

CITY OF EL CERRITO

MINUTES

SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION MEETING

**Monday, October 15, 2007 – 6:30 p.m.
Community Center Conference Room**

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, October 15, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING

**Monday, October 15, 2007 – Immediately Following the Regular Meeting
Community Center Conference Room**

Meeting Location

**Council Chambers, Community Center
7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito**

ROLL CALL

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

6:30 p.m.

CONVENE SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Moore convened the special meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

1) CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Properties: 11481 San Pablo Avenue
11471 San Pablo Avenue
11465 San Pablo Avenue
11457 San Pablo Avenue
11451-11453 San Pablo Avenue
1612 Eastshore Blvd.
11425 San Pablo Avenue
11355 San Pablo Avenue
11347 San Pablo Avenue
6115 Potrero Avenue
6109 Potrero Avenue

Agency Negotiators: Scott Hanin, Executive Director
Mitch Oshinsky, Deputy Executive Director
Lori Treviño, Deputy Agency Manager
Karen Tiedemann, Redevelopment Counsel

Negotiating Parties: Norman & Joan Kinsey
Charles & Diana John

Richard Lompa
Calvin & Gay Chun
James Siri
Trujillo Trust
ECRB Associates
Lung Lum & Jing Hung
Eva Fara
Seta Azizian

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation

(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

City of El Cerrito v. Albany Unified School District

Contra Costa Superior Court, Case No. N07-1266.

CONVENE SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Speakers: None

ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

All members recorded as present.

7:30 p.m.

CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Moore convened the regular City Council Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Jones inquired about the status of the West Contra Costa Unified School District [issue regarding the disposition of the Fairmont School property] and whether the City had received a response from the School District. Mayor Pro Tem Jones requested presentation of a report from staff at a future City Council meeting.

Councilmember Potter and Karen Pinkos reported on California Arts Day and the continuing celebration throughout the remainder of October.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Al Miller, El Cerrito invited all to attend the October 17, 2007 Art Schroeder Day Celebration at the Community Center. Mr. Miller also commented on the City's Video Surveillance System Program and his attendance at an ACLU presentation in Berkley regarding video surveillance.

Susan Schwartz, on behalf of Friends of Five Creeks, passed out jam made from native elderberries harvested from Cerrito Creek.

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, expressed concerns about the Olsen project.

Patricia Durham, El Cerrito, invited the public to a "Meet the Mayor" reception at Saint Peters Church from 3-5 p.m. on November 4, 2007.

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Items 5A and 5B

Moved, seconded, carried (Jones/Bridges) to approve Items 5A and 5B on the Consent Calendar. Vote: Unanimous.

A. Approval of Minutes

Approve the October 1, 2007 Special City Council Meeting and Concurrent City Council / Redevelopment Agency Meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Destruction of City Records

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the destruction of city records in accordance with the city's records retention schedule.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2007-83.

6. COUNCIL WORKSESSION – ZONING ORDINANCE

Receive a presentation by Jennifer Carman, Planning Manager, on proposed revisions to El Cerrito Municipal Code Title 19 – Zoning Ordinance. The worksession will provide an opportunity for comments and questions by the City Council.

Presenter: Jennifer Carman, Planning Manager.

Speakers: Bruce Anderson, Design Review Board Member, provided input on the city's design review process and expressed areas of concern regarding Design Review Board review and historic properties.

Gary Hill, Chair of the Design Review Board, provided input on the design review process, expressed concerns regarding proposed limitation of Design Review Board review and recommended adoption of Option 4.

Michael Albrecht, Design Review Board Member, provided additional input on the design review process and recommended adoption of Option 4.

Paul Gilbert-Snyder, El Cerrito, commented on proposed building permits for overhead landscaping features.

Tom Panas, El Cerrito, commented on the value of preserving historic resources and proposed limitations on the design review process.

Chris Connor, El Cerrito, commented on the proposed creek protection overlay district.

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, commented on the public review process, public transit use and density.

Gene Lukes, El Cerrito, identified himself as a former Planning Commissioner and commented on the history and development of fence regulations.

Geoffrey Nelson, El Cerrito, identified himself as a current planning consultant and former member of the Design Review Board and Planning Commission. Mr. Nelson commented on the proposed limitation of Design Review Board purview over site design and streetscape review and commented on permit streamlining and CEQA.

Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Vice Chair of the Planning Commission, commented on the Zoning Ordinance process and its connection to goals identified in the General Plan. Ms. Kavanaugh-Lynch expressed her support for the proposed ordinance.

David Brandt, Chair of the Planning Commission, commented on review of the Zoning Ordinance.

Action: Presentation made and discussion held. The City Council established a subcommittee consisting of the chair and vice-chair of the Planning Commission, Mr. Brandt and Ms. Kavanaugh-Lynch, the chair and vice-chair of the Design Review Board, Messrs. Hill and Anderson, and Councilmembers Bridges and Potter to look at Design Review Board and Planning Commission review and return to the City Council with a recommendation.

7. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Mayor Moore – No report.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem Jones reported on the progress of the Gilman Sports Field Joint Powers Authority and announced that the start time is early spring 2008.
- C. Councilmember Abelson – No report.
- D. Councilmember Bridges – No report.
- E. Councilmember Potter announced the next meeting of Arts and Culture Committee on November 14, 2007.

8. RECESS TO SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

The City Council concluded the regular meeting and recessed to closed session at 10:28 p.m.

9. SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: City Attorney

CONVENE SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION MEETING

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – No speakers.

ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

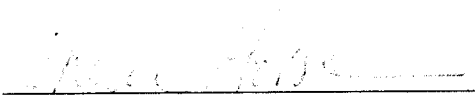
10. POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

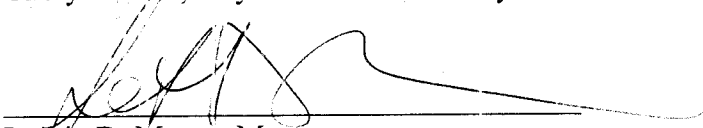
1. 2007 Zoning Ordinance Revision Powerpoint Presentation – Planning Department
2. Under the Watchful Eye: The Proliferation of Video Surveillance Systems in California by Mark Schlosberg and Nicole A. Ozer – submitted by Al Miller

ADJOURNED at 10:58 p.m.

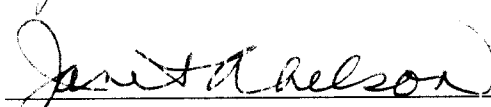
This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the concurrent City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of October 15, 2007 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk and Secretary to the Redevelopment Agency



Letitia D. Moore, Mayor



Janet Abelson, Agency Chair

