AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING
Tuesday, January 22, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Community Center Conference Room

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 22, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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Tuesday, January 22, 2008 – Immediately Following the Special City Council Meeting
Community Center Conference Room

Meeting Location
Council Chambers, Community Center
7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito

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ROLL CALL

6:30 p.m. **CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING**

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT – City Attorney
Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)

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

ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION MEETING

ROLL CALL

7:30 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – led by Councilmember Moore.

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS *(Informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council & Staff.)*

Announcement of Senior Center Bequest from the Anthony Astorgano Trust

3. 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.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. City Marketing Materials and Shop El Cerrito Marketing Campaign – presented by Dwayne Dalman, Administrative Analyst.

B. Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Earthquake Safety – presented by Molly McArthur, BART Manager of Government and Community Relations for Capital Projects.

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Items 5A and 5B

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. Minutes for Approval

Approve the following:

1) City Council Special and Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2008;
2) City Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2008; and
3) City Council Special Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2008.

B. Claims Filed Against the City

1. Ashley Sterling, Claim No. GL–007898 – Reject claim per claims administrator; and

2. Nancy C. Wong, Claim No. GL–007966 – Reject claim per claims administrator.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

Zoning Ordinance *(Public Hearing opened January 7, 2008 and continued to this meeting.)*

Continue the public hearing from January 7, 2008 and upon conclusion, approve by title, waive further reading and adopt first reading of an Ordinance which repeals Title 19 ("Zoning") and the associated Zoning Map, and Chapter 16.36 ("Sign Regulations") of Title 16 ("Buildings and Construction") of the El Cerrito Municipal Code and adopts a new Zoning Ordinance as Title 19 ("Zoning") including a new Chapter 19.26 ("Sign Regulations") and a new associated Zoning Map.

7. POLICY MATTERS

Four Way Stop Controls at Elm–Blake–Richmond

Adopt a resolution: 1) Authorizing the Public Works Director/City Engineer to install two new stop signs on the northbound and southbound approaches of Richmond-Elm Street at Blake Street, creating a four-way stop, along with associated red curb markings within the intersection area as shown on Exhibit A; and 2) Amending Resolution 2007–73 to rescind a portion of that resolution which previously approved a No Parking Zone on Richmond-Elm Street as shown on Exhibit A.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Jones Assignments: Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference, 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; San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee; and West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (Delegate).

D. Councilmember Bridges Assignments: Crime Prevention Committee; Design Review Board; 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 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING** in memory of Anthony Astorgano and Louie Flynn.

10. **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.

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

RECESS INTO SPECIAL CLOSED SESSION

POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

11. **ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, February 4, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA.

Deadline for agenda items for the 02/04/08 regular meeting is Monday, 01/28/08 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

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