



AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.

Hillside Conference Room

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 4, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Janet Abelson – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Benassini
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Mark Friedman
Councilmember Greg Lyman

ROLL CALL

6:00 p.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (*Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6*)

Agency Designated Representatives: Scott Hanin, City Manager, Glenn Berkheimer, Labor Negotiator, Sky Woodruff, City Attorney and Sukari Beshears, Human Resources Manager.

Employee Organizations: Service Employees International Union Local 1021
International Association of Fire Fighters Local 1230
El Cerrito Police Employees Association
El Cerrito Public Safety Management
Unrepresented Employees

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (*Comments are limited to three minutes per speaker and to items listed on this special agenda only.*)

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION

ROLL CALL

7:00 p.m. CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE** – Councilmember Lyman.**2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS** (*Reports of Closed Session, commission appointments and informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council & City Staff.*)**3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

All persons wishing to speak should sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person. The Mayor may reduce the time limit per speaker depending upon the number of speakers. Kindly state your name and city of residence for the record. Comments regarding non-agenda, presentation and 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. Individuals wishing to comment on any closed session scheduled after the regular meeting may do so during this public comment period or after formal announcement of the closed session.

4. PRESENTATIONS**A. American Red Cross Month Proclamation**

Approve and present a proclamation proclaiming March 2014 as American Red Cross Month in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all residents, businesses and organizations to support the Red Cross and its noble humanitarian mission.

B. Arbor Week Proclamation and Tree Program Update – *Presentation by Stephen Preé, Environmental Programs Manager.*

Approve a proclamation proclaiming March 7 through March 14 of each year as El Cerrito Arbor Week and urging all residents to observe and celebrate the week by planting and caring for trees for the City's benefit and for the benefit of future generations. Receive an update on the City's Tree Program and Tree Committee Activities.

C. 2014 Library Needs Assessment Update – *Presentation by Kathryn Page, Principal, Kathryn Page Associates.*

Receive a presentation from Kathryn Page, of Kathryn Page Associates, on the 2014 El Cerrito Library Space needs Assessment Update and provide comments to staff.

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5A and 5B**A. Minutes for Approval**

Approve the February 18, 2014 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

B. Women's History Month Proclamation

At the request of Mayor Abelson, approve a proclamation designating March 2014 as Women's History Month in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all residents to reflect on, honor and celebrate the history, courage, commitment, accomplishments and contributions of women not only in El Cerrito but throughout America.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Presentation of Survey Results Related to the Reauthorization of the Measure R Sales Tax

Receive a presentation from Bryan Godbe of Godbe Research on a recently completed survey related to the possible reauthorization of Measure R, the Preservation of Citywide Services measure passed by El Cerrito voters in 2010, and provide comments and possible direction to staff regarding next steps.

B. Amend El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 11.64 – Bicycles

Introduce by title, waive any further reading and approve an ordinance amending specified sections contained within Chapter 11.64 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code (Bicycles).

8. COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Mayoral and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments and committee reports.

9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING in memory of former Building Official John Canestro.

The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

The City of El Cerrito serves, leads and supports our diverse community by providing exemplary and innovative services, public places and infrastructure, ensuring public safety and creating an economically and environmentally sustainable future.

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