



AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Monday, December 3, 2007 – 6:00 p.m.

Community Center Conference Room

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CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

Monday, December 3, 2007 – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

Council Chambers, Community Center

7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito

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ROLL CALL

6:00 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – Existing Litigation

(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

City of El Cerrito v. Albany Unified School District

Contra Costa Superior Court, Case No. N07-1266.

CONVENE SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (*Comments are limited to 3 minutes and to items listed on the Special Closed Session Agenda only.*)

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

6:35 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DESIGN REVIEW BOARD INTERVIEWS

The City Council will conduct interviews of applicants for the Design Review Board. Interviews may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting.

ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ROLL CALL

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

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** – led by Councilmember Potter.
- 2. POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**
- 3. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS** (Informational reports on matters of general interest by Council & Staff.)
- 4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

This place on the agenda is reserved for comments and inquiries from citizens regarding matters on the consent calendar 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. Comments regarding consent calendar items will be heard first.
- 5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Items 5A through 5D**

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.

A. Ordinances for Second Reading

- 1. Boards, Commissions and Committee Administration** (*First Reading November 19, 2007 – Ayes – Abelson, Jones, Potter and Mayor Moore; Noes – None; Absent – Bridges*)

Waive full reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2007–11 amending Section 2.04.220 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code concerning rules governing boards, commissions and committees.

- 2. Park and Recreation Commission, Human Relations Commission and Economic Development Board** (*First Reading November 19, 2007 – Ayes – Abelson, Jones, Potter and Mayor Moore; Noes – None; Absent – Bridges*)

Waive full reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2007–12 amending El Cerrito Municipal Code Section 2.04.240 – Park and Recreation Commission, Section 2.04.270 – Human Relations Commission, and Section 2.04.290 Economic Development Board to reflect administrative changes.

3. Tree Commission (*First Reading November 19, 2007 – Ayes – Abelson, Jones, Potter and Mayor Moore; Noes – None; Absent – Bridges*)

Waive full reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2007–13 repealing El Cerrito Municipal Code Section 2.04.260 – Tree Commission.

B. Approval of Minutes

Approve the minutes of the November 19, 2007 City Council Special and Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Meetings.

C. Median Landscape Renovation Contract Award

Adopt a resolution approving plans and specifications, accepting bids, and authorizing the City Manager to sign a contract in the amount of \$505,657 with Watkin and Bortolussi, Inc. and authorizing the City Manager to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed \$101,131 for completion of the San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Median Landscape Renovation Project.

D. Issuance of Proclamation

Approve issuance of a proclamation recognizing the contributions of Kelsey Jones and joining in a celebration of his 90th birthday.

6. POLICY MATTERS

A. Establish City Council Subcommittee

Discuss possible appointment of a City Council Subcommittee to work with staff on the formation of a new Environmental Protection Committee.

B. Reorganization of the City Council

The City Council will conduct its annual election of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

C. Reorganization of the Redevelopment Agency

The City Council will convene as the Redevelopment Agency and conduct its annual election of Chair and Vice–Chair.

7. RECESS for an informal reception to congratulate the newly appointed Mayor and Mayor Pro Tempore.

8. ADJOURNMENT in memory of El Cerrito High School teacher Mr. DeYoung.

The next Regular City Council will be held on Monday, December 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA.

Deadline for agenda items for the 12/17/07 regular meeting is Monday, 12/10/07 by 12 noon, City Clerk's Office, 10940 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA. Tel: 215-4305
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