

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – 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 Gabriel Quinto
Councilmember Greg Lyman

Councilmember Paul Fadelli
Councilmember Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Fadelli, Lyman, Pardue-Okimoto, Quinto and Mayor Abelson all present.

7:00 p.m.

CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Abelson convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:02 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE was led by Councilmember Paul Fadelli.

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto reported that she attended a hearing in Sacramento for Senate Bill 562 – Single Payer Healthcare in California. Over 1000 people were in attendance to rally support for the bill. SB 562 passed the Senate Health Committee meeting and will be going to the Appropriations Committee next.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto stated that he attended the groundbreaking ceremony for Hana Gardens, located at the former Tradeway site, with all of the other members of the City Council. He is looking forward to El Cerrito having more affordable housing for seniors.

Councilmember Lyman stated that he was excited to announce that the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors voted today to move forward with Marin Clean Energy as an energy provider in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Councilmember Fadelli stated that El Cerrito's Earth Day was a great event. Mayor Abelson did a great job coordinating the event. On May 10, 2017 there will be a public workshop in Walnut Creek regarding the Metropolitan Transportation

Commission's Plan Bay Area 2040. Councilmember Fadelli encouraged El Cerrito residents to attend.

Mayor Abelson stated that many community members worked together in teams to make Earth Day successful. This included a site with two-year olds and other young kids who picked up trash and played together. Mayor Abelson thanked everyone for participating and making the event special.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Sidney Manchester-Jones, El Cerrito, stated that there are five old properties located at the proposed El Dorado Townhome site. The old buildings have lead and asbestos in them. The City will need to be aware of this during demolition. Mr. Manchester-Jones also stated that he is in favor of marijuana dispensaries. Certain parts of the revenue could be allocated for a drug and alcohol treatment center.

Al Miller, President, El Cerrito Library Foundation, requested that the City develop a sustainable plan to increase the number of hours the El Cerrito library is open. The Library Foundation asked the City Council to direct city staff to work with library staff and the El Cerrito Library Commissioner to develop several options to increase library-operating hours and reduce or eliminate days on which the library is closed. Mr. Miller also thanked Mayor Abelson for her leadership on this year's Earth Day event, thanked Stephen Préé who arranged for the proper amount of materials and tools to be available for the Earth Day Library work party, and thanked the Human Relations Commission (HRC) for providing the community with an opportunity to learn how to stand up and fight bullying.

Gary Pokorny, El Cerrito, Secretary of the El Cerrito Library Foundation, stated that he fully supports the request for a sustainable plan for increased library hours. Mr. Pokorny thanked the Council for its support and leadership of Earth Day in El Cerrito. Mr. Pokorny said that the current library schedule is inadequate and spoke about a comparison of library hours in cities throughout the County. There are only two cities that have fewer library hours than El Cerrito.

Judith Tannenbaum, El Cerrito, thanked the Council for the recent commissioner recognition event and also thanked the Council for writing a letter in support of the National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities and for the HRC anti-bullying workshop. Ms. Tannenbaum followed up on her idea regarding consideration of the possibility of an El Cerrito Town Hall that would allow the Council, staff and residents to look at ways federal, state and county actions might impact the City, particularly its values, and to encourage ways everyone can work together. The Town Hall could include a panel of state and county officials speaking about upcoming legislation followed by small group facilitated discussion.

Steve Lipson, Chair, Committee on Aging, thanked the City Council for hosting the Commissioner Recognition Dinner. Mr. Lipson stated that it would be nice to have some additional mechanisms for commissioners to get together. Perhaps chairs could meet with a clear, defined agenda to share information in a productive way.

Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, stated that the negative impacts resulting from the displacement of El Dorado/Audiss residents has not gone away. Mr. Goudey hoped that some city resources could be used to mitigate some of the damage that has been done.

Sherry Drobner, El Cerrito Progressives, announced that the Progressives and the

American Civil Liberties Union will offer a community workshop, "Know your Rights!" for immigrants in the community on May 8.

3. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item No. 4(A) through 4(G)

Moved, seconded (Pardue-Okimoto/Quinto) and carried unanimously to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4(A) through 4(G) as indicated below.

A. Approval of Minutes

Approve the April 18, 2017 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Affordable Housing Week Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring May 11 to May 21, 2017 as Annual Affordable Housing Week in the City of El Cerrito and confirming the City's commitment toward working to support affordable housing at the local, regional and state level and encouraging the residents of the City of El Cerrito to participate in regional Affordable Housing Week activities to raise awareness about the importance of affordable housing for families and communities.

Action: Approved proclamation.

C. Bike to Work Day Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring May 11, 2017 as Bike to Work Day in the City of El Cerrito, recognizing the value of increased bicycle use and encouraging participation in the 23rd Annual Bike to Work Day and other bicycling activities during the month of May.

Action: Approved proclamation.

D. May is Mental Health Month Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring May 2017 as Mental Health Month in the City of El Cerrito and calling upon the residents of El Cerrito to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental health, the steps our residents can take to protect their mental health, and the need for appropriate and accessible services for all people with mental illness at all stages.

Action: Approved proclamation.

E. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Approve a proclamation declaring May 2017 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of El Cerrito and inviting everyone to reflect on the notable accomplishments and outstanding services provided by Asian American and Pacific Islanders to the Nation, California and the City of El Cerrito.

Action: Approved proclamation.

F. Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1

Accept the Engineer's Report specifying assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District and adopt a Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, and set the time, date, and place of the public hearing as May 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2017-29.

G. Summer 2017 City Council Meeting Schedule

Approve a reduced City Council summer meeting schedule consisting of the third Tuesday in July, August and September 2017. City Council meeting dates in July, August and September 2017 would be held on July 18, August 15 and September

19, 2017 with an additional request to keep the first Tuesday in August and September reserved for additional meetings as needed.

Action: Approved a reduced City Council summer meeting schedule.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. East Bay Municipal Utility District Presentation

Receive a presentation from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Director Andy Katz on EBMUD water supply infrastructure, water supply update, innovation and rates.

Action: Received presentation.

B. Contra Costa County Library Commissioner Report

Receive a report from El Cerrito's representative to the Contra Costa County Library Commission regarding Commissioner Michael Fischer's activities since appointment and provide a brief opportunity for questions and answers as necessary.

Action: Received presentation. Discussion held.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Master Fee Schedule Revision for Fiscal Year 2017-18

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Master Fee Schedule.

Presenter: Shannon Collins, Accounting Supervisor.

Mayor Abelson opened the public hearing. No speakers.

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Quinto) and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

Action: Moved, seconded (Fadelli/Lyman) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2017-30 as amended by Councilmember Fadelli to revise the second recital of the resolution to read:

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to update currently established fees to cover inflation and City costs, which form the basis for the majority of the changes, and is also undertaking a study to determine community development fees, as well as to establish new fees in keeping with City Council policy direction; and

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan Consultant Award

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with RHAA ("Consultant") in an amount not to exceed \$180,188 for preparation of a citywide Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan ("Master Plan") and to authorize change orders in an amount not to exceed \$19,812.

Presenter: Chris Jones, Recreation Director and Barbara Lundberg, RHA.

Speakers: Robin Mitchell, Parks and Recreation Commission, stated that the consultants, RHA, stood out among all of the proposals and noted that RHA paid a lot of attention to the fact that the city wanted a facilities assessment. RHA put together a well-rounded team.

Action: Moved, seconded (Pardue-Okimoto/Quinto) and carried unanimously

to adopt Resolution No. 2017-31.

B. City Council Goals and Priorities Worksession

City Council discussion and possible action regarding city goals and priorities.

Facilitator: Nancy Hetrick, Management Partners.

Speakers: Al Miller, El Cerrito, reminded all about the functions of the El Cerrito Library Foundation.

Houdey Goudey, El Cerrito, stated that the Goal Setting session should be brought to more people in the future. Mr. Goudey asked the Council to keep climate action as a high priority moving forward and encouraged the purchase more electrical vehicles for its fleet.

Action: Discussion held. Each Councilmember discussed what the city was doing well, the restraint of limited resources generally, opportunities for the City and possible threats from national, emergency or outside events. Each Councilmember agreed to submit her/his top three priorities for the next twelve months to the facilitator prior to the continuation of the goal setting worksession.

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Pardue-Okimoto) and carried unanimously to continue the Goalsetting worksession to May 16, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with public comment preceding discussion of top priorities.

8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

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

Councilmember Fadelli reported that the Economic Development Committee will be convening a joint meeting with the Arts and Culture Commission.

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Pardue-Okimoto) and carried unanimously to extend the City Council meeting to 10:40 p.m.

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Pardue-Okimoto) and carried unanimously to extend the City Council meeting to 10:45 p.m.

9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 10:45 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Item No. 5(A) East Bay Municipal Utility District Presentation

1. Updated powerpoint presentation – *Submitted by Sharla Swanson, Community Affairs Representative, EBMUD.*

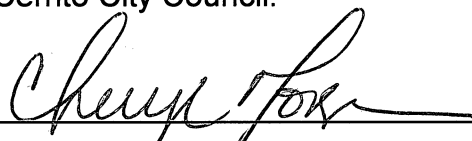
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2. Comments encouraging an increase in library hours and operations – *Submitted by Al Miller, El Cerrito.*

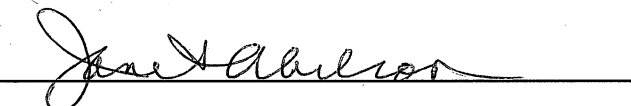
3. Analysis of operating hours among all Contra Costa County city libraries – *Submitted by Gary Pokorny, El Cerrito.*

4. Know Your Rights! Learn how to protect your family, friends and workers during immigration raids – *Submitted by Sherry Drobner, El Cerrito.*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of May 2, 2017 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

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Cheryl Morse, City Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Janet Abelson", written over a horizontal line.

Janet Abelson, Mayor