

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

EL CERRITO PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 21, 2008 – 6:00

Community Center Conference Room

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING

Monday, April 21, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito Community Center

7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones.

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Potter.

6:00 p.m. SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Special City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - No comments.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS

The City Council will conduct interviews of applicants for the Environmental Quality Committee. Interviews may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting.

Action: Interviews of Environmental Quality Committee interviews conducted.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:35p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones.
Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Potter.

7:30 p.m. CONVENE CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Concurrent City Council / Public Financing Authority Meeting at 7:39 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Mayor Jones.
2. **COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Jones reported that he and Councilmember Abelson attended the Annual Community Volunteer Dinner. Statistics reveal that 95 individual volunteers contributed a total of 12,800 hours, particularly with senior services. Mayor Jones thanked all the volunteers for their dedication and contribution to the City of El Cerrito.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Helen Dickey, El Cerrito, stated her opposition to aerial spraying as a way of eradicating the Light Brown Apple Moth and asked that the Council bring the Light Brown Apple Moth resolution back for reconsideration.

Marti Kheel, El Cerrito, stated her opposition to aerial spraying as a way of eradicating the Light Brown Apple Moth.

Susan Schwartz, 5 Creeks Organization, Berkeley, encouraged the Council and public to explore Creekside Park and Cerrito Creek and reported on Rubicon's spraying of herbicide on the land between Cerrito Creek and the flood control ponds and asked the Council to develop an herbicide policy which would include signage.

Tom Kelly, Berkeley, expressed his opposition to aerial spraying as a way of eradicating the light brown apple moth and asked that the Council bring the Light Brown Apple Moth resolution back for reconsideration and encouraged the Council to contact the Berkeley and Oakland City Councils.

Jane Kelly, Berkeley, expressed concerns regarding impacts of aerial spraying on aquatic life and land animals and encouraged the Council to bring its resolution regarding aerial spraying back for re-consideration.

Charles Cowans, Kensington, commented on a petition for trustee area elections in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Jan Dederick, El Cerrito, expressed concerns relating to the decision to place a T-Mobile cell tower at Colusa Circle.

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, encouraged the City to include written communications in the City Council packet.

Sally Cahill, Oakland, expressed concerns with health impacts resulting from the aerial spraying checkmate and encouraged the Council to reconsider its resolution and oppose aerial spraying.

Mo Samini, El Cerrito, expressed concerns with aerial spraying.

Forest Rosengreen expressed concerns with aerial spraying.

Teddy Kellam, El Cerrito, expressed concerns with aerial spraying.

Corie Reilly, Kensington, expressed concerns with aerial spraying.

Jay Menashe, Richmond, expressed concerns with aerial spraying.

Mayor Jones re-ordered the agenda to consider the Consent Calendar and Items 6A and 6B prior to the study session.

4. PRESENTATIONS

Study Session and Discussion with Council on Appropriate Development Standards for Areas along San Pablo Ave. - presented by Mitch Oshinsky, Community Development Director, and Daniel Iacofano, Principal of Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG)

Receive presentation, discuss, and provide consultant and staff with input on appropriate development standards.

Presenters: Mitch Oshinsky, Community Development Director and Daniel Iacofano, Principal of Moore Iacofano and Goltsman.

Speakers: Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, stated that housing on San Pablo Avenue should accommodate all types of people and income levels. Mr. Loubal also stated that the City needs to study economic issues and develop statistics on individuals who live near transit.

Nathan Landau, Senior Transit Planner, encouraged the Council to consider the range of transit options on San Pablo Avenue and support transit hubs.

Diedre Heimann, BART, recommended that the Council consider different densities for the two BART stations. Ms. Heimann stated that Del Norte can support a higher density than the Plaza station.

Action: Presentation heard and discussion held.

5. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Items 5A through 5D**

Moved, seconded, carried (Moore/Abelson; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Potter) to adopt Consent Calendar item Nos. 5A and 5D. Consent Calendar Items 5B and 5C were removed from the Consent Calendar and voted on separately in one motion as indicated below.

A. Employer Participation Agreement for the Post Employment Health Plan for Collectively Bargained Public Employees (Fire)

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Employer Participation Agreement for the Post Employment Health Plan for Collectively Bargained Public Employees (Fire).

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008-29.

B. Minutes for Approval

Approve the April 7, 2008 Special City Council, Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency and Special City Closed Session Minutes.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Bridges. Vote combined with Item No. 5C. Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Moore; Ayes - Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes - None; Absent - Potter) to approve the April 7, 2008 minutes as modified to correct the date of the Diversity Forum which will be held on May 18, 2008 at the Cerrito Theater.

C. Earth Day Proclamation

Approve issuance of a proclamation declaring April 26, 2008 as Earth Day in the City of El Cerrito.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Councilmember Abelson who announced Earth Day events and encouraged resident participation. Vote combined with Item No. 5B. Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Moore; Ayes - Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Absent - Potter) to approve proclamation.

D. Authorization for the City Manager to enter into a Temporary Permit Agreement with Contra Costa County to Enter and Use City Property

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a "Temporary Permit to Enter and Use Property" agreement with the Contra Costa County General Services Department for the purpose of accessing city property located on the east side of the Public Safety Building to install radio equipment.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008-30.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

JOINT PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/CITY COUNCIL ITEM

A. Approval of Issuance of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds

Adopt a Resolution of the El Cerrito City Council approving the issuance by the El Cerrito Public Financing Authority of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,750,000 and authorizing the taking of necessary actions and execution of necessary documents associated with the issuance of the bonds.

Adopt a Resolution of the El Cerrito Public Financing Authority authorizing the issuance and sale of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,750,000, and authorizing the

taking of necessary actions and execution of necessary documents associated with the issuance of the bonds.

Presenters: Mary Dodge, Finance Director and Richard Clark, RBC Capital Markets.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing. No speakers. Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Moore; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Potter) to close the public hearing.

Actions: Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Potter) to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2008–31.

Moved, seconded, carried (Bridges/Moore; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Chairperson Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Potter) to adopt Public Financing Authority Resolution No. 2008–01.

CITY COUNCIL ITEM

B. Approval of Contracts with the California State Board of Equalization for the Preparation and Administration of the Measure A – Street Improvement Project District Sales Tax

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a “Preparatory Agreement” and an “Administrative Agreement” with the State Board of Equalization (“Board”) to administer and collect the one-half (½) cent Transactions and Use Tax approved by the voters in the February 5, 2008 Municipal Election and to appropriate \$175,000 for the preparatory costs incurred by the Board necessary to administer the City’s transactions and use tax.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing. No speakers. Moved, seconded, carried (Moore/Bridges; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Chairperson Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Potter) to close the public hearing.

Presenter: Mary Dodge, Finance Director.

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Potter) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–32.

7. POLICY MATTERS

Discussion of City Council Meeting Schedule regarding Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget presentations and timeline.

Action: Mayor Moore announced that work schedule conflicts could possibly prevent her from attending the meeting of May 5, 2008 and that she will definitely be pulled away on work related trips on May 19, 2008 and June 16, 2008.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Mayor Jones – No report.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem Potter – No report. Absent.
- C. Councilmember Abelson – No report

D. Councilmember Bridges – No report

E. Councilmember Moore – No report

COMMUNICATIONS

Creekside Park Spraying, submitted by *Friends of Five Creeks*


Light Brown Apple Moth, submitted by *Isis Feral*

WCCUSD Trustee Area Elections, submitted by *Bob Allen*

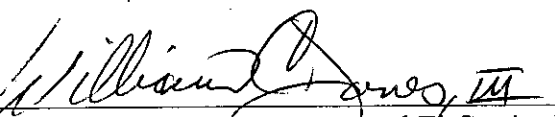
Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes – Abelson, Bridges, Moore and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Potter) to suspend council rules and extend the meeting to 10:45 p.m.

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

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2008 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



William C. Jones, III, Mayor and El Cerrito Public Financing Authority Chair