



AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

Monday, February 4, 2008 – 6:45 p.m.

Community Center Conference Room

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 4, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito Community Center

7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito

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ROLL CALL

6:45 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL 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

ROLL CALL

7:30 p.m. CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

2. POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

3. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS (*Informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City 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. Comments related to action items are taken up at the time the City Council deliberates each action item.

5. PRESENTATIONS

2007 Year End Review – presentation of 2007 City accomplishments and activities.

6. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Items 6A through 6F

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 City Council Special City Council Closed (2) and Special City Council Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2008.

B. Ordinance for Second Reading (*First Reading on January 22, 2008. Vote: Unanimous*)

Waive further reading and adopt second 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.

C. Proclamation Honoring Miriam Wilkins

Approve issuance of a proclamation honoring the life and contributions of Miriam Wilkins and proclaiming February 14, 2008 as Miriam Wilkins Day in the City of El Cerrito.

D. Proclamation Honoring the El Cerrito Lions Club

Approve issuance of a proclamation celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the El Cerrito Lions Club.

E. Claims Filed Against the City

1. Judith Ann McShane, Claim No. GL–007965 – Reject claim per Claims Administrator; and

2. Yvonne White, Claim No. GL–007781 – Reject claim per Claims Administrator.

F. Quarterly Investment Report

Receive and file the City’s December 31, 2007 Quarterly Investment Report.

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

8. POLICY MATTERS – None

9. 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).

10. ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next City Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA.

Deadline for agenda items for the 02/19/08 regular meeting is Monday, 02/11/08 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

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