EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Saturday, March 5, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Ann Cheng – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Jones
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini
Councilmember/Agency Chair Janet Abelson
Councilmember Greg Lyman

ROLL CALL
Councilmembers Abelson, Benasini, Jones, Lyman and Mayor Cheng all present.
Staff present:
Scott Hanin, City Manager; Sky Woodruff, City Attorney; Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager; Cheryl Morse, City Clerk; Chris Jones, Recreation Supervisor; John Dougery, Battalion Fire Chief; Lance Maples, Fire Chief; Garth Schultz, Environmental Analyst; Monica Kortz, Recreation Director; Jennifer Carman, Development Services Manager; Stephen Bonini, Police Lieutenant; Sylvia Moir, Police Chief; Michael Regan, Police Captain; Noel Iballo, Senior Planner; Melanie Mintz, Environmental Services Manager; Jerry Bradshaw, Public Works Director; Mitch Oshinsky, Economic Development Director; Sean Moss, Senior Planner; Dwayne Dalman, Economic Development Project Manager; Paul Keith, Police Lieutenant; Suzanne Iarla, Community Outreach Specialist; Mary Dodge, Administrative Services Director; and Robert De La Campa, Police Lieutenant.

9:00 a.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mayor Cheng convened the Special City Council meeting at 9:00 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
Richard Leigh, East Richmond Heights, asked the City Council to consider annexation of East Richmond Heights as part of next year’s goals.

Tom Panas, El Cerrito Historical Society, emphasized the importance of historic preservation and urged the City Council to communicate to staff that the City’s heritage is precious and that the staff should go out of its way to preserve it.

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION ON VISION, MISSION AND VALUES
The City Council will focus on the Council’s vision, mission and values and begin development of a mission statement for the city that will inform staff recommendations and guide decision-making. If time permits, the City Council will initiate discussion on establishing goals, objectives and strategies for the coming year.

**Presenter:** Nancy Hetrick, Senior Manager, Management Partners, stated the purpose of the meeting and outlined a framework for the Council to identify shared values and develop a vision and mission statement for the City.

**Action:** Discussion held. The City Council identified common values, developed a preliminary mission statement, stated individual areas of interest for the purpose of establishing goals for the city and continued discussion to an upcoming meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Comments on historic preservation – *Submitted by Tom Panas.*

**ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at 12:02 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council meeting of March 5, 2011 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

Cheryl Morse, City Clerk

Ann Cheng, Mayor