

# EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, January 19, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers

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

Greg Lyman – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson  
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Mark Friedman  
Councilmember Gabriel Quinto

### ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Friedman, Quinto and Mayor Lyman all present.

7:00 p.m. **CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Lyman convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:03p.m.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE** was led by Mayor Greg Lyman.

**2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Melissa Tigbao, Engineering Manager, announced that staff rescheduled the City Council's consideration of parking modifications surrounding Korematsu Middle School from January 19 to February 16, 2016.

Councilmember Abelson expressed appreciation for everyone involved in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade and Celebration. Everyone who worked on the event did a great job.

Mayor Lyman thanked the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce for inviting him to deliver a State of the City presentation and participate in the Chamber's annual installation of officers. The Chamber has been in existence since 1936. The Chamber Officers are Marty Kalisky, Mark Figone, John Stashik and Melanie Mintz. Mayor Lyman also highlighted the progress associated with the installation of a Marin Clean Energy (MCE) sponsored solar project at the Chevron facility in Richmond. The project is proceeding well however Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) has announced that it will not be able to do the work it needs to do to make the project operational in October and is pushing the work to March of 2017.

**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Cordell Hindler, representing the Park Plaza Neighborhood Association in Richmond, expressed concerns about El Cerrito Police Officers driving through his neighborhood. Mr. Hindler also announced that the Contra Costa Civic Theatre's next production is "The Clean

House.”

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

**Plan Bay Area 2040 Framework and Process – Presentation by Pedro Galvao, Regional Planner, Association of Bay Area Governments.**

Receive a presentation from the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) regarding the Plan Bay Area 2040 Framework and Process.

**Presenters:** Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch, Development Services Manager and Pedro Galvao, Regional Planner, ABAG.

**Action:** Received presentation.

#### 5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5A through 5E

Moved, seconded (Abelson/Friedman) and carried unanimously to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5E in one motion as indicated below.

##### A. Approval of Minutes

Approve the following City Council meeting minutes: 1) December 1, 2015 Regular City Council; 2) December 15, 2015 Regular City Council; 3) December 21, 2015; and 4) January 5, 2016 Special City Council.

**Action:** Approved minutes.

##### B. Regulation of Medical Marijuana Cultivation and Deliveries

*First reading December 15, 2015. Approved by unanimous vote.*

Adopt Ordinance No. 2016–01 amending Chapter 6.80 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code (“Medical Marijuana Dispensaries”) regarding the Cultivation of Marijuana.

**Action:** Adopted Ordinance No. 2016–01.

##### C. Huber Park Improvement Project, City Project No. C3054

Adopt a resolution which take the following actions: 1) Approve plans for the Huber Park Improvements Project; 2) Accept the three submitted bids; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of \$138,653.00 with HM Construction and to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed \$13,347.00 for the construction of the Huber Park Improvements Project. *Exempt from CEQA.*

**Action:** Moved, seconded (Abelson/Friedman) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2016-02.

##### D. Agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. for Tree Pruning, Removal and Maintenance Services

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement with West Coast Arborists, Inc. to provide tree pruning, maintenance services and removal of City trees in an amount not to exceed \$70,000 for a contract term ending June 30, 2016.

**Action:** Adopted Resolution No. 2016-03.

##### E. Tree Committee Reappointments

Approve a Tree Committee recommendation to reappoint Ralph Boniello, Steve Price and Mike Srago to the Tree Committee for four year terms.

**Action:** Approved a Tree Committee recommendation to reappoint Ralph Boniello, Steve Price and Mike Srago to the Tree Committee for four year terms concluding on January 1, 2020.

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – *None*

**7. POLICY MATTERS**

**REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY ITEM**

**A. Review and Authorize Submittal of 2016-17 Draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 16-17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)**

Adopt a Successor Agency resolution reviewing and authorizing submittal of the draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule 16-17 and approving inclusion on the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule reimbursement to the City for Streetscape Improvements made pursuant to an approved Redevelopment project plan for infrastructure improvements.

**Presenter:** Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director.

**Speaker:** Cordell Hindler, Richmond, expressed his support for the resolution.

**Action:** Moved, seconded (Friedman/Bridges) and carried unanimously to adopt Successor Agency Resolution No. 2016-01, including a revised page 3 to the exhibit.

**8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS**

Mayor Lyman reported on his attendance at the January 2016 Contra Costa Mayors Conference. The Contra Costa Mayors received a presentation regarding labor negotiations and selected Wade Harper of Antioch as Chair and Cindy Silva of Walnut Creek as Vice Chair of the Conference. Mayor Lyman also attended the MCE Technical Committee meeting and received a handout “Electric Utility Exit Fee Oversight: Improvements through Transparency, Accountability and Proper Valuation,” which was distributed to the City Council and public.

**9. ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:56 p.m.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

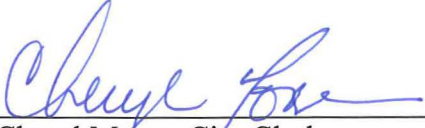
**Item No. 7(A) Review and Authorize Submittal of 2016-17 Draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 16-17 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017)**

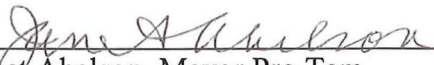
1. Substitution of page 3 of Exhibit A to the resolution – *Submitted by Melanie Mintz, Community Development Director.*

**Item No. 8 Council Assignments/Liaison Reports**

2. MCE “Electric Utility Exit Fee Oversight: Improvements through Transparency, Accountability and Proper Valuation – *Submitted by Mayor Lyman.*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of January 19, 2016 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

  
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Cheryl Morse, City Clerk

  
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Janet Abelson, Mayor Pro Tem