

# EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY EL CERRITO EMPLOYEE TRUST BOARD

## MINUTES

SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND  
EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD MEETING  
Tuesday, June 21, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.  
City Council Chambers

**Meeting Location**  
El Cerrito City Hall  
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Greg Lyman – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson  
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Mark Friedman  
Councilmember Gabriel

Quinto

### ROLL CALL

7:00 p.m.

### CONVENE CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY / EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD MEETING

Mayor Lyman convened the Concurrent City Council / Public Financing Authority / Employee Pension Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

### 2. **COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Scott Hanin, City Manager, introduced the City's new Finance Director/City Treasurer, Mark Rasiah, to the City Council and public.

Councilmember Quinto reported that he, Councilmember Abelson and other elected officials recently met with East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) Director Andy Katz for an update on the drought. Although there is no longer a drought, the EBMUD is encouraging everyone to save water. Councilmember Quinto also noted that he and Al Miller attended the Chung Mei Home historical plaque dedication.

Mayor Pro Tem Abelson stated that she is happy to hear that the water situation has

Presenter: Randy Iwasaki, Executive Director, Contra Costa Transportation Authority.

Speakers: Cordell Hindler, Richmond, Park Plaza Neighborhood Association, encouraged the City Council to approve the resolution.

Dave Campbell, Advocacy Director with Bike East Bay, expressed support for the resolution. Mr. Campbell stated that a lot of money is directed toward BART and fixing local roads and sidewalks and the Plan also recognizes the need to make what we have better at facilitating the movement of people on bikes and pedestrians. El Cerrito's San Pablo Avenue Complete Streets Project is the signature plan in the county right now and provides options for everybody.

Debbie Toth, CEO Rehabilitation Services of Northern California, stated that she supports the measure because of the investment it makes in accessible transportation. This measure contributes 4% toward accessible transportation and mobility management. There also needs to be assistance for door to door service for the elderly and disabled community.

Nick Arzio, stated that he likes the focus that the tax would bring to improving and maintaining the streets and increasing accessibility on the streets. Mr. Arzio said he is concerned about the regressive form the tax takes and would bring the total tax to 10.5% making it the highest in the State and possibly the Country.

**Action:** Moved, seconded (Abelson/Bridges) and carried unanimously to approve Resolution No. 2016-48.

**B. Adoption of the City's Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2016-17 and 2017-18, Approve Fiscal Year 2016-17 Spending Authority by Fund for the City, Employee Pension Board and the Public Financing Authority and Approve the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Annual Gann Appropriation Limit**

Staff requests that the City Council approve the following actions this evening:

1. Adopt a resolution approving the Biennial Budget report for Fiscal Years 2016-17 and 2017-18 and authorizing FY 2016-17 spending authority by fund for the City of El Cerrito;
2. Adopt a resolution approving the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2016-17 and 2017-18 and authorizing FY 2016-17 spending authority by fund for the El Cerrito Public Financing Authority;
3. Adopt a resolution approving the Biennial Budget for Fiscal Years 2016-17 and 2017-18 and authorizing FY 2016-17 spending authority by fund for the El Cerrito Employee Pension Board; and
4. Adopt a resolution approving the calculation and establishing the Fiscal Year 2016-17 annual Gann Appropriation Limit.

Presenter: Scott Hanin, City Manager, stated that the budget book will be further edited to correct typographical errors and will incorporate clarifications and comments provided by the City Council at its June 14, 2016 concurrent meeting including: 1) Adding enforcement of the City's smoking ordinance as a goal; 2) Adding a Measure A Swim Center chart and description; 3) Under citywide revenues add a description for fines and forfeitures which includes parking, vehicle and code enforcement citations; 4) Include funding for the new Senior Center as a challenge; and 5) Add consideration of an amnesty program under the Building Division. Additionally, the City Council also discussed tree maintenance, removal and repair. Mr. Hanin stated that the Council has authorized \$35,000 in emergency tree work in the current fiscal year which has been brought forward into the next fiscal year. More money will be re-programmed to add an additional \$10,000. Improvements will also be made to line descriptions in the City's capital program so it ties better to the Capital Improvement Program budget. Special fund descriptions will also provide more clarification and tie together better in the budget book.

office in San Francisco.

Mayor Lyman reported that a Walnut Creek Boardmember was sworn in at the last Marin Clean Energy (MCE) meeting. Mayor Lyman said he is happy to report that MCE was able to reduce rates for electricity by securing favorable power contracts at a lower rate. MCE rates will be competitive with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) and perhaps even less. At the last West County Mayors Association meeting the Mayors discussed violence. Mayor Lyman understands from talking to Assemblymember Thurmond that there will be additional revenue coming to Hercules and Richmond to combat gang violence and address some of the violence on the freeway. At its June meeting the West County Mayors Association will consider the issue of appointing a representative to the West Contra Costa Unified School District Parcel Oversight Committee.

**9. ADJOURNED CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY / EMPLOYEE PENSION BOARD MEETING at 8:26 p.m.**

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

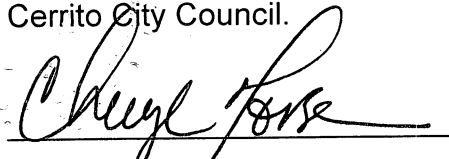
**Item No. 7(A) Resolution of Support for the Countywide Imposition of One-Half of One Percent Sales Tax to Fund Transportation Improvements in Contra Costa and Conditionally Amend the Growth Management Program in the Measure J Transportation Expenditure Plan**

1. Comments on proposed sales tax expenditure plan – *Submitted by Sam Tepperman–Gelfant, Senior Attorney, Public Advocates, Inc.*
2. Powerpoint presentation – *Submitted by Hisham Noeimi, Contra Costa Transportation Authority.*
3. CCTA Key Projects and Programs in the City of El Cerrito and West Contra Costa County – *Submitted by Hisham Noeimi, Contra Costa Transportation Authority.*

**Item No. 7(B) Proposed Fiscal Year 2016-17 and 2017-18 Biennial Budget**

4. Financial Advisory Board Recommendations – Submitted by Peter Vranich, Financial Advisory Boardmember.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of June 21, 2016 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



Gregory B. Lyman, Mayor