

CITY OF EL CERRITO

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Monday, December 3, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.

Community Center Conference Room

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CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Monday, December 3, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

Council Chambers, Community Center

7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Abelson, Bridges, Jones, Potter and Mayor Moore.
All members present.

Mayor Moore convened the special City Council Closed Session meeting at 6:03 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation

(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

City of El Cerrito v. Albany Unified School District

Contra Costa Superior Court, Case No. N07-1266.

CONVENE SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Abelson, Bridges, Jones, Potter and Mayor Moore.
All members present.

6:35 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Moore convened the special City Council meeting at 6:39 p.m.

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD INTERVIEWS

The City Council will conduct interviews of applicants for the Design Review Board. Interviews may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting.

Action: Interviews conducted.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers/Agency Members: Abelson, Bridges, Jones, Potter and Mayor Moore. All members present.

Mayor Moore convened the special City Council Closed Session meeting at 7:46 p.m.

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

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** was led by Councilmember Potter.
2. **POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION** – No report.
3. **COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Moore announced the City Council's re-appointment of Gary Hill to the Design Review Board for a term beginning on January 1, 2008 and ending January 1, 2012 and the appointment of Carl Hampson to a term beginning December 3, 2007 and ending January 1, 2010.

Councilmember Bridges announced that she reviewed the DVD of the November 19, 2007 meeting and is prepared to vote on a second reading of all ordinances listed on the December 3 and 17, 2007 agendas.

Councilmember Abelson commended the Police Department on its performance and for receiving an A+ in the recent Cal-Aware Public Records Act Audit as featured on KGO-7 last week.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Public comments were received. Speakers are identified below.

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

Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Potter) to adopt Consent Calendar Items 5A, 5B and 5D. Vote: Unanimous. Item 5C was removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Pro Tem Jones and voted on separately as indicated below.

A. Ordinances for Second Reading

1. Boards, Commissions and Committee Administration (*First Reading November 19, 2007 – Ayes – Abelson, Jones, Potter and Mayor Moore; Noes – None; Absent – Bridges*)

Waive full reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2007–11 amending Section 2.04.220 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code concerning rules governing boards, commissions and committees.

Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2007–11.

2. Park and Recreation Commission, Human Relations Commission and Economic Development Board (*First Reading November 19, 2007 – Ayes – Abelson, Jones, Potter and Mayor Moore; Noes – None; Absent – Bridges*)

Waive full reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2007–12 amending El Cerrito Municipal Code Section 2.04.240 – Park and Recreation Commission, Section 2.04.270 – Human Relations Commission, and Section 2.04.290 Economic Development Board to reflect administrative changes.

Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2007–12.

3. Tree Commission (*First Reading November 19, 2007 – Ayes – Abelson, Jones, Potter and Mayor Moore; Noes – None; Absent – Bridges*)

Waive full reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2007–13 repealing El Cerrito Municipal Code Section 2.04.260 – Tree Commission.

Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2007–13.

B. Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the November 19, 2007 City Council Special and Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Meetings.

Action: Approved minutes.

C. Median Landscape Renovation Contract Award

Adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications, accepting bids, and authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract in the amount of \$505,657 with Watkin and Bortolussi, Inc. and authorizing the City Manager to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed \$101,131 for completion of the San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Median Landscape Renovation Project.

Speaker: Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, commented on the placement of trees and foliage in the median strip and asked the City Council to discuss and consider the median landscape renovation in connection with the San Pablo Specific Area Plan.

Action: Removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Pro Tem Jones. Moved, seconded, carried (Jones/Abelson) to adopt Resolution No. 2007–98. Vote: Unanimous.

D. Issuance of Proclamation

Approve issuance of a proclamation recognizing the contributions of Kelsey Jones and joining in a celebration of his 90th birthday.

Action: Approved proclamation.

6. POLICY MATTERS

A. Establish City Council Subcommittee

Discuss possible appointment of a City Council Subcommittee to work with staff on the formation of a new Environmental Protection Committee.

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, supported formation of the Committee.

Action: Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Jones) to establish a Council Subcommittee on the environment and appoint Councilmembers Abelson and Moore and other staff members as assigned by the City Manager.

B. Reorganization of the City Council

The City Council will conduct its annual election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

Speakers: Al Miller, El Cerrito, expressed appreciation for the City Council and Redevelopment Agency and acknowledged the good performance and collegiality of the City Council and noted accomplishments such as building the new city hall and the proposed street paving program.

Action: Cheryl Morse, City Clerk, declared the offices of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore vacant and called for nominations for the Office of Mayor.

Councilmember Potter nominated Mayor Pro Tem Jones for Office of Mayor. City Clerk Morse called for further nominations and there were none.

Moved, seconded, carried (Moore/Bridges) to close nominations and select Mayor Pro Tem Jones as Mayor. Vote: Unanimous.

Mayor Jones called for nominations for the Office of Mayor Pro Tempore.

Councilmember Bridges nominated Councilmember Potter for the Office of Mayor Pro Tempore. Mayor Jones called for further nominations and there were none.

Moved, seconded, carried (Abelson/Moore) to close nominations and select Councilmember Potter as Mayor Pro Tem. Vote: Unanimous.

C. Reorganization of the Redevelopment Agency

The City Council will convene as the Redevelopment Agency and conduct its annual election of Chair and Vice-Chair.

Action: Mayor Jones called for reorganization of the Redevelopment Agency. City Clerk Morse declared the offices of Chair and Vice-Chair vacant and called for nominations for the Office of Chair of the Redevelopment Agency.

Agency Member Abelson nominated Agency Member Moore for Office of Chair. City Clerk Morse called for further nominations for Chair and there were none.

Moved, seconded, carried (Potter/Jones) to close nominations and select Agency Member Moore as Chairperson of the Redevelopment Agency. Vote: Unanimous.

Chairperson Moore called for nominations for the Office of Vice-Chair. Agency Member

Potter nominated Agency Member Abelson for the Office of Vice-Chair. Chairperson Moore called for further nominations and there were none.

Moved, seconded, carried (Potter/Jones) to close nominations and select Agency Member Abelson as Vice-Chair of the Redevelopment Agency.

7. **ADJOURNED** at 8:30 p.m. in memory of El Cerrito High School teacher Mr. De Jong.
8. **RECESS for an informal reception** to congratulate the newly appointed Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.


This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the concurrent City Council and Redevelopment Agency meeting of December 3, 2007 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.



Cheryl Morse, City Clerk and Secretary to the Redevelopment Agency



William C. Jones, III, Mayor



Letitia D. Moore, Agency Chair

