

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD

MINUTES

**SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL MEETING /
PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD MEETING**
Tuesday, June 14, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Rescheduled from June 7, 2016 to June 14, 2016

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

All members present.

**7:00 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING
AUTHORITY AND EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD MEETING**

Mayor Lyman 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 Councilmember Gabriel Quinto.

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Quinto stated that he attended the El Cerrito Garden Club 60th anniversary luncheon and also had the honor of attending the re-opening of Huber Park and was pleased to see the Park's renovations.

Mayor Pro Tem Abelson reported on her recent attendance at the PedsCount 2016 Conference in Long Beach. The Conference was very interesting. Mayor Pro Tem Abelson also attended the League of California Cities East Bay Division meeting in Danville and received a presentation by State Controller Betty Yee. Additionally, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority has decided to go forward with placing a measure on the ballot however it would need to be approved by a majority of cities in the County and a majority of the population within those cities prior to being approved by a majority of the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. The CCTA item will be on the City Council's June 21, 2016 agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Abelson also reported on her attendance at the League of California

Cities Administrative Services and Community Services Policy Committee meetings where she also received a state budget update.

Mayor Lyman invited all to the upcoming annual July 4th WorldOne Celebration at Cerrito Vista Park. The celebration will include music, crafts, games for young people and food. Mayor Lyman also thanked the Human Relations Commission for putting on the Loving Day event last weekend. The event was well attended and celebrated all forms of equity including gay marriage and was a bright contrast to the tragic mass shooting that occurred in Orlando Sunday morning. Mayor Lyman also attended the League of California Cities Environmental Quality Committee voted to uphold the laws that bans bags. Mayor Lyman also learned that the Governor's proposed housing trailer bill as written and presented on June 1, 2016 removes a lot of local control and allows housing projects to bypass several review processes that the public has a right to participate in. Mayor Lyman is waiting to hear more information regarding the status of this bill.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cordell Hindler, Richmond, spoke about vacant properties in the City and complaints from business owners about loitering in the area. Mr. Hindler also complained about police cars in his neighborhood.

Kendra Zien, Relay for Life, encouraged all to participate in the upcoming Relay-for-Life event on July 16-17 to remember those who have passed away from cancer and support and honor cancer survivors, care givers, family members and each other. Relay for Life has already raised \$10,000 and hopes to raise more. Many local businesses have made donations to the event. Ms. Zien thanked the City Council for its generous support of the event.

Forrest McDonald, Richmond resident and El Cerrito Volunteer, reported that more than 150 people will participate in this year's Relay for Life event and invited all to participate. Mr. McDonald asked the Council for a proclamation and also asked that the exterior lights at City Hall be turned to purple to represent the color of hope.

Al Miller, El Cerrito, reported on the Special Olympics Bike the Bridges event, acknowledged the contributions of the El Cerrito Police Department (ECPD) and other law enforcement agencies in supporting the event and encouraged all to attend next year. The event hopes to raise \$80,000. Mr. Miller also noted the ECPD's participation in the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Relay which will occur along San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito on June 21 about 11:00 a.m. and encouraged all to show their support by cheering the ECPD on.

Dave Weinstein, El Cerrito, President of Trail Trekkers, stated that the El Cerrito Hillside Festival was a great success this year with over 200 people attending. Mr. Weinstein said \$16,000 was raised and that the Festival will continue every year as a core mission of the El Cerrito Trail Trekkers. Mr. Weinstein thanked the Parks & Recreation Commission and the Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) for their help with the event. Additionally, Mr. Weinstein said he is looking forward to implementation of a new Sign Plan, which has been under development by the National Park Service for the past three years. It is going to be great for El Cerrito. There will be large gateway signs at the entrances to the Hillside Natural Area and smaller informational signs. The signs will be available for the public to look at on July 4th and will go before the Parks and Recreation Commission at their July meeting

Karl Mulligan, El Cerrito, stated that the new LED lights installed by PG&E cast a bright light 10-12 feet deep into his house. PG&E was very responsive in ameliorating some of the brightness by installing a light shield near his residence. Mr. Mulligan said he wanted to

share this information with the community in case they also were affected by the new lights.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Citizens' Street Oversight Committee Annual Report – *Presentation by Matt Kelly, Chair, Citizens' Street Oversight Committee.*

Action: Received presentation.

Cordell Hindler, Richmond, expressed appreciation for the streets program.

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

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

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the May 17, 2016 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes

B. Proclamation Recognizing June 2016 as LGBT Pride Month

Approve a proclamation declaring the month of June 2016 as LGBT Pride Month in the City of El Cerrito and inviting everyone to reflect on way we all can live and work together with a commitment toward mutual respect and understanding, and further recognizing Pride Month by flying the rainbow flag at City Hall during the month of June.

Action: Approved proclamation.

C. Proclamation Designating June 2016 as Immigrant Heritage Month

Approve a proclamation proclaiming June 2016 as Immigrant Heritage Month.

Action: Approved proclamation.

D. November 8, 2016 General Municipal Election

Adopt a Resolution: 1) Ordering and calling for a general municipal election to be held in the City of El Cerrito on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for the purpose of electing three members of the City Council for full terms of four years each; 2) Requesting and consenting to consolidation of the municipal election with the general election to be held on November 8, 2016; 3) Requesting the services of the Contra Costa County Registrar of Voters; 4) Providing for Notice of the election; and 5) Setting specifications of the Election Order to include limiting candidate statements to 250 words, requiring candidates to pay for the costs of their candidate statement, establishing the estimated cost of each candidate statement to be \$225 payable at the time of filing; and determining that, in the event of a tie vote, the winner shall be determined by lot at a time and place designated by the City Council.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2016–44.

E. Amendments to City Classification Plan

Adopt a resolution amending the City's Classification Plan to establish the classifications and salaries for the position of Childcare Aide and Van Driver.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2016–45.

F. Authorize Expenditure with SSP Data Products

Adopt a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$23,350 with SSP Data Products to procure Cisco Data Switches, Cisco SmartNet support and security software annual subscriptions for the City's Network Security Appliances.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2016–46.

G. Authorize Expenditure with SunGard Public Sector

Adopt a resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$20,800 with SunGard Public Sector to procure additional TRAKiT land management licenses and specialized business automation software.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2016-47

H. Summer 2016 City Council Meeting Schedule

Approve a reduced City Council summer meeting schedule consisting of the third Tuesday in July, August and September 2016. City Council meeting dates in July, August and September 2016 would be held on July 19, August 16 and September 20, 2016 with an additional request to keep the first Tuesday in July, August and September reserved for additional meetings as needed.

Action: Approved reduced summer meeting shedule.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

A. Proposed Timeline and Budget for Development of an Ordinance Regulating Marijuana-Related Businesses

Continue discussion on the current prohibition on marijuana-related businesses and provide direction to staff on developing an ordinance regulating marijuana-related businesses and development of a permit process.

Presenter: Paul Keith, Interim Police Chief and Sean Moss, Senior Planner.

Speakers: Gordon Galvan, Partner in El Cerrito Wellness Center, stated that the ordinance submitted last week was not meant for adoption but for the Council's reference should it choose to move forward. The El Cerrito Wellness Center group offered to provide funding for contract staff to assist the City in crafting an ordinance that reflects the culture and needs of the community. After the ordinance is completed, the El Cerrito Wellness Center would then like the City Council to consider its proposal. The El Cerrito Wellness Center is offering the highest return to any city in the state with a projected return in the first year of \$500,000. Mr. Galvan also stated that the property it purchased at 1088 San Pablo Avenue is currently an attractive nuisance. The Wellness Group is ready to invest significant capital to beautify the building inside and out and has partnerships with the most trusted growers in the state. El Cerrito patients will receive the highest quality medicine available today. Mr. Galvan stated that the Wellness Group was not in any way trying to short circuit discussion at the last meeting, intends to host community forums, will be a leader in community benefits and will agree to all security and background checks.

Cordell Hindler, representing Richmond Heights and Richmond Annex Neighborhoods, stated that the groups support a cannabis dispensary in El Cerrito.

Al Miller, El Cerrito, urged the City Council to approve the expanded community process plan for implementing any changes to city regulations concerning marijuana related businesses due to its controversial nature and the additional workload imposed on staff. Mr. Miller said he supports a marijuana dispensary because it supports two objectives in the strategic plan: 1) Improve quality of life for those who need it; and 2) Supports economic development and increases the City's revenue.

Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, encouraged the Council to take a slow, measured approach, engage in an extensive public process and not rush the issue through.

Karl Mulligan, El Cerrito, stated that he is in support of medical cannabis, that there will be seventeen different licenses that will be issued by the State and encouraged the Council to seek input from the public.

Action: Moved, seconded (Friedman/Bridges) and carried unanimously to select a hybrid of staff's proposed Options 1 and 2 and proceed with research and preparation of an ordinance and any other regulations, a modified expanded community process, initiate vendor evaluation after reading of the ordinance and conclude vendor selection no later than 200 days.

B. City Council Wall of Fame Nomination Subcommittee Recommendation

Approve the City Council Wall of Fame Nomination Subcommittee's recommendation to induct David Weinstein into the El Cerrito Wall of Fame and direct the City Clerk to return to the City Council with a resolution confirming the appointment and schedule the formal induction ceremony in either July or August 2016 pending availability of all parties involved.

Presenters: Councilmembers Friedman and Bridges.

Speakers: Al Miller, El Cerrito, spoke of Mr. Weinstein's contributions and leadership on the Friends of Cerrito Theater and El Cerrito Hillside Natural Area campaigns.

Dave Weinstein, thanked Jenny Hammer and all of the people who nominated him and provided letters of support and also thanked his wife for supporting his efforts to support and contribute to the City

Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, thanked the City Council for its apparent support of Mr. Weinstein's induction into the Wall of Fame. The letters submitted in support of Mr. Weinstein's induction into the Wall of Fame demonstrate the depth and breadth of Mr. Weinstein's involvement in the community.

Action: Moved, seconded (Friedman/Bridges) and carried unanimously to approve the recommendation and schedule the formal induction of Dave Weinstein into the El Cerrito Wall of Fame.

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C. Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-17 and 2017-18 Biennial Budget Presentation

Presentation and discussion of the City's Fiscal Year 2016-17 and 2017-18 budgets including strategic plan goals, Fiscal Year 2015-2016 accomplishments, and challenges and objectives for Fiscal Years 2016-17 and 2017-18. Adoption of the budget is scheduled for the City Council's consideration on June 21, 2016.

Presenter: Scott Hanin, City Manager.

Speakers: Cordell Hindler, Richmond, spoke in support of the budget.

Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, thanked staff for its work on the budget document and also thanked the City Council for acknowledging the recommendations submitted by the EQC. Mr. Goudey spoke in support of the Environmental Analyst position and stated that the EQC could benefit by having more staff resources to interact with. Mr. Goudey suggested that the City green its auto fleet and invest in more dedicated electric charging stations for electric fleet vehicles to reduce operations and maintenance costs. Mr. Goudey also inquired into the status of broken solar panels at the community center.

Nicholas Arzio, El Cerrito, expressed concerns with San Pablo Avenue regulations including unlimited density and asked whether there would be any net gains with any new structures that are built because increased density will result in an increased demand for city services. Mr. Arzio also spoke in support of eradicating invasive species in the Hillside Natural Area and addressing tree upheaval to prevent property damage or injury.

Action: Received presentation. Each of the City Councilmembers commented on the proposed budget and provided direction to staff. *Adoption of the budget is scheduled for the City Council's consideration on June 21, 2016.*

8. COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

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

Councilmember Quinto reported that he will be attending an Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) meeting next week to discuss the ABAG/Metropolitan Transportation Commission merger.

Mayor Lyman reported that the West County Mayors received a presentation from the City of Richmond regarding a proposed litter tax ballot measure. The tax would be used to implement cleaner water. The West County Mayors also signed a letter addressed to Governor Brown regarding the need to research funding for cameras and enhanced camera storage capabilities along Interstate 80 as a way to address gun violence. Subsequently, the West County Mayors met with the Secretary of Transportation and representatives from the California Highway Patrol, CalTrans. The Mayors were briefed on efforts to address crimes. Task Force meetings related to this issue that have been ongoing locally will be occurring at a higher frequency. At the Contra Costa Mayors Conference the Mayors made appointments to fill a few upcoming regional commission vacancies.

9. ADJOURNED SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY / EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD MEETING at 10:28 p.m. in solemn memory of the forty-nine lives lost as a result of the tragic mass shooting in Orlando, Florida on Sunday, June 12, 2016.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Item No. 7(A) Proposed Timeline and Budget for Development of an Ordinance Regulating Marijuana-Related Businesses

1. Comments urging an expanded community process – *Submitted by Al Miller, El Cerrito.*

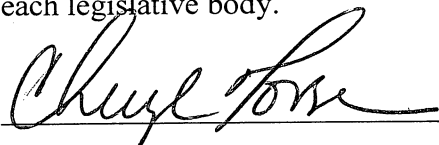
Item No. 7(C) Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-17 and 2017-18 Biennial Budget Presentation

2. Comments on budget – *Submitted by Environmental Quality Committee.*

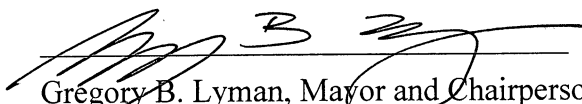
Other:

3. Relay for Life Brochure and American Cancer Society flyer – *Submitted by Kendra Zien, Relay for Life.*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the concurrent City Council / Public Financing Authority / Employee Pension Trust Board meeting of June 14, 2016 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council acting in the capacity of each legislative body.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk and Secretary to the Public Financing Authority and El Cerrito Employee Trust Board



Gregory B. Lyman, Mayor and Chairperson of the Public Financing Authority and El Cerrito Employee Trust Board