

**EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL
EL CERRITO PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY
EL CERRITO PENSION TRUST BOARD**

MINUTES

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room**

**CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/EMPLOYEE PENSION
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers**

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION
Tuesday, June 6, 2017 – Immediately following the Concurrent City Council / Public
Financing Authority / Employee Pension Board Meeting
Hillside Conference Room**

**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.

6:30 p.m.

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Abelson convened the special City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – No speakers.

ANOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiators (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)

Agency Designated Representatives: Scott Hanin, City Manager, Karen Pinkos,

Assistant City Manager, Kristen Cunningham, Senior Human Resources Analyst, Glenn Berkheimer, Labor Negotiator and Sky Woodruff, City Attorney

Employee Organizations: Service Employees International Union Local 1021
International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1230
El Cerrito Police Employees Association
El Cerrito Public Safety Management
Unrepresented Employees

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION at 6:31 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Abelson announced that the City Council provided direction to staff.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:05 p.m.

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 7:15 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE was led by Councilmember Rochelle Pardue-Okimoto.

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto invited all to attend the City's annual Loving Day Celebration on June 11.

Mayor Pro Tem Quinto attended the Asian Pacific American Congressional Study Leadership training in Washington DC in May. He said it was an honor to meet the future leaders, many were from the Asian American Community and he looks forward to seeing them elected. Mayor Pro Tem Quinto also attended the Contra Costa Mayors' Conference in Richmond on behalf of Mayor Abelson. Prior to the Mayors' Conference he took a tour of the SS Red Oak Liberty Ship and encouraged the public to visit. He also attended an Association of Bay Area Governments/Metropolitan Transportation Commission merger meeting. The merger discussions are going smoothly and a budget has been approved.

Councilmember Fadelli thanked everyone who made the Hillside Festival a successful event and also thanked staff for its affordable housing outreach effort.

Councilmember Lyman gave reminded all that Tuesday, August 1, 2017 is the City's annual National Night Out event and encouraged all to attend.

Mayor Abelson attended the recent graduation of the Information Technology Academy of the West Contra Costa Unified School District and was excited to hear most graduates had college and/or university plans. Two weeks ago, she visited Sacramento as a member of the Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (CCTA) and received an award for project of the year for the I-80 Integrated Corridor Mobility project. Mayor Abelson also attended an Americans with Disabilities advisory group meeting in El Cerrito on May 18. On May 17, she attended an event at the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) regarding the drought and thinks that we should assume that the drought is long term and plan gardens and landscaping and household needs accordingly. Last week, Mayor Abelson attended an interesting presentation at Peres Elementary School in Richmond regarding the Conscious Kitchen. There is a combined project going on at Madera school in El

Cerrito and Peres Elementary that brings organic food to the meal programs at both schools. It is very exciting. Mayor Abelson said it would be great to see the program spread throughout the entire school district.

Mayor Abelson also reported that the City Council had just met in closed session and provided direction to staff but no action was taken.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Gary Hill, El Cerrito, asked that the City Council support and accept bike elements that Mr. Hill built with the community for bike training. City staff has asked Mr. Hill to remove the wooden structures and Mr. Hill would like them to stay and be used for a future bike park.

Cortis Cooper spoke in support of a bike park and the bike elements in the Hillside area with nine youths at his side. *Youths also urged support for the bike park.*

Jayden Balamaceda, El Cerrito, spoke in support of bike park.

Rebecca Milliken spoke in support of the bike park noting that it is a safe place for kids and also thanked Mayor Abelson for her support of the Paris Climate Accord.

Max Mankita, El Cerrito, spoke in support of the bike park.

Tobias Milliken Mankita, spoke in support of the bike park.

Finn Kaste, El Cerrito, spoke in support of the bike park.

Al Miller, El Cerrito, stated that is wonderful to see so many new young people telling the City Council what it can do for them. Mr. Miller also reported on the 2016-2017 NAACP Scholarship grants. The Eastshore Relay for Life is July 22 and 23 in Cerrito Vista Park his year. Mr. Miller urged the Council to continue to support the event.

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, expressed concerns about the Senior Center and the Library. Mr. Loubal suggested that the Richmond Swim Center at Kennedy High School is two blocks away from El Cerrito and is underutilized. It is operated by the School District and may be closed down due to Richmond's financial crises. If El Cerrito is forced to vacate its Senior Center, this Richmond site could be used for a temporary Senior Center.

Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, stated that the City Council received a report regarding a vacant residential property in the city and urged the Council to share the report with the public. Mr. Goudey said he reviewed the home inspection report and the repairs do not seem to be too difficult to make the property ready for occupancy. It doesn't seem right to leave a house vacant when housing is so tight in the area. The Council has not yet acted to mitigate the displacement caused by approving the El Dorado Townhouse development.

Robin Mitchell, El Cerrito, requested a meeting with the City Council, staff and concerned citizens to develop a housing solution for a former Audiss Trailer Park resident who is homeless as a result of the approval of the El Dorado Townhomes.

Seung Choo, El Cerrito, urged the City Council to keep the Senior Center open or find an alternative site and described some of the most helpful and popular programs offered at the Senior Center.

Debbie Marshall, El Cerrito, spoke in support of the expansion of Fairmont School

and finding a solution to the growth of the city.

Amalia Cunningham, El Cerrito, spoke about Fairmont School's need to grow, noted that there are many new housing units in the city that have been approved, and urged the City to take the one-year lease.

Jan Schilling, El Cerrito, spoke in support of serving Senior Citizens well. The current location is an ideal site to serve senior residents. There are many activities that the Senior Center offers and she would like the Council to consider keeping it at its current location.

Art Machado, El Cerrito, representing the Tottenham Hots, thanked the City Council for their support of the Gilman Fields Project, particularly ensuring residents' access to those fields.

Suzanne Balmaceda, El Cerrito, representing Safe Gilman Turf, thanked the City Council for their support and for putting safety and health first at the Gilman Fields.

Drew Mc Garajhan, El Cerrito, spoke in support of the bike park.

Sebastian Alvarez, Richmond, spoke in support of the bike elements that are used for training and developing skills at the bike park.

Jeanine Strickland, Berkeley, spoke in support of an El Cerrito bike park because it is close to home, has health benefits, enhances social interactions and self-esteem.

David Montes, El Cerrito, urged the City Council to take a one year lease for the 6500 Stockton property and find a new location for the Senior Center.

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

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Quinto) and carried unanimously to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 4(A) through 4(I) as indicated below.

A. Approval of Minutes

Approve the following City Council meeting minutes: 1) May 2, 2016 Regular City Council; and 2) May 16, 2017 Special City Council, May 16, 2017 Special City Council Worksession, and May 16, 2017 Regular City Council.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Update of Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations

Adopt Ordinance No. 2017-04, an ordinance amending various sections of Titles 8 and 19 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code to update the City's Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations. *Exempt from CEQA. Public Hearing and first reading, with amendments, May 16, 2017. Vote: Ayes – Councilmembers Fadelli, Lyman, Pardue-Okimoto and Mayor Abelson; Noes – None; Absent – Mayor Pro Tem Quinto.*

Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2017-04.

C. LGBT Pride Month Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride month in the City of El Cerrito and inviting everyone to reflect on ways we all can live and work together with a commitment to 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.

D. Loving Day Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring June 12, 2017 as Loving Day in the City of El Cerrito and inviting all residents to recognize this day as a celebration of multiculturalism, and to reflect on the Loving family and all of the pioneers who have and will continue to fight for the civil right to love.

Action: Approved proclamation.

E. Household Hazardous Waste Services

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a three-way agreement with the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority (RecycleMore) and West County Resource Recovery, Incorporated (WCRR) for the provision of Household Hazardous Waste collection services at the El Cerrito Recycling + Environmental Resource Center. *Neither new information nor changed circumstances necessitate further review of the proposed HHW collection activities beyond what was already considered in the Initial Study/Negative Declaration.*

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2017-39.

F. Compliance with State Surplus Land Act for Metropolitan Transportation Commission, One Bay Area Grant, Cycle 2 Program

Adopt a resolution affirming compliance with the State Surplus Land Act to be eligible for the One Bay Area Grant, Cycle 2 Program available through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. *Exempt from CEQA.*

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2017-40.

G. Support Senate Bill 231 Local Government: Fees and Charges

Approve a recommendation authorizing Mayor Abelson to sign and send letters to the authors, and other appropriate legislators and legislative bodies, in support of Senate Bill 231 (Hertzberg) Local Government: Fees and Charges, which allows cities to fund stormwater projects in the same manner as other public works utilities, such as water or sanitary sewer projects, under Proposition 218.

Action: Approved recommendation.

H. Financial Contribution to the Gilman Sports Complex Turf Replacement Project

Adopt a resolution appropriating \$39,404 for the Gilman Sports Complex Turf Replacement Project as El Cerrito's share of the overall increased replacement budget recommended by the City of Berkeley.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2017-41.

I. Economic Development Committee Appointment

Approve an Economic Development Committee recommendation appointing Paul D. Hernandez to the Economic Development Committee, effective June 7, 2017.

Action: Approved recommendation.

5. PRESENTATIONS – None

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PENSION TRUST BOARD / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY ITEM

A. Approval of the City's Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Update and Spending Authority by Fund for the City, Employee Pension Board and Public Financing Authority and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Annual Gann Appropriation Limit

1. Staff requests that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing Fiscal Year 2017-18 spending authority by fund for the City of El Cerrito;
2. Staff requests that the Public Financing Authority Board adopt a resolution authorizing Fiscal Year 2017-18 spending authority by fund for the El Cerrito Public Financing Authority;
3. Staff requests that the El Cerrito Employee Pension Board adopt a resolution authorizing Fiscal Year 2017-18 spending authority by fund for the El Cerrito Employee Pension Board.
4. Staff requests that the City Council adopt a resolution approving the calculation and establishing the FY 2017-18 annual Gann Appropriation Limit.

Presenter: Mark Rasiah, Finance Director.

Speakers: Michael Fischer, El Cerrito representative on the Contra Costa Library Commission, thanked the City Council for funding additional library services and noted benefits that additional hours provide in terms of recruitment and retention of library staff.

Al Miller, El Cerrito, thanked the City Council for funding additional library services and urged the Council to approve the budget.

Gary Pokorny, El Cerrito Library Foundation, thanked the City Council for funding additional library hours and noted the benefits to youth, families and seniors. Mr. Pokorny also pledged the Library Foundation's commitment to help with the Library and Senior Center.

Actions:

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

- 1) Moved, seconded (Lyman/Quinto) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2017-42 authorizing Fiscal Year 2017-18 spending authority by fund for the City of El Cerrito.
- 2) Moved, seconded (Pardue-Okimoto/Lyman) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2017-43 approving the calculation and establishing the FY 2017-18 annual Gann Appropriation Limit.

PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY ITEM

- 3) Moved, seconded (Lyman/Fadelli) and carried unanimously to adopt Public Financing Authority Resolution No. 2017-01 authorizing Fiscal Year 2017-18 spending authority by fund for the El Cerrito Public Financing Authority.

PENSION TRUST BOARD ITEM

4) Moved, seconded (Pardue-Okimoto/Quinto) and carried unanimously to adopt Pension Trust Board Resolution No. 2017-1 authorizing Fiscal Year 2017-18 spending authority by fund for the El Cerrito Employee Pension Board.

CITY COUNCIL ITEM

B. City Council Wall of Fame Nomination Subcommittee Recommendation

Approve the City Council Wall of Fame Nomination Subcommittee's recommendation to induct Mae Ritz and Theresa Parella 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 2017 pending availability of all parties involved.

Presenters: Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto and Mayor Pro Tem Quinto.

Speaker: Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, spoke in support of Theresa Parella.

Actions: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Fadelli) and carried unanimously to approve the Wall of Fame Nomination Subcommittee's recommendation and schedule the formal induction of Ms. Ritz and Ms. Parella into the El Cerrito Wall of Fame.

8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

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

Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto reported that the Gilman Fields shockpad and cork filling for the soccer fields was approved unanimously by the Joint Powers Authority board members at its last meeting.

Councilmember Fadelli attended the ABAG meeting and Contra Costa Mayors Conference. The joint meeting of Arts and Culture Commission and Economic Development Committee was postponed and will be rescheduled.

9. ADJOURNED SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY / EMPLOYEE PENSION TRUST BOARD MEETING at 9:13 p.m. Moved, seconded (Lyman/Pardue-Okimoto) and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting in memory of Doug Maples, Richmond Police Officer and father of Lance Maples and Sean Maples.

10. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Abelson convened the special City Council meeting at 9:16 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Real Property Negotiators (*Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8*)

Property: 6500 Stockton Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530

Agency Negotiators: Scott Hanin, City Manager

Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager

Sky Woodruff, City Attorney

Negotiating Parties: West Contra Costa Unified School District

Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

RECESSED INTO CLOSED SESSION at 9:18 p.m.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Abelson announced that the City Council provided direction to staff.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - CLOSED SESSION at 10:15 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS and COMMUNICATIONS

Item No. 4(B) Update of Accessory Dwelling Unit Regulations –

- 1. Ordinance containing correction of clerical errors in Section 3 – *Submitted by Margaret Kavanaugh-Lynch.*

Item No. 7(A) Approval of the City’s Fiscal Year 2017-18 Budget Update and Spending Authority by Fund for the City, Employee Pension Board and Public Financing Authority and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 Annual Gann Appropriation Limit

- 2. Powerpoint presentation – *Submitted by Mark Rasiah, Finance Director.*
- 3. Comments regarding additional library hours – *Submitted by Al Miller, El Cerrito.*
- 4. Comments regarding additional library hours – *Submitted by Michael Fischer, El Cerrito representative on the Contra Costa Library Commission.*

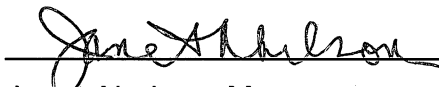
Other:

- 5. NAACP Scholarships – *Submitted by Al Miller, El Cerrito.*
- 6. Petition signed by 442 people urging formal support for the concept of an El Cerrito Bike Park – *Submitted by Gary Hill, El Cerrito.*
- 7. Volunteer built bicycle skills park – *Submitted by Gary Hill, El Cerrito.*

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council – Closed Sessions and the Concurrent City Council/Public Financing Authority/Pension Trust Board meeting of June 6, 2017 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



Janet Abelson, Mayor

