

# **CITY OF EL CERRITO**

## **MINUTES**

### **SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, October 1, 2007 – 6:50 p.m.**

**Community Center Conference Room**

### **CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

**Monday, October 1, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.**

**City Council Chambers**

#### **Meeting Location**

**Council Chambers, Community Center**

**7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Jones, Potter and Mayor Moore.

All members present.

**6:50 p.m.**

#### **CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Moore convened the special meeting at 6:54 p.m.

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

No speakers.

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD INTERVIEWS**

The City Council will conduct interviews of applicants for the Economic Development Board.

Interviews may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting.

**ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:34 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL**

Councilmembers / Agency Members Abelson (Agency Chair), Bridges, Jones, Potter and Mayor Moore.

All members recorded as present.

7:30 p.m.

**CONVENE CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

Mayor Moore convened the concurrent City Council / Redevelopment Agency meeting at 7:39 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Councilmember Bridges.
2. **POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION** – None
3. **COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager, recognized the efforts of many arts organizations coming together to celebrate California Arts Day in El Cerrito, encouraged citizen participation and introduced a calendar of events for the month of October celebrating Arts Day at various venues throughout the city. Ms. Pinkos announced an opening celebration at MC Art Works Gallery / El Cerrito Lighting on October 5 with additional events held the same day at Jenny K / Well Grounded, Katie's Dance Studio, Cerrito Speakeasy Theater and Contra Costa Civic Theatre. Ms. Pinkos concluded by thanking the City Council for their support of the arts and thanked the Arts & Culture Commission as well.

Councilmember Abelson announced the first annual Art Schroeder Day Celebration on October 17, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the El Cerrito City Council Chambers.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

- A. **California Legislative Assembly Certificate of Recognition Congratulating El Cerrito on its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a City and its Contributions to the East Bay Community.**

Speakers: Al Miller congratulated the city on behalf of Stege Sanitary District.

**Action:** Presentation by Mayor Moore.

- B. **Precinct and Polling Place Consolidation** – presentation by the Contra Costa County Election Division

Presenters: Kathy Gover, Contra Costa County Election Processing Supervisor  
Eren Mendez, Contra Costa County Election Outreach Coordinator

Speakers: Hilary Crosby.

**Action:** Presentation heard.

**C. Cerrito Theater's One Year Anniversary** – presentation by Catherine and Kyle Fischer, Speakeasy Theaters

Presenters: Lori Treviño, Economic Development and Redevelopment Manager. Catherine and Kyle Fischer, Speakeasy Theaters.

Speakers: Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, commented on financing of the theater and parking.

**Action:** Presentation heard.

**D. Introduction to the Central Avenue – I-80 Interchange Project** – presentation by Andrea Glerum, Nolte & Associates

Presenters: Jerry Bradshaw, Public Works Director and Andrea Glerum, Nolte & Associates.

Speakers: Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, suggested performing traffic simulation of the intersections and expressed concerns about funding.

**Action:** Presentation heard.

**E. Sales Tax Receipts, Trends and Comparisons** – presentation by Mary Flynn, MBIA, MuniServices

**Action:** Withdrawn by the City Manager and rescheduled to a future meeting of the City Council.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Speakers: Al Miller, El Cerrito, invited everyone to attend the City's first celebration of Art Schroeder Day. Mr. Miller also informed the City Council about the status of healthcare in California and perceived impacts on El Cerrito.

Rosemary Loubal, El Cerrito, expressed concerns with public safety, stated her support for video surveillance and encouraged the City Council to discuss providing incentives for installation of gas automatic shut-off valves.

**6. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Items 6A through 6D**

Moved, seconded, carried (Potter/Abelson) to approve Consent Calendar items 6A, 6B, and 6D. Vote: Unanimous.

**A. Ordinances for Second Reading**

**1. Video Surveillance Ordinance** (*First Reading September 17, 2007 – Unanimous*)

Waive full reading and adopt Ordinance 2007-06 amending Title 6 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code by adding Chapter 6.90, Video Surveillance Systems for certain El Cerrito businesses.

**Action:** Adopted Ordinance No. 2007-06.

**2. Street Trench Cut Permits on Streets Resurfaced Within the Past Three to Five Years** (*First Reading September 17, 2007 – Unanimous*)

Waive full reading and adopt Ordinance 2007-07 amending Section 13.12.030 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code requiring restoration of a recently paved street and providing authority to collect a fee for such restoration as set forth in the Master Fee Schedule.

**Action:** Adopted Ordinance No. 2007-07.

**B. Approval of Minutes**

Approve the minutes of the September 17, 2007 City Council Special Closed and Regular Meetings.

**Action:** Approved September 17, 2007 minutes.

**C. Issuance of Proclamations**

**1. Recognizing October 2007 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month**

**2. Recognizing October 5, 2007 Soka Gakkai International Ambassador of Peace Day**

**Action:** Removed from the consent calendar by Councilmember Potter. Moved, seconded, carried (Potter/Abelson) to approve issuance of proclamations. Proclamation presented at the beginning of the meeting and accepted on behalf of SGI by Alice Watson, Mitsu Fujii, and Carl Schalitker. Vote: Unanimous.

**D. Establish a Custodian Team Leader Classification**

Adopt a Resolution amending the City's Classification Plan, to add the job description of Custodial Team Leader and set the appropriate salary schedule.

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 2007-80.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

**Expenditure of Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Program**

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of SLESP funds for the continuation of a sworn position assigned to traffic enforcement and the remainder for the purchase of needed equipment.

Mayor Moore opened the public hearing.

Presenters: Scott Kirkland, Police Chief.

Speakers: No speakers.

Moved, seconded, carried (Jones/Abelson) to close the public hearing. Vote: Unanimous.

**Action:** Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Potter) to adopt Resolution No. 2007-81.

Vote: Unanimous.

**8. POLICY MATTERS**

JOINT CITY COUNCIL / REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ITEM

**Establishment of a Video Surveillance System Loan Program**

Adopt an Agency Resolution and City Council Resolution establishing a loan program for small businesses to comply with the video surveillance system requirements being established by City ordinance and appropriating \$150,000 in redevelopment funds and \$15,000 in general funds to establish the program.

Presenters: Dwayne Dallman, Administrative Analyst, Community Development Department, Lori Treviño, Economic Development and Redevelopment Manager and Scott Kirkland, Chief of Police.

Speakers: Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, expressed support for increased funding for the Loan program.

**Action:** Moved, seconded, carried (Jones/Moore) to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2007-82. Vote: Unanimous.

**Action:** Moved, seconded, carried (Jones/Potter) to adopt Redevelopment Agency Resolution No. 571. Vote: Unanimous.

## 9. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Moore reported on a meeting held last week of the West County Mayors and Supervisors Association. The Association has been discussing making a request to Governor Schwarzenegger to review the Three Strikes Law and funding for reinstatement of the Sentencing Revision Commission. The Board of Supervisors has sent a letter to the California Sentencing Commission in support and the West County Mayors voted to send a letter to the California Association of Counties to support the item as well. Mayor Moore reported that the West County Mayors suggested that cities may want to consider sending letters in support as well. Another item introduced at the West County Mayors Conference involved support for the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program Shelter (GRIP). The GRIP Shelter will be the only shelter in Richmond will be the only shelter in West County because the other shelter run by Bay Area Rescue is closing. GRIP has been running a number of programs for the past sixty years, including feeding programs, and built a new permanent shelter last year. GRIP is seeking funding from cities and other organizations to support the shelter as costs have increased and state funding has disappeared. The West County Mayors suggested that GRIP send a letter to West County cities requesting an invitation to speak to the respective City Councils. Additionally, the Greater Richmond Interfaith Program is going to have its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Harmony Walk on Saturday, October 13 at Kennedy Park. Each year family and friends gather to rally and walk to help raise awareness about hunger issues and to raise funds for this West County resource.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Jones – No report.

C. Councilmember Abelson – No report.

D. Councilmember Bridges reported that the Planning Commission approved the use permit extension for the Vitale project and removed the \$10,000 contingency for clean up of blight on that lot. The blight was taken care of by the developer. The amount was reduced to \$1,000.

E. Councilmember Potter – No report.

## SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

### Item 4B Precinct and Polling Place Consolidation

1. List of confirmed polling places – Contra Costa Elections Division

**Item 4D Introduction to the Central Avenue – I-80 Interchange Project**

2. Postcard announcing the I-80/Central Avenue Interchange Improvement Project Open House on October 24 at the El Cerrito Community Center.

**Item 6(D)(2) Recognizing October 5, 2007 Soka Gakkai International Ambassador of Peace Day**

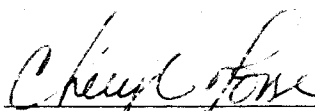
3. *Buddhism in Action*, Soka Gakkai International

**Other**

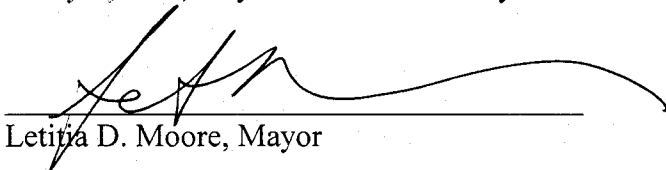
4. "California Comes Alive with the Arts" October 2007 Calendar – El Cerrito Arts & Culture Commission.
5. Notice – First Annual Art Schroeder Day Celebration, October 17, 2007 – Art Miller.

**10. ADJOURNED** at 9:40 p.m.

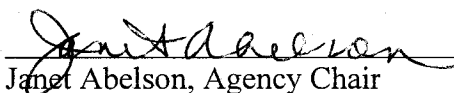
This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the concurrent City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of October 1, 2007 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk and Secretary to the Redevelopment Agency



Letitia D. Moore, Mayor



Janet Abelson, Agency Chair