

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, June 20, 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 7:00 p.m. Mayor Abelson re-ordered the agenda to take Item Nos. 5A, 5B and 7A prior to Item No. 2 to accommodate the large number of public in attendance for Item No. 7(A).

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE was led by Mayor Pro Tem Gabriel Quinto.

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Abelson announced that Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager, is president-elect of the International City Managers' Association (ICMA).

Councilmember Fadelli reminded all that the Environmental Quality Committee's Green Team will be working on June 25. Councilmember Fadelli invited all to attend the pre-July 4th music celebration at Cerrito Vista Park featuring Hawaiian music on July 3. Councilmember Fadelli attended the Chamber of Commerce lunch with Mayor Abelson for a Marin Clean Energy (MCE) presentation for businesses.

Councilmember Lyman invited all to use the bike valet for the 4th of July festival and to also visit the food court. He also noted not bring any family pets. Councilmember Lyman invited all to attend a Historical Society talk on "Victor Ramon Castro and his Family at the Castro Adobe 1839-1928," by Joanne Rubio at City Hall on June 22. He also announced current commission and committee vacancies and encouraged residents to apply.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cordell Hindler, Richmond, encouraged the City Council to see the new show "In The Heights," playing at the Contra Costa Civic Theatre, said increasing library hours is important to the community, noted the prevalence of graffiti along the Ohlone Greenway and provided the Council with other information.

Al Miller, El Cerrito, thanked the El Cerrito Police Department and other local police departments for putting on the annual Bike the Bridges event and the annual torch run for Special Olympics and also acknowledged the quick response of two El Cerrito Police units to a recent incident he witnessed on San Pablo Avenue.

Judith Tannenbaum informed the City Council that the Board of Supervisors voted today to support Contra Costa County Sheriff Livingston's jail expansion. Over 100 people spoke. Ms. Tannenbaum said that El Cerrito Royale suggested that the City contact St. Johns Church about using its site for a Senior Center. Ms. Tannenbaum also announced El Cerrito's second Poetry and Place reading on July 30 at the Arlington Clubhouse with El Cerrito Poet Laureate Maw Shien Win, U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Hass and poet Michelle Lin.

Howdy Goudey, Environmental Quality Committee (EQC), expressed the EQC's delight that the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget includes funding for municipal electrical accounts to purchase 100% renewal power through MCE's deep green option. At its June 13 meeting, the EQC voted unanimously to thank the Council and staff for including 100% renewable power purchases in its budget and uphold a strong commitment to climate action and environment. Lastly he thanked the Council for their environmental leadership on behalf of the EQC.

Sherry Drobner, El Cerrito, requested that the City Council provide housing for Sid Manchester-Jones and designate a representative to contact for updates regarding housing for Mr. Manchester-Jones, and clarify which staff members have been tasked with making things happen.

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

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

A. Approval of Minutes

Approve the following meeting minutes: June 2, 2017 Special City Council Meetings – Closed Sessions and June 2, 2017 Concurrent City Council/El Cerrito Public Financing Authority/Pension Trust Board.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Storm Drain Master Plan and Integrated Asset Management Strategy Consultant Services Agreement

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers in an amount not to exceed \$186,074 for preparation of a citywide Storm Drain Master Plan and Integrated Asset Management Strategy and a contingency in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2017-44.

C. Ohlone Greenway BART Station Area Access, Safety and Placemaking Improvements Project

Adopt a resolution: 1) Rejecting all bids submitted for the Ohlone Greenway BART Station Area Access, Safety and Placemaking Improvements Project, City Project No. C3076, Federal Project No. CML-5239(025); and 2) Authorizing City staff to amend project scope, if necessary, and rebid the project.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2017-45.

D. Amendments to the City's Job Classification Plan

Adopt a resolution amending the City's Job Classification Plan to: 1) Re-title and revise the class specification of Fire Secretary to Public Safety Executive Assistant, establish the salary with an initial control point of \$6,411 per month, and abolish the classification of Police Executive Assistant; 2) Re-title and revise the class specification of Information Services Technician to Information Technology Technician; 3) Establish the classification of Information Technology Specialist and establish the salary with an initial control point of \$7,022; and 4) Establish the classification of Network Security Engineer and establish the salary with an initial control point of \$8,834 per month.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2017-46.

E. Agreement with Tyler Technologies for Software as a Service Enterprise Resource Planning System

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Tyler Technologies to provide Software as a Service (SaaS) for the City's Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system in an amount not to exceed \$290,355.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2017-47.

F. Police Dispatch Services

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with the City of Richmond for the provision of police dispatch services from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2017-48.

G. Agreement with Mark 43, Inc. to provide Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Software

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Mark 43, Inc. to provide computer aided dispatch and records management software in an amount not exceed \$46,170 annually, from June 30, 2017 through June 30, 2022.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2017-49.

H. Support for the Paris Climate Agreement and Joining the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign on to support the Paris Climate Protection Agreement through the Mayors National Climate Action Agenda and to support, in consultation with the City Manager or his designee, other similar initiatives that are consistent with city policy.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2017-50.

5. PRESENTATIONS

A. Annual Sundar Shadi Garden Contest Awards Presentation. Acknowledgement of contest winners and presentation of awards.

Presenter: Landry Wildwood, El Cerrito Garden Club.

Cordell Hindler, Richmond, stated that he enjoyed the presentation and the theme of the contest.

Action: Observed presentation. This year's winners are Christa Kraus, Liberty Street, Jan Jones, Tulare Avenue and Kathy Bohrer, Norvell Street.

B. Contra Costa County Animal Services Department Update – Presentation by Steve Burdo, Community and Media Relations Manager, Contra Costa County Animal Services Department on services provided to El Cerrito, new policies and programs implemented in 2016 and ways to support your local shelter.

Action: Received presentation.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. One Year Extension and Termination of the Open House Senior Center Lease

Receive community comments regarding the recent action of the West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) to end the City's use of the Open House Senior Center, located at 6500 Stockton Avenue on the Fairmont Elementary School Campus, by June 30, 2018 and provide staff with direction on the proposed one year lease extension and lease termination.

Presenter: Christopher Jones, Recreation Director.

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

Ruby MacDonald, El Cerrito, voiced her concern about the senior center lease situation and its effects on the community and wondered if mediation would be a possibility.

Jan Schilling, El Cerrito, spoke in support of the Senior Center. Ms. Schilling stated that the current Senior Center location is ideal and that she hopes it can be retained.

Roger Schmidt, El Cerrito, asked if members of the School Board were going to speak and whether any contracts for Fairmont have been issued.

Buddy Akacich, El Cerrito, asked the Council to reflect on the emotional issues associated with losing the Senior Center and encouraged the City to find a solution for everyone.

Delma Campbell, El Cerrito, said she hopes this problem is considered a community problem not one side against the other because the community has to work together.

DD Lum, El Cerrito, spoke in support of the Senior Center and proposed making the best of the situation by finding a solution for a new and better Senior Center.

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, stated that the City should scratch the idea for using the Richmond Swim Center and use City Hall for senior programs instead.

Sherry Allen, El Cerrito, spoke in support of the Senior Center and said she does not want it to close.

Melanie Proctor, El Cerrito, stated that Fairmont School is 140 percent of capacity and that two portables are going to be placed on the property to accommodate students. Ms. Proctor said the Council, seniors and parents need to work together as a community to develop a solution.

Katherine Cesa, El Cerrito, stated that there should be compromises to find a solution that works for Fairmont School and the seniors.

Linda Cain, El Cerrito, spoke in support of the Senior Center and urged the city to come up with a solution.

Harold Schultz, El Cerrito, asked if the Council knew how many square feet the Senior Center currently occupies and stated that this is how much space is needed for a new Senior Center.

M. Selph, El Cerrito, provided a letter for Council and encouraged the City to be flexible in finding a solution for senior programs and the Senior Center.

Robin Mackey, El Cerrito, spoke about the benefits of the Senior Center and asked the City to find a permanent home for the Senior Center.

David Montes, El Cerrito, urged the City Council to reassure the senior community that senior programs will continue and to find funding and a location for a new Senior Center.

Debbie Marshall, El Cerrito, stated that Fairmont School is overcrowded and better city planning is needed.

Becky Raikow, El Cerrito, stated that the city needs to find a site that it can own and control for the Senior Center.

Sharrod Blankner, El Cerrito, said the Fairmont School needs to expand. Parents have been frustrated that funding and building for expansion of the School has taken so long. Fairmont parents support seniors but are desperate for space for the kids and she supports temporary facilities for the seniors.

Mark Cheley, Richmond, queried whether eminent domain could be used as a tool to acquire the Senior Center property.

Mister Phillips, West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education Director, thanked the City Council for the opportunity to listen to the concerns of the community.

Tom Panas, West Contra Costa Unified School District Board of Education Director, said it was important to listen to and understand the concerns of the community and noted that neither the Directors or District can talk about the discussion that took place during the Board of Education's closed session.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Quinto) and carried unanimously to authorize the City Manager to sign the one-year lease agreement for use of the Senior Center site after giving the West Contra County Unified School District School Board an opportunity to have a dialogue with the City at or after its June 28, 2017 meeting.

B. Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes – FY 2017-18 Short Term Cash Flow Financing

Adopt a resolution approving the borrowing of funds for Fiscal Year 2017-18 and the issuance and sale of 2017-18 tax and revenue anticipation notes ("TRAN"). Incorporated into the resolution is the authorization of the City Manager to execute an agreement to sell the TRAN in an amount not-to-exceed \$6,000,000 and authorize staff to enter into agreements with NHA Advisors, LLC, as the City's

Municipal Advisor and Jones Hall, as bond counsel, to prepare and execute appropriate legal documents related to said financing.

Presenter: Mark Rasiah, Finance Director/City Treasurer.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Pardue-Okimoto) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2017-51.

C. Update of Management and Confidential Employee Resolution

Adopt a resolution modifying salaries, benefits, and conditions of employment for Management and Confidential Employees and rescinding Resolution Nos. 2014-22 and 2015-71.

Presenter: Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager.

Speakers: Cordell Hindler, Richmond, urged the City Council to adopt the resolution.

Actions: Moved, seconded (Pardue-Okimoto/Fadelli) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2017-52.

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 Arts and Culture Commission will be reviewing Artist in Residency applications. The City's selection panel's final decision should take place in June or July. Councilmember Pardue-Okimoto also reported that the City's second annual Loving Day event turned out well and that she looks forward to planning next year's celebration.

Councilmember Qunito joined Mayor Abelson at the last Centennial Task Force meeting. The Task Force will be adding more meetings and will be ready for the big bash that will culminate in a gala at the Berkeley Country Club.

Councilmember Fadelli reported that the Tree Committee will be planting trees at the North and South ends of City for the City's Centennial and may also be suggesting a City Tree.

Councilmember Lyman reported that the Crime Prevention Committee received feedback from El Cerrito People Power regarding the need to strengthen Sanctuary City policies. The Committee worked on the upcoming National Night Out event. On June 8, Councilmember Lyman represented El Cerrito at the RecycleMore meeting. The Board received a presentation regarding the enforcement actions that are going at RecycleMore's compost facility. The facility has changed its process and has potentially addressed complaints received in Fall 2016. The Board passed a budget and will consider a rate increase in November 2017 of about six cents per household per month. There will be a special meeting at RecycleMore on July 8 to discuss the joint exercise of powers agreement with regards to the services that RecycleMore provides to the various cities and other related matters.

9. ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 9:48 p.m.

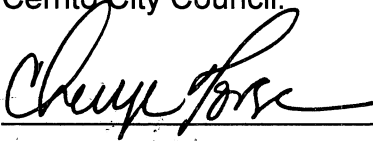
SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

Item No. 7(A) One Year Extension and Termination of the Open House

Senior Center Lease

1. Suggestion for Senior Center location – *Submitted by Judith Tannenbaum, El Cerrito.*
2. Comments on city facility needs – *Submitted by Michael Fischer, El Cerrito representative on the Contra Costa County Library Commission.*
3. Fairmont Elementary and Senior Center – *Submitted by Debbie Marshall.*
4. Regarding future plans for the Open House Senior Center – *Submitted by M. Selph, 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 June 20, 2017 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



Janet Abelson, Mayor