor Abelson

7:00 p.m.

### **CONVENE SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL MEETING / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD MEETING**

Mayor Pro Tem Benassini convened the Special Concurrent City Council / Public Financing Authority and Employee Pension Board meeting at 7:02 p.m.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF  
MOMENT OF SILENCE** was led by Mayor Pro Tem Benassini.

**2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS** - None

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Al Miler, El Cerrito, expressed support for: 1) Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5(B) City Council and City Manager PERS contributions; and 2) 5(C) West Contra Costa Unified School District School Resource Officers.

Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, thanked the City Council for the lengthy June 2, 2014 public hearing regarding the proposed project located at 1715 Elm Street. Mr. Goudey informed the City Council that new information was released after the public hearing that affects the site, such as the release of the San Pablo Specific Plan on June 3 which calls out the creek running through the property and references the Creek Overlay District and setback

regulations. Mr. Goudey also expressed concerns over the developer's offer to donate the historic house to a non-profit organization.

**4. PRESENTATION – None**

**5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item No. 5A through 5C**

Moved, seconded (Bridges/Friedman; Ayes – Councilmembers Bridges, Friedman, Lyman and Vice-Mayor Benassini; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Abelson) and carried to adopt Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5C in one motion as indicated below.

**A. Minutes for Approval**

Approve the following City Council meeting minutes: 1) June 2, 2014 Special City Council and; 2) June 9, 2014 Special City Council – Closed Session and June 9, 2014 Special City Council.

**Action:** Approved minutes.

**B. Employer Paid Member Contributions for City Council and City Manager**

Adopt a resolution modifying the paying and reporting of the value of employer paid member contributions for the City Council and City Manager.

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 2014–24.

**C. Agreement with the West Contra Costa Unified School District Regarding Funding of School Resource Officers**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to finalize and enter into an agreement with the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) to partially fund three School Resource Officer Positions (SRO) in the amount of \$520,000 per year, to be paid by the School District. The new agreement would supersede previous agreements between the City and WCCUSD related to SRO's. Two SRO's will continue to be assigned to El Cerrito High School and one will be assigned to Portola Middle School. If authorized, the agreement would become effective immediately upon finalization and execution, and would continue at least through June 30, 2015.

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 2014–25.

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

**7. POLICY MATTERS**

**CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD ITEM**

**A.1 Presentation of Financial Advisory Board Recommendations – Submitted on behalf of the Financial Advisory Board by Peter Vranich, Chair.**

Mr. Vranich stated the Financial Advisory Board's (FAB) recommendations to the City Council as identified in the report provided as Agenda Item No. 7(A)(1) this evening.

**A.2 Adoption of the City's Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2014–15 and FY 2015-16, Approve FY 2014-15 Spending Authority by Fund for the City, Employee Pension Board and Public Financing Authority and Approve the FY 2014-15 Annual Gann Appropriation Limit**

Staff requests that the City Council approve the following actions this evening:

- 1) Adopt a resolution approving the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 and authorizing FY 2014-15 spending authority by fund for the City of El Cerrito;
- 2) Adopt a resolution approving the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 and authorizing FY 2014-15 spending authority by fund for the El Cerrito Public Financing Authority;

- 3) Adopt a resolution approving the Biennial budget for Fiscal Years 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 and authorizing FY 2014-15 spending authority by fund for the El Cerrito Employee Pension Board; and
- 4) Adopt a resolution approving the calculation and establishing the FY 2014-15 annual Gann Appropriation Limit.

Speaker: Angela Osayande, Field Representative and Chief Negotiator for SEIU 1021, stated that SEIU members bring the majority of the revenue into the City through childcare, summer camps and the Recycling Center. Ms. Osayande asked that the City to consider the fact that SEIU members are the lowest paid workers in the City when the City asks for concessions. SEIU is ready to bargain in good faith.

**Actions:**

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- 1) Moved, seconded (Friedman/Lyman; Ayes – Councilmembers Bridges, Friedman, Lyman and Vice-Mayor Benassini; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Abelson) and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014–26 approving the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 and authorizing FY 2014-15 spending authority by fund for the City of El Cerrito. With the exception of FAB’s recommendation to undertake a separate discussion, motion and vote on compensation, the Council directed staff to modify the budget book to include all of FAB’s comments and recommendations as stated in FAB’s June 11, 2014 report to Council, included as Agenda Item No. 7(A)(1).
- 2) Moved, seconded (Lyman/Friedman; Ayes – Councilmembers Bridges, Friedman, Lyman and Vice-Mayor Benassini; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Abelson) and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2014–27 to approve the calculation and establish FY 2013-14 and 2014-15 annual Gann Appropriation Limit.

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY ITEM

- 3) Moved, seconded (Friedman/Bridges; Ayes – Councilmembers Bridges, Friedman, Lyman and Vice-Mayor Benassini; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Abelson) and carried to adopt Public Financing Authority Resolution No. 2014–01 approving the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 and authorizing FY 2014-15 spending authority by fund for the El Cerrito Public Financing Authority. With the exception of FAB’s recommendation to undertake a separate discussion, motion and vote on compensation, the Council directed staff to modify the budget book to include all of FAB’s comments and recommendations as stated in FAB’s June 11, 2014 report to Council, included as Agenda Item No. 7(A)(1).

EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD ITEM

- 4) Moved, seconded (Lyman/Friedman; Ayes – Councilmembers Bridges, Friedman, Lyman and Vice-Mayor Benassini; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Abelson) and carried to adopt Employee Pension Board Resolution No. 2014–01 approving the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 and authorizing FY 2014-15 spending authority by fund for the El Cerrito Employee Pension Board. With the exception of FAB’s recommendation to undertake a separate discussion, motion and vote on compensation, the Council directed staff to modify the budget book to include all of FAB’s comments and recommendations as stated in FAB’s June 11, 2014 report to Council, included as Agenda Item No. 7(A)(1).

**8. COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

Mayoral and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments and committee reports.

Mayor Pro Tem Benassini reported that she attended the King of the County BBQ in Martinez on June 14. She enjoyed representing El Cerrito with other councilmembers

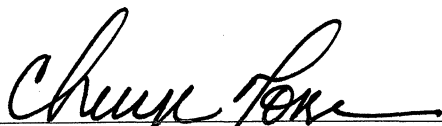
throughout Contra Costa County.

**9. ADJOURNED SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD MEETING at 7:31p.m.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Written statement regarding the June 2, 2014 1715 Elm Street project public hearing and the San Pablo Specific Plan released on June 3, 2014 – *Submitted by Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito.*

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special concurrent City Council, Public Financing Authority and Employee Pension Board meeting of June 17, 2014 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



Janet Abelson, Mayor