

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL EL CERRITO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 19, 2011 – 6:45 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
Monday, December 19, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Bill Jones – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Lyman
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini

Agency Chair/Councilmember Ann Cheng
Councilmember Janet Abelson

6:45 p.m. ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Cheng, Lyman and Mayor Jones all present.

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Special City Council meeting at 6:45 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – *No Comments*

COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

Conduct interviews of candidates for city boards and commissions. Interviews may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting. The City Council may also discuss scheduling of future interviews.

Action: Conducted interviews. [*Appointments announced below*]

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Abelson, Benassini, Cheng, Lyman and Mayor Jones all present.

7:30 p.m. CONVENE CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Special City Council meeting at 7:38 p.m.

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Councilmember Cheng.

2. **COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Jones wished everyone a happy holiday season and asked that everyone think about this holiday season and reflect on those who are returning from service in Iraq and other service personnel and noted that they will not have to return to Iraq and are safe. Mayor Jones also asked all to reflect on and express appreciation for the tremendous sacrifice members of the military and their families have made and to remember those who continue to serve in war zones and conflict areas around the world.

Mayor Jones also reported that the City Council just completed a Special City Council meeting and announced the re-appointment of Tim Pine to the Planning Commission and the appointment of Christophe Laverne to the Design Review Board to terms concluding on January 1, 2016. Additional interviews will occur after the first of the year. Mayor Jones thanked Pinole-TV for their professional service in transmitting the meetings throughout the year and reminded all that City Hall will be closed during the holiday season from December 23, 2011 through January 2, 2012.

Councilmember Lyman reported that the Crime Prevention Committee is looking for members and encouraged El Cerrito residents to apply for service on the Crime Prevention Committee.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Al Miller, El Cerrito, reported on the cooperation and participation involved in this year's installation of the annual Sundar Shadi holiday display on Moeser Avenue. Mr. Miller invited all to view the display before it is dismantled on December 27. Mr. Miller also commented on the importance of remembering military personnel and their families. Mr. Miller stated, that as a twenty-six year veteran of the U.S. Navy, he is saddened by the way the Country welcomes its service men and women home from the wars. Mr. Miller stressed the importance of taking care of the many service men and women returning home, particularly those with severe brain injuries and amputations, who need ongoing care and treatment and to extend support to their families for the rest of their lives. These people gave and sacrificed so much for us that we, as Americans, need to stand by them and ensure that our government takes care of them.

David Gesinger, El Cerrito, (sensiblegreens@gmail.com) informed the City Council about the city solar bond process and described the benefits of the program.

Tom Panas, El Cerrito, reported that there are no sites in El Cerrito that are officially listed on the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historic Places. Mr. Panas informed the City Council that he intends to formally nominate the following sites for official listing: 1) 1800 Elm Street (Windrush School); 2) 1715 Elm Street (the former Rodini property); 3) 1021 Navellier Street (the Portola Middle School site); and 4) 10848 San Pablo Avenue (the former Contra Costa Florist site). Mr. Panas also described the benefits to owners and the city upon designation.

4. **PRESENTATION** – None

5. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5A through 5E**

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Benassini) and carried unanimously to adopt Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5E in one motion as indicated below.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT ITEM

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the December 5, 2011 Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

B. Change the Meeting Day and Time of City Council Meetings

Introduce by title, waive any further reading and approve an ordinance amending Sections 2.04.010 (“Meeting – Regular”) and 2.04.030 (“Meeting – Place”) of the El Cerrito Municipal Code to change and fix the day, time and place of City Council meetings.

Action: Approved first reading of ordinance. *Second reading scheduled for January 17, 2012.*

C. Various Traffic & Parking Revisions

Adopt three separate resolutions authorizing the Public Works Director/City Engineer to:

1. Install stop signs on:
 - a. Ward Avenue at Pomona Avenue
 - b. Liberty Street at Schmidt Lane
 - c. Willow Street at Liberty Street
 - d. Junction Avenue at Knott Avenue
2. Modify the white, yellow, and green curb markings on Ashbury Avenue in front of Harding Elementary School located at 7230 Fairmount Avenue as shown on Exhibit A; and
3. Remove 23 feet of the white curb marking on the east side of San Pablo Avenue in front of St. John’s Church located at 11150 San Pablo Avenue.

Action: Adopted Resolution Nos. 2011–86, 2011–87 and 2011–88.

D. Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for Vehicle Lease

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for the lease of vehicles.

Action: Adopted Resolution Nos. 2011–89.

E. Support the Community Access Preservation Act (CAP Act, HR 1746)

At the request of Mayor Jones, authorize the Mayor to send a letter expressing the City Council’s support for the Community Access Preservation Act (HR 1746) to preserve and protect Public, Educational and Government (PEG) community access television stations.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2011–90.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Proposed Integrated Waste Management Fees and East Bay Sanitary Commercial and Extra Residential Green Waste Collection and Processing Rates – Effective January 1, 2012

1. Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution fixing and setting rates for the Integrated Waste Management (IWM) fee, effective January 1, 2012 and reinstating the position of forklift operator.

Presenter: Garth Schultz, Environmental Analyst/Recycling Operations Manager.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing. No speakers.

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Benassini) and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Cheng) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2011–91.

2. Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution setting maximum allowable commercial green waste and extra residential green waste collection and disposal (processing) rates, effective January 1, 2012.

Presenter: Garth Schultz, Environmental Analyst/Recycling Operations Manager.

Mayor Jones opened the public hearing. No speakers.

Moved, seconded (Benassini/Lyman) and carried unanimously to close the public hearing.

Action: Moved, seconded (Cheng/Abelson) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2011–92.

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Confirming the Intent to Make the Opt-In Payment for the Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program

Adopt a resolution confirming the City Council's intent to make the opt-in payment for the Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program (VARP) and its authorize staff to make the payment on January 15, 2012, contingent on the State Supreme Court ruling that the State's abolition of redevelopment agencies and its establishment of the VARP are both constitutional.

Presenter: Lori Treviño, Redevelopment Manager.

Action: Moved, seconded (Abelson/Benassini) and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 2011–93.

B. Annual City Council Liaison Reorganization and Appointments

Discuss City Council appointments to regional bodies and to local boards, commissions and committees and approve appointments for 2012.

Action: Appointments approved.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Councilmember Cheng – *No report.*

B. Councilmember Abelson announced her election as Chair of the West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee and announced the new officers of the Environmental Quality Committee as Emily Corwin, Chair and Mark Miner, Vice Chair.

C. Councilmember Benassini – *No report.*

D. Mayor Jones – *No report.*

E. Mayor Pro Tem Lyman – *No report.*

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

7(B) Annual City Council Liaison Reorganization and Appointments

1. Revised list eliminating special CCTA committee assignments for Councilmember Abelson – *Submitted by Cheryl Morse, City Clerk.*

Other

2. Communication regarding nomination of certain properties in El Cerrito for the National Register of Historic Places – *Submitted by Tom Panas, El Cerrito*


9. ADJOURNED CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING at 8:36 p.m.

Councilmember Lyman stated that there will be a memorial tree planting on December 20 in memory of Don West, who is also a member of El Cerrito's Wall of Fame, at the memorial grove located on Schmidt Lane.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Concurrent City Council / Redevelopment Agency meeting of December 19, 2011 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



William C. Jones III, Mayor