

**EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL
EL CERRITO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

MINUTES

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 17, 2012 – 6:40 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room**

**CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
Tuesday, January 17, 2012 – 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

Councilmember/Agency Chair Ann Cheng
Councilmember Janet Abelson

6:40 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 6:43 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: Interviews completed. *[Mayor Jones announced appointments at the regular meeting below.]*

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

7:30 p.m.

CONVENE CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Mayor Jones convened the Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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

Mayor Jones announced the following commission appointments:

Aurelia Schultz is reappointed to the Citizens Street Oversight Committee for a term concluding on January 1, 2016.

Michael Aaronian and Eric Luttrell are reappointed to the Civil Service Commission for terms ending January 1, 2016.

Seth Kaplan is reappointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a term concluding January 1, 2016.

Councilmember Benassini reminded the public about an important regional planning meeting regarding *One Bay Area* which will take place on January 23 at the Richmond Civic Center at 6 p.m. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) will be presenting different scenarios for the nine county bay area region. Councilmember Benassini emphasized the importance of attending the meeting to provide input in developing a vision for the Bay Area.

Councilmember Cheng encouraged interested community members to register for the meeting ahead of time at www.onebayarea.org online.

Councilmember Abelson announced the Environmental Quality Committee's presentation of the film *New Metropolis* on February 4 at 10:00 a.m. at the Cerrito Theater. Councilmember Abelson stated that the film and discussion afterward offer an amazing opportunity to find about building a healthy and sustainable community in this age of global warming. Interested community members can RSVP at 510-215-4350 or email green@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us.

Councilmember Lyman thanked the Human Relations Commission, Pat Durham and the West Contra Costa Unified School District for the special Martin Luther King, Jr parade and celebration. Councilmember Lyman stated that the event organizers will make a video of the event available to the public in the future.

Mayor Jones reported on his attendance at the film *Selma Lord Selma* on Saturday at City Hall. Approximately 40 El Cerrito High School students attended the movie and participated in a thoughtful discussion afterward. Mayor Jones stated that those in attendance were very impressed with the students, that the next generation coming up is good and he looks forward to seeing them in future leadership roles in the community.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Paloma Pavel, El Cerrito, invited all to attend the *New Metropolis* event on February 4 at the Cerrito Theater.

Emily Wood, Oakland, encouraged the Council to pass a ban on animal slaughter.

4. PRESENTATION – None

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

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson) and carried unanimously to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A and 5C through 5G in one motion as indicated below. Item No. 5B was withdrawn from the Consent Calendar by the City Manager and rescheduled to the meeting of February 21, 2012.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT ITEM

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the December 19, 2011 Special City Council and Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency and January 3, 2012 Special City Council meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

B. Annual Review of Financial Policies

Adopt a resolution approving revised Comprehensive Financial Policies and Investment Policies and rescinding City Council Resolution No. 2011–05.

Action: Withdrawn from the Consent Calendar at the request of the City Manager and rescheduled to February 21, 2012.

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

Approve by title, waive any further reading and adopt 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. *First reading approved by unanimous vote on December 19, 2011.*

Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2012–01. *Effective February 16, 2012. Regular Tuesday night City Council meetings will begin on February 21, 2012 with a new start time of 7:00 p.m.*

D. On-Call Transportation Engineering Services Agreements

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute professional services agreements with two consultant firms, Whitlock & Weinberger Transportation, Inc. (W-Trans) and Fehr & Peers, for on-call transportation engineering services for periods of three years with options to extend for an additional two years.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 201201.

E. Grant of Easement to East Bay Municipal Utility District

Adopt a resolution granting to East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) a non-exclusive easement and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Grant of Easement for a water main extension serving two new fire hydrants associated with the new Recycling Center project.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2012-02.

F. Agreement with More Lockers for the Purchase of Heavy Duty Plastic Lockers

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with More Lockers for the purchase and shipping of seventy heavy duty plastic lockers for the men and women's locker rooms at the El Cerrito Swim Center.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2012-03.

G. Support Senate Bill 659 (Padilla) – Temporarily Postpone Dissolution of Redevelopment Agencies

At the request of Councilmember Abelson, authorize Mayor Jones to sign a letter supporting SB 659 to temporarily postpone the scheduled February 1, 2012 date to dissolve California's 425 redevelopment agencies.

Action: Approved recommendation.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT ITEM

A. Actions Related to State Dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency

Staff is requesting the following actions of members of the Redevelopment Agency Board and the City Council, pursuant to legislation dissolving redevelopment agencies, enacted by the State on June 29, 2011 and ruled constitutional by the State Supreme Court on December 29, 2011:

- 1) Adopt a Redevelopment Agency resolution amending its Enforceable Obligation Payment Schedule previously approved on August 15, 2011, for publication and delivery to the County Auditor and required State agencies; and
- 2) Adopt a City Council resolution electing to retain the Redevelopment Agency's housing assets and functions upon its dissolution on February 1, 2012.

Presenter: Lori Treviño, Redevelopment Agency Manager.

Speakers: Jeff Lichtman, stated that the Cerrito Theater has given the city a positive image, sparked business in the area, provided people with entertainment and a meeting place. A historic building, including historic features such as the art deco mural, has also been preserved. Mr. Lichtman expressed concern about the future care of the Theater as an historic resource.

Action: Moved, seconded (Lyman/Benassini) and carried unanimously to adopt Redevelopment Agency Resolution No. 618 as modified to correct the date associated with Ordinance 2006-10, contained in the first recital of the ordinance.

Moved, seconded (Benassini/Abelson) and carried unanimously to adopt City Council Resolution No. 2012-04.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Councilmember Abelson reported that the Environmental Quality Committee is looking at a model of screening films for free at City Hall. This pilot program features a showing of one film in the evening and another film during the day in the City Council Chambers starting in March and April.

- B. Councilmember Benassini explained that she is looking forward to reporting on her new liaison assignments at the next meeting.
- C. Councilmember Cheng noted the great success and turnout for the Martin Luther King Jr. event and reported that the Human Relations Commission is looking forward to planning more events in the coming year.
- D. Mayor Jones reported on his attendance at the nineteen city Contra Costa Mayors Conference. The Mayors Conference appointed former El Cerrito and Walnut Creek City Manager Gary Pokorny as its new Executive Director. Mayor Jones also stated that the West County Mayors Conference meets on the fourth Thursday and he will provide a report of the meeting at the next City Council meeting.
- E. Mayor Pro Tem Lyman reported on his attendance at a Integrated Waste Management Authority Board (IWMA) workshop in which the Board discussed the merits of what happens when the current integrated recycling recovery facility contract expires January 1, 2014. The IWMA Board discussed and decided upon the best procurement process for soliciting a vendor to provide services. The IWMA also awarded a contract to consultant to help with the process. The IWMA Board elected to go with a statement of interest process.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Environmental Quality Committee flyer announcing free showing of *The New Metropolis* and community discussion on February 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. – *Submitted by the Environmental Quality Committee.*


9. ADJOURNED CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING at 8:13 p.m.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled on February 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council and Concurrent City Council / Redevelopment Agency meetings of January 17, 2012 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk



William C. Jones III, Mayor