

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CERRITOS CITY COUNCIL AND THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE CERRITOS REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY HELD ON JANUARY 11, 2018, IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT CERRITOS CITY HALL, 18125 BLOOMFIELD AVENUE, CERRITOS CALIFORNIA**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Invocation**

The invocation was led by Pastor Dustin T. Parker, Concordia Lutheran Church.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City of Cerritos Recreation Services Division, Youth Basketball League Team Rookie III – The Dunk Stars.

**4. Roll Call**

The following members of the City Council/Successor Agency were in attendance:

Council/Agency Member Jim Edwards  
Council/Agency Member Naresh Solanki  
Council/Agency Member Frank A. Yokoyama  
Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chair Mark E. Pulido  
Mayor/Chair Grace Hu

**5. Presentations**

Proclamation presented to:

Lynda Johnson (Recognition of service for the ABC Unified School District).

**6. Public Comments and Suggestions**

C.W. Van der Linden, Cerritos resident, spoke regarding crime in the City, how to address it and recommended recognizing those who report crimes.

Luis Angel Soto, Cerritos resident, spoke on term limits and recommended changes for the City Attorney and City Manager positions.

Christopher Craig, State Assembly Member Christina Garcia's Office, encouraged residents of the 58<sup>th</sup> District to participate in the Community Bill idea contest, "There Ought to be a Law," and recognizing the community with the "Pride 58" Monthly Spotlight program.

Daisy Velasco, Cerritos resident, spoke regarding trimming trees to improve lighting and the need for an Alzheimer's facility in Cerritos.

Joseph DiDonato, Cerritos resident, spoke regarding a code enforcement violation, stated the problem is related to overgrown tree roots and that he is waiting on a removal decision with the remaining tree.

Sam Desai, Cerritos resident, spoke regarding crime, requested more support for Neighborhood Watch programs and review of small business start-up requirements.

**6. Public Comments and Suggestions (continued)**

Mel Cortez, Cerritos resident, spoke regarding crime in the City, and suggested the City put aside 1% of the valuation of projects into a safety fund to combat crime.

Murali Vasudeuan, Cerritos resident, spoke regarding crime in the City and the Juliet project.

Kathleen Joslin, Cerritos resident, spoke in opposition to the Juliet project.

Charles Joslin, Cerritos resident, expressed his opposition to the Juliet project.

Rod and Judi Dixon, Cerritos residents, spoke in opposition to the Juliet project.

Jay Gray, Cerritos resident, spoke regarding crime, LED lighting, keeping Cerritos safe, and the Juliet project.

**7. Consent Calendar**

Items under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council/Agency Member or citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

**7A. Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2017 (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY).

**MOTION:** It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Solanki, to approve the City Council/Successor Agency Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2017 (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY).

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Solanki, Yokoyama, Pulido, Hu  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**7B. Approval of Register of Demands**

Approval of the Register of Demands for the City of Cerritos dated January 11, 2018 (COUNCIL).

Approval of the Register of Demands for the Successor Agency to the Cerritos Redevelopment Agency dated January 11, 2018 (SUCCESSOR AGENCY).

**MOTION:** It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Solanki, to approve the Register of Demands as follows:

1. City of Cerritos	1/11/2018	\$8,098,025.86	(COUNCIL)
2. Successor Agency	1/11/2018	\$1,891.92	(SUCCESSOR AGENCY)

**7. Consent Calendar**

**7B. (continued)**

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Solanki, Yokoyama, Pulido, Hu  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**7C. Approval of Treasurer’s Reports**

Approval of the City Council Treasurer’s report for the period ending November 30, 2017 (COUNCIL).

Approval of the Successor Agency Treasurer’s report for the period ending November 30, 2017 (SUCCESSOR AGENCY).

**MOTION:** It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Solanki, to approve the Treasurer's reports for the period ending November 30, 2017. (COUNCIL/SUCCESSOR AGENCY)

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Solanki, Yokoyama, Pulido, Hu  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**7D. Adoption of Ordinance**

Ordinance introduced at the regular meeting of December 14, 2017:

Waive full reading of and adopt Ordinance 1019, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS RESIDENT, CALIFORNIA, MOVING THE DATE OF THE CITY’S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE SECOND TUESDAY OF APRIL IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS COMMENCING NO EARLIER THAN MARCH 3, 2020 (COUNCIL).

**MOTION:** It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Solanki, to waive full reading and adopt:

**Ordinance 1019, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS RESIDENT, CALIFORNIA, MOVING THE DATE OF THE CITY’S GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION FROM THE SECOND TUESDAY OF APRIL IN ODD-NUMBERED YEARS TO THE FIRST TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN MARCH OF EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS COMMENCING NO EARLIER THAN MARCH 3, 2020 (COUNCIL).**

**7. Consent Calendar**

**7D. (continued)**

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Solanki, Yokoyama, Pulido, Hu  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**7E.** Award of a contract for Loma Park Playground improvements, Project No. 18101, Bid No. 1330-17 (COUNCIL).

**MOTION:** It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Solanki, to:

1. Award a contract in the amount of \$121,503 for Loma Park Playground improvements, Project No. 18101, Bid No. 1330-17 to RE Schultz and reject the other bid; and
2. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute any project-related change orders (COUNCIL).

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Solanki, Yokoyama, Pulido, Hu  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**8. Public Hearings**

**8A.** Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS PROHIBITING PARKING ON A PORTION OF DENNI STREET NORTH OF LA PALMA AVENUE (COUNCIL).

A staff report was given by Kanna Vancheswaran, Director of Public Works.

The Mayor opened the public hearing and public comments.

Joan Pylman, Cerritos resident, spoke regarding problems in the park, standing water, overgrown trees, street maintenance and stated she is neutral to the parking restrictions.

Sheila Gibbons, Cerritos resident, spoke regarding safety, and expressed her support of the resolution.

Sandra Hojo, Cerritos resident, expressed her support of the parking restriction, and suggested it include an amendment for no parking at any time.

Patrick Graham, La Palma resident, spoke in opposition to parking restrictions as proposed, increase lighting by trimming trees, and the need for increased law enforcement.

**8. Public Hearings (continued)**

**8A. (continued)**

Roland Colmo, Cerritos resident, expressed his support for the resolution and suggested implementing a trial no parking zone to determine how it would affect crime.

Noting there were no further individuals who elected to speak, the Mayor closed the public hearing and public comments.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Yokoyama, and seconded by Pulido, to waive full reading of and adopt **Resolution No. 2018-1, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS PROHIBITING PARKING ON A PORTION OF DENNI STREET NORTH OF LA PALMA AVENUE** (COUNCIL).

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Solanki, Yokoyama, Pulido, Hu  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**9. New and Old Business**

**9A.** Review and consideration of providing free Cerritos Library cards for students attending Bellflower Unified School District schools (COUNCIL).

A staff report was given by Annie Hylton, City Librarian and Marketing Manager.

The Mayor opened public comments.

Nahim Banks, Bellflower High School student, spoke in support of the item.

Martha Quintanilla, Bellflower High School student, spoke in support of the item.

Omar Subeh, Cerritos College student, spoke in support of the item.

C.W. Van der Linden, Cerritos resident, spoke in opposition to the item.

Sam Desai, Cerritos resident, spoke in opposition to the item.

Nick Wagner, Bellflower, spoke in support of the item.

Daisy Velasco, Cerritos resident, spoke in opposition to the item.

Gerald Greenidge, Cerritos resident, spoke in support of the item.

Bryan Thornhill, Cerritos resident, stated he is neutral on the matter.

Dr. Olga Rios, ABCUSD Board Member, Lakewood, spoke in support of the item and read letters of support from ABCUSD colleagues.

Jay Gray, Cerritos resident, spoke in opposition to the item.

Murali Vasudevan, Cerritos resident, spoke in opposition to the item.

**9. New and Old Business (continued)**

**9A. (continued)**

Luis Angel Soto, Cerritos resident, spoke in support of the item.

Paul W. Bellenbaum, Cerritos resident, spoke in support of the item.

Noting there were no further individuals who elected to speak, the Mayor closed the public comments.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Solanki, and seconded by Edwards, to receive and file the report with no revisions to the current Cerritos Library free library card eligibility policy (COUNCIL).

The motion carried (3 – 2) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Solanki, Hu  
NOES: Yokoyama, Pulido  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**9B.** Review and discussion of an informational report on the City's tree trimming progress (COUNCIL).

A staff report was given by Todd Kuh, Parks Superintendent. A PowerPoint presentation displayed.

The Mayor opened public comments.

Murali Vasudevan, Cerritos resident, inquired as to why only pine trees are addressed and asked for public hearing on the item.

Noting there were no further individuals who elected to speak, the Mayor closed the public comments.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Pulido, and seconded by Solanki, to authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a change order with Great Scott Tree Service in the amount of \$33,500 to complete a Pine Tree Inventory in the City of Cerritos.

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Solanki, Yokoyama, Pulido, Hu  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**9C.** Review and consideration to waive full reading of and adopt A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ATTESTATION OF THE VERACITY OF THE POWER SOURCE DISCLOSURE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION (COUNCIL).

**9. New and Old Business (continued)**

**9C. (continued)**

A staff report was given by Ramzi Raufdeen, Electric Utility Manager.

The Mayor opened public comments. Noting there were no individuals who elected to speak, the Mayor closed public comments.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Solanki, and seconded by Edwards, to waive full reading of and adopt **Resolution No. 2018-2, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CERRITOS APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF AN ATTESTATION OF THE VERACITY OF THE POWER SOURCE DISCLOSURE ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION** (COUNCIL).

The motion carried (5 – 0) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Solanki, Yokoyama, Pulido, Hu  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

- 9D.** Review and consideration of a recommendation of the Fine Arts and Historical Commission to place a first responders memorial in the Cerritos Civic Center near the Cerritos Sheriff's Station and to provide funding from the Art in Public Places Trust Fund. The proposed project site is generally located on the northwest corner of Bloomfield Avenue and 183rd Street, west of Cerritos City Hall (APN 7025-028-905) (COUNCIL).

A staff report was given by Kathleen Jung Matsumoto, Assistant City Manager.

The Mayor opened public comments. Noting there were no individuals who elected to speak, the Mayor closed public comments.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Pulido, to:

1. Approve the concept of a first responders memorial to be installed in the area near the north entrance of the Cerritos Sheriff's Station;
2. Direct the Fine Arts and Historical Commission to continue to develop a final concept for the City Council review and approval; and
3. Approve and appropriate an amount of \$250,000 from the Art In Public Places Trust Fund for the development and construction of a first responders memorial.

The motion carried (4 – 1) as follows:

AYES: Edwards, Solanki, Yokoyama, Pulido  
NOES: Hu  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

**10. Legislative Items**

**10A.** Report on pending legislation

None.

**10B.** Review and consideration to support or oppose specific legislation in the State or Federal legislature or in the State or Federal Executive Office for signature.

None.

**11. City Council Communications/Committee Reports/Report on Meetings**

Reports were provided by Councilmembers Edwards, Solanki, and Yokoyama, Mayor Pro Tem Pulido, and Mayor Hu.

**12. Closed Session**

None.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:03 a.m. on January 12, 2018.

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Vida Barone, City Clerk/Agency Secretary

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Grace Hu, Mayor/Chair

**APPROVED: January 22, 2018**