

SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Monday, July 21, 2008 – 6:45 p.m. Community Center Conference Room

CONCURRENT MEETING OF THE EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Monday, July 21, 2008 – 7:30 p.m. City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito Community Center 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito

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 posted on the City's website at www.el-cerrito.org.
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ROLL CALL

6:45 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Properties: 10848 and 10860 San Pablo Avenue **Agency Negotiators:** Scott Hanin, Executive Director

Karen Tiedemann, Agency Counsel Hilde Myall, Housing Project Manager

Negotiating Parties: Mr. Joseph Conwill **Under Negotiation:** Price and Terms

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (Comments are limited to 3 minutes and to items listed on the Special Redevelopment Agency Meeting Agenda only.)

CONVENE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION

POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY CLOSED SESSION ADJOURN SPECIAL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

ROLL CALL

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

- 1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** led by Mayor Jones.
- 2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS (Reports of Closed Session and Informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council & City Staff.)
 - A. Report of June 30, 2008 Redevelopment Agency Special Closed Session Letitia Moore, Agency Chair.

(Also contained in Consent Calendar Item No. 5(G) – Redevelopment Agency Closed Session Minutes)

B. Street Maintenance, Paving and Improvement Program (Measure A) Update – Jerry Bradshaw, Director of Public Works.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

This place on the agenda is reserved for comments and inquiries from the public regarding matters on the agenda and matters which do not otherwise appear on the agenda. All persons wishing to speak must sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are limited to 3 minutes per person. Please state your name and city of residence for the record. Comments regarding consent calendar items will be heard first. Comments related to items appearing on the Public Hearing or Policy Matter portions of the Agenda are taken up at the time the City Council deliberates each action item.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation of Sundar Shadi Garden Awards – Presentation by Fleda Machi, Vice–President of Programs for the El Cerrito Garden Club.

B. Crime Prevention Committee National Night Out Proclamation

Approve a proclamation calling upon all citizens of the City of El Cerrito to join the Crime Prevention Committee and the National Association of Town Watch in supporting the "25th Annual National Night Out" on August 5, 2008 and proclaiming Tuesday, August 5, 2008 as "National Night Out" in the City of El Cerrito.

Presentation by Bruce Harter, Superintendent, West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD). Consider adoption of a resolution encouraging the voters of El Cerrito to consider the WCCUSD parcel tax ballot measure and arguments and support the measure on November 4, 2008.

D. West Contra Costa County Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) Action Plan Update

Presentation by Martin Englemann. The Contra Costa Transportation Authority will make a presentation on the draft 2008 WCCTAC Action Plan Update, which is now circulating for public comment.

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – <u>Items 5A through 5G</u>

Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.

CITY COUNCIL ITEMS

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the June 16, 2008 Special City Council Meeting and Regular City Council Meeting Minutes.

B. Claim Against the City

Richard P. Archer, Claim No. GL-008337 – Reject claim per City Attorney. Municipal Pooling Authority (MPA) has determined that this claim is excluded from MPA coverage.

C. Implementation of Final Personnel Changes Approved in the FY 2008-09 Budget

Adopt a resolution amending the City's Classification Plan to add the job descriptions for Forklift Operator and Recycling Operations Supervisor and to set the appropriate salary ranges.

D. First Five Contra Costa Children and Families Commission Grant

Adopt a resolution accepting and appropriating a \$5,000 grant received from the First Five Contra Costa Children and Families Commission to improve the quality of life for children prenatal to age 5.

E. Amend Contract with Gates and Associates for the San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Project

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to: 1) Execute a contract amendment in the amount of \$100,000 for Gates and Associates to continue with design services to complete construction documents for the San Pablo Avenue Streetscape project; 2) To approve a change order in the amount of \$68,000 to document existing electrical elements, if required by Caltrans; and 3) To approve additional change orders in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 for various design and scope contingencies.

F. Annual Review and Approval of Investment Policy

Approve the investment policy and a recommendation authorizing staff to provide the Council with periodic investment reports within 60 days of the end of the quarter.

G. Minutes for Approval

Approve the June 30, 2008 Special Redevelopment Agency Closed Session Meeting Minutes.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Fire Hazard Abatement

Conduct a public hearing and adopt the following two resolutions:

- 1) Adopt a Resolution declaring that weeds, rubbish, litter, or other flammable material on certain real property constitutes a public nuisance.
- 2) Then, adopt a resolution overriding objections by property owners and ordering the City Manager or his designee to abate certain public nuisances pursuant to El Cerrito Municipal Chapter 16.26.

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Upper Fairmount Streetscape – Status and Contract Authority

Receive and comment on a status report on the Upper Fairmount Streetscape Project, and adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the following contract change orders for work on the Upper Fairmount Streetscape project (Project No. C3023-3):

- 1) Vanguard Construction contract in an amount not to exceed \$105,000 for concrete curb ramps, bulbouts, sidewalk pavers, and other miscellaneous concrete work; and
- 2) Stevens Creek Quarry or MCK Construction in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for raised crosswalks and miscellaneous asphalt patching.

B. Procedures for Establishment and Removal of No Stopping Areas and No Parking Areas

Adopt a resolution creating procedures for the establishment and removal of "no stopping at any time" areas and "no parking at any time" areas (herein referred to as "red zones") by the City Engineer, as outlined in Exhibit A to the resolution.

C. Initiative 1326, the Runner Initiative

Consider taking a position on Initiative 1326, the Runner Initiative, which would increase funding for criminal justice programs by half a billion dollars annually; facilitate the prosecution of more youth as adults; increase penalties for drug offenses and offenses alleged to be "gang" related; create mandatory criminal background checks for housing subsidy recipients; and prohibit bail for undocumented immigrants charged with "gang related" felonies.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Jones Assignments: Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference, Design Review Board, Disaster Preparedness Council (alternate), Economic Development Board, Pension Board; San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee, Sports Field JPA; Temporary Permits Committee; Underground Utilities Committee, West County Integrated Waste Management Authority (Alternate); West County Mayors' & Supervisors' Association; and West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (Alternate).

- B. Mayor Pro Tem Potter Assignments: Arts & Culture Commission; Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference (Alternate); East Bay Delta Housing & Financial Agency; League of CA. Cities East Bay Div. (Alternate); Pension Board (Alternate); Sports Field JPA (alternate); Tree Committee; West County Mayors' & Supervisors' Association (Alternate); West County Regional Library Board (Delegate); and West County Unified School District Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC) (Alternate).
- C. Councilmember Abelson Assignments: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), General Assembly (Delegate), League of CA. Cities East Bay Div. (Delegate), Committee on Aging, Park and Recreation Commission; Environmental Quality Committee, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee; and West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (Delegate).
- D. Councilmember Bridges Assignments: Crime Prevention Committee; Financial Advisory Board; Human Relations Commission; and West County Regional Library Board (Alternate).
- E. Councilmember Moore Assignments: Assoc. of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), General Assembly (Alternate); Disaster Preparedness Council; Planning Commission; Temporary Permits Committee; Underground Utilities Committee; West County Integrated Waste Management Authority (Delegate).

9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next Regular City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA.

Deadline for agenda items and communications for the 08/18/08 regular meeting is Monday, 08/11/08 by 12 noon, City Clerk's Office, 10940 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA. Tel: 215-4305 Fax: 215-4379, email cmorse@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us

The Agenda, Staff Reports and Minutes are available for review on the city's website www.el-cerrito.org and at the El Cerrito Library prior to the meeting. Staff reports are also available for review at the meeting and in the City Clerk's Office.

IF YOU CHALLENGE A DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING OR IN WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE DELIVERED AT, OR PRIOR TO, THE COUNCIL MEETING. ACTIONS CHALLENGING CITY COUNCIL DECISIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE TIME LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTION 1094.6

The City Council believes that late night meetings deter public participation, can affect the Council's decision-making ability, and can be a burden to staff. City Council Meetings shall be adjourned by 10:30 p.m., unless extended to a specific time determined by a majority of the Council.