EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL
EL CERRITO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

MINUTES

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Saturday, February 14, 2009 – 9:00 a.m.
City Council Chambers

SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
Saturday, February 14, 2009 – Immediately Following the Special City Council Meeting
Hillside Conference Room

Meeting Location
El Cerrito City Hall – City Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Sandi Potter – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson
Councilmember Greg Lyman

Councilmember/Agency Chair William C. Jones, Ill
Councilmember/Agency Vice-Chair Ann Cheng

9:00 a.m. ROLL CALL
Councilmembers Abelson, Cheng, Jones, Lyman and Mayor Potter present.

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Mayor Potter convened the Special City Council Meeting at 9:07 a.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Mayor Potter.

2. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Peter Loubal, El Cerrito, commented on various El Cerrito measures and initiatives and expressed concerns with the San Pablo Area Specific Plan.

3. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Consent Item No. 3A

Moved, seconded (Abelson/Lyman) and carried unanimously to adopt Consent Calendar Item No. 3A

A. El Cerrito High School Proclamation

Approve a proclamation commending the West Contra Costa Unified School District in partnership with the El Cerrito Community on the completion of the new El Cerrito High School on the occasion of El Cerrito High School’s Grand Opening Celebration on February 27 and 28, 2009. The new El Cerrito High School enhances this City’s history and its built environment, all of which contribute significantly to making the City of El Cerrito a desirable
community in which to live, work and raise a family.

**Action:**     Approved Proclamation.

4. **CITY COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRIORITY SETTING WORKSESSION**

City Council discussion of priorities, goals and budget.

**Facilitator:**     Royleen White, Royleen White Associates.

City Manager Hanin summarized FY 2008/2009 accomplishments.

**Action:**     Discussion held. The City Council identified the following goals: 1) Fiscal Responsibility; 2) Maintain High Quality Level of Services to the Community; 3) Continued Emphasis on, and Development and Implementation of the City’s Infrastructure and Capital Projects; 4) Environmental Stewardship; and 5) Economic Development.

5. **COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS (Held over from the meeting of February 2, 2009)**

A. **Mayor Potter** reported that the Council will be conducting more commission interviews on March 2 and will be filling vacancies on the Design Review Board and the Financial Advisory Board.

B. **Mayor Pro Tem Abelson** reported that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) has provided several Focus Seminars that Mayor Pro Tem Abelson has attended, the most recent of which was an ABAG Focus seminar on childcare. Mayor Pro Tem Abelson also attended a few League of California City Policy Committee meetings and reported that Orange County is attempting to seek suspension of environmental legislation such as AB32 and SB 375. The Environmental Quality Committee is doing a good job focusing on goals. The Committee would like to see 10-11 members on their committee and has assigned liaisons to different boards and commissions. The West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee has created a subcommittee to work on the Hotlane issue to which Mayor Pro Tem Abelson has been appointed. There is a proposal to implement a hotlane on Highway 4 to Solano County.

C. **Councillor Cheng** reported that the Economic Development Board provided input on elcerrito.com at its last meeting.

D. **Councillor Jones** reported on his attendance at an Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWM) meeting. The IWM is celebrating Earth Day on April 25 and inviting all cities to have a booth to highlight the cities efforts. School awards will be given and there will be a video and school essay contest. There has been a merger of waste management companies and El Cerrito is no longer using the Keller Canyon dumpsite.

E. **Councillor Lyman** reported on a January 21 meeting associated with the Tom Bates Regional Sports Field. As there was no quorum no actions were taken. Most of the discussion centered on converting fields to grass softball fields.

6. **ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING** at 11:28 a.m.
ROLL CALL

Agency Members Abelson, Cheng, Lyman, Potter and Chairperson Jones.

7. CONVENE SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Chairperson Jones convened the Special Redevelopment Agency Meeting at 11:29 a.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – No speakers.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property: 6500 Stockton Avenue
Agency Negotiators: Scott Hanin, Executive Director
Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager
Lori Trevino, Redevelopment Agency Manager
Karen Tiedemann, Agency Counsel

Negotiating Parties: West Contra Costa Unified School District
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

RECESSED INTO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION at 11:30 a.m.

POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Redevelopment Agency Board provided direction to staff.

8. ADJOURNED SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION MEETING at 12:14 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special City Council and Special Redevelopment Agency meeting of February 14, 2009 as approved by the El Cerrito City Council.

Cheryl Morse, City Clerk and Secretary to the Redevelopment Agency

Sandi M. Potter, Mayor

William C. Jones, Ill, Agency Chair