

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday, June 16, 2008 – 7:10 p.m.
Community Center Conference Room**

REGULAR MEETING OF THE EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

**Monday, June 16, 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, Potter and Mayor Jones
Absent: Councilmember Moore

7:10 p.m. SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Special City Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – No Comments.

CONTRA COSTA LIBRARY COMMISSION CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

The City Council will conduct interviews of applicants for the Contra Costa Library Commission. Interviews may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting.

Action: The City Council interviewed Lloyd McGrady and Joy Brown.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones
Absent: Councilmember Moore

7:30 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Regular City Council Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Councilmember Abelson.
- 2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Jones announced the appointment of Lloyd McGrady as alternate and Joy Brown as delegate to the Contra Costa Library Commission for a term commencing on July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2008.

Councilmember Abelson congratulated all graduating seniors from High School and thanked all the volunteers who made the special graduation night event possible.

Mayor Jones reported on his attendance the Police Department Bicycle Training Program. Mayor Jones also announced that El Cerrito resident Sayaka Matsumoto has been selected to compete on the United States Judo Olympic Team in Beijing, China and extended the City Council's best wishes to Ms. Matsumoto.

- 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, commented on transparency in government and closure of the Target Store.

- 4. PRESENTATIONS**

A. Albany–El Cerrito Exchange Club “Officer of the Year” Proclamation

Approve a proclamation congratulating Officer Donovan Brosas for his recognition by the Exchange Club of Albany–El Cerrito as Officer of the Year.

Presenter: Scott Kirkland, Chief of Police commended and introduced Officer Donovan Brosas.

Action: Proclamation presented to Officer Donovan Brosas.

B. Update on Doctors Medical Center – presentation by Supervisor John Gioia, Chairperson of the Doctors Medical Center Management Authority – JPA.

Presenter: Supervisor John Gioia, Chairperson of the Doctors Medical Center Management Authority.

Action: Presentation heard.

C. West Contra Costa Unified School District Ivy League Connection

Approve a proclamation recognizing the Ivy League Connection Program and congratulating El Cerrito High School Students who will be participating in the Ivy League Connection program this summer.

Presenters: Charles T. Ramsey and Madeline Kronenberg, West Contra Costa County Board of Education.

Speakers: Jason Reimann, Principal of El Cerrito High School, Vince Rhea, WCCUSD Administrator and the following El Cerrito High School students and Ivy League Connection Program participants: Joel Banerjee, Yoline Banerjee, Dzinya Djugba, Cynthia Fong, Fordjar Jean-Pierre, Jarad Jawad, Jamaya Monroe, Dennis Shrem, Jessica Tran, Joseph Young, Sean Ward on behalf of Kiana Ward, and Yijun Zhan.

Action: Proclamation presented.

D. AT&T Project Light Speed

Presentation by Will Rigney, Area Director of External Affairs, AT&T, on the installation of new AT&T facilities in El Cerrito to provide video services to AT&T customers.

Presenter: Will Rigney, Area Director of External Affairs, AT&T.

Speaker: Sharon Farrell, El Cerrito, expressed concerns regarding safety, noise, maintenance and aesthetics of the boxes.

Action: Presentation heard.

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Items 5A through 5H

Moved, seconded, and carried (Potter/Bridges; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Councilmember Moore) to adopt Consent Calendar items 5A, 5B, and 5D through 5H in one motion. Consent Calendar Item 5C was removed from the Consent Calendar and voted on separately as indicated below.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the June 2, 2008 Special Redevelopment Agency and Concurrent City Council / Redevelopment Agency / Employee Pension Trust Board / Municipal Services Corporation Board / and Public Financing Authority Minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Ordinance for Second Reading

Waive further reading and adopt second reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 11.40 (“Stopping, Standing and Parking”) of Title 11 (“Vehicles and Traffic”) of the El Cerrito Municipal Code by repealing Section 11.40.110 in its entirety, amending Section 11.40.160, and repealing and re-enacting Section 11.40.240.

Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2008–05. Effective August 15, 2008.

C. Implementation of Personnel Changes Approved in the FY 2008–09 Budget

Adopt a resolution amending the City’s Classification Plan to add the job descriptions for Environmental Services Manager, Information Systems Manager and Information Systems Technician and to set the appropriate salary ranges.

Speaker: Sandy Chapek, Employee Services Manager.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Jones to discuss a decrease in salary range and an increase in supervisory experience for the Environmental Division Manager. Moved, seconded, and carried (Potter/Abelson; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, and Potter; Noes – Mayor Jones; Absent – Councilmember Moore) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–

46.

D. Revision to the Citiflex Section 125 Plan

Adopt a resolution approving revisions to the City of El Cerrito "Citiflex" Section 125 Plan, amended and restated effective July 2008, and authorizing the City Manager or his designated representative to sign the plan documents and certification.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008-47.

E. Claim Filed Against the City

Jameika Knight, Claim No. GL-008336. Reject claim per Claims Administrator.

Action: Rejected Claim No. GL-008336 per Claims Administrator.

F. City Conflict of Interest Code Revisions

Adopt a Resolution directing the City Clerk to review the City Conflict of Interest Code and if any changes are necessary to submit a revised Code to the City Council for approval, or if no changes are necessary to so notify the Council.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008-48.

G. California Integrated Waste Management Board Grants

Adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of an application to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) for all available CIWMB grants for a period of five years and authorizing and the City Engineer to execute in the name of the City of El Cerrito all necessary applications, contracts, agreements, amendments and payment requests hereto for the purposes of securing grant funds and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the grant application.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008-49.

H. Declare June 2008 as "Buy Fresh, Buy Local" Food Month

Adopt a resolution declaring the month of June 2008 as "Buy Fresh, Buy Local Food" Month in an effort to preserve Contra Costa County's agricultural heritage and promote the health benefits of fresh produce.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2008-50.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**A. Confirm the Diagram and Levy the Assessment for FY 2008-09 for Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1**

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution setting the annual Landscape and Lighting Assessment for FY 2008-09 as \$72 per residential parcel and as noted in the Engineer's Report for other classes of properties.

Presenter: Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing. No speakers.

Moved, seconded, and carried (Abelson/Potter; Ayes - Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes - None; Absent - Moore) to close the public hearing.

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–51.

B. Confirm the Method of Collection Storm Drain Reconstruction Fees

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution approving the Storm Drain Annual Report for FY 2008–09 and directing that storm drain fees be collected on the property tax rolls.

Presenter: Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing. No speakers.

Moved, seconded, and carried (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to close the public hearing.

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–52.

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Designation of Kearney Street between Manila Avenue and 275 feet North of Schmidt Lane to be a One-Way Street as a Modification to the Approved El Cerrito City Hall Project

Staff recommends that the City Council take the following actions:

1. Adopt a resolution designating Kearney Street between Manila Avenue and 275 feet north of Schmidt Lane to be a one-way street, as a modification to the approved El Cerrito City Hall Project, and authorizing the Public Works Director/City Engineer to install appropriate signs giving notice thereof as shown in Exhibit A;
2. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Public Works Director/City Engineer to install a stop sign on southbound Kearney Street at Schmidt Lane with associated red curb markings on Schmidt Lane within 20 feet of the intersection, and remove the existing stop sign on northbound Kearney Street at Manila Avenue as shown in Exhibit A; and
3. State for the record that the Addendum to the Adopted Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the City Hall Project, as shown in Exhibit B, has been reviewed and considered prior to approving the one-way designation of Kearney Street.

Presenter: Jerry Bradshaw, Director of Public Works.

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Potter/Bridges; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to approve a statement for the record that the Addendum to the Adopted Final Mitigated Negative Declaration for the City Hall Project, as shown in Exhibit B, has been reviewed by staff and staff has determined that the conversion of this section of Kearney Street to a one-way street will not result in significant adverse environmental impacts. This review occurred prior to adoption of the resolution designating Kearney Street as a one-way street and directing the Public Works Director/City Engineer to install a stop sign at Kearney and Schmidt Lane.

Moved, seconded, and carried (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges,

Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–53.

Moved, seconded, and carried (Abelson/Potter; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to suspend Council rules and extend the meeting to 10:40 p.m.

B. Ashbury –Fairmont Intersection Stop Sign

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Public Works Director/City Engineer to install a STOP sign on the northbound right-turn lane at the intersection of Ashbury and Fairmount Avenues and remove the existing traffic signal heads.

Presenter: Jerry Bradshaw, Director of Public Works.

Moved, seconded, and carried (Abelson/Potter; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to suspend Council rules and extend the meeting to 10:50 p.m.

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Potter/Abelson; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–54.

C. Installation of Red Curbs Citywide at All New Curb Ramps Constructed by the 2008 Curb Ramp Construction Program

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Engineer to install three feet of red curb markings adjacent to each side of the new sidewalk access ramps in the 2008 Curb Ramp Construction Program, Contract No. 08-3027–5.

Presenter: Jerry Bradshaw, Director of Public Works.

Action: Moved, seconded, and carried (Abelson/Bridges; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Potter and Mayor Jones; Noes – None; Absent – Moore) to adopt Resolution No. 2008–55.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

- A. Mayor Jones reported that the City of El Cerrito will be hosting the West County Mayors Conference on the fourth Thursday morning of the Month at 8:00 a.m. from July through December. Additionally, El Cerrito will be hosting the Mayors Conference in October.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem Potter – No report
- C. Councilmember Abelson reported on the Environmental Quality Committee's first meeting and plan and announced an upcoming vacancy on the Committee.
- D. Councilmember Bridges – No report.
- E. Councilmember Moore absent. No report.

9. SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS


Item No. 4D. AT&T Project Light Speed

- 1. Choice, Competition, Consumer Savings - U-verse is Here: Advanced Communications Network for the City of El Cerrito. *Submitted by AT&T.*
- 2. City of San Jose Council Report dated November 2, 2006, VoIP Gadgets Blog, Article entitled "AT&T Utility boxes need local approval," *New Haven Register, Conn.* 2008.

Submitted by Sharon Farrell.

10. ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 10:47 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council and Regular City Council meeting of June 16, 2008 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



William C. Jones, III, Mayor