AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 7, 2008 – 6:30
Community Center Conference Room

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
Monday, April 7, 2008 – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION
Monday, April 7, 2008 – Immediately Following the Regular Meeting
Community Center Conference Room

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

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ROLL CALL

6:30 p.m. SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE INTERVIEWS

The City Council will conduct interviews of applicants for the Environmental Quality Committee. Interviews may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting.

ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

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.)*

Report of March 17, 2008 Closed Session. Introduction of Sky Woodruff and Inga Lintvedt of Meyers, Nave, Riback, Silver & Wilson.

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. 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 – None

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Items 5A through 5K

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. Ordinance Establishing Swim Center Measure A Tax Rate for FY 2008–2009
(First Reading March 17, 2008. Vote: Unanimous)

Approve by title, waive any further reading and adopt second reading of Ordinance No. 2008– 04 establishing the Swim Center Measure A Parcel Tax Rate for FY 2008–2009.

B. Minutes for Approval

Approve the March 17, 2008 Regular City Council and Special City Closed Session minutes.

C. Claims Filed Against the City

1. Anthony Mitchell, Jr., Claim No. GL–007630 – Reject claim per Claims Administrator.
2. Pacific Bell/AT&T, Claim No. GL–008085 – Reject claim per Claims Administrator.
3. Simone Howard, Claim No. GL–008134 – Reject claim per Claims Administrator.

D. Agreement for Legal Services and City Attorney Appointment

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement for legal services with the law firm of Meyers, Nave, and appointing Sky Woodruff as City Attorney and Inga Lintvedt as Assistant City Attorney.

E. Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988–1

Adopt a resolution designating Leptien, Cronin, Cooper, Morris & Poore, Inc. as the Engineer of Work for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1, and accepting their Proposal for Engineering Services for preparation and filing of the annual report of district activities.

F. Contract with Hinderliter, de Llamas & Associates for Sales, Use and Transaction Tax Audit and Information Services

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Hinderliter, de Llamas & Associates for Sales, Use and Transaction Tax Audit and Information Services and designating them to examine the City's confidential sales, use and transactions tax records of the State Board of Equalization.

G. Support Extended Producer Responsibility and Join California Product Stewardship Council

Adopt a resolution supporting Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and join the California Product Stewardship Council, a statewide organization of local governments that aims to shift financial responsibility for product waste from local governments and ratepayers to product manufacturers. The goal of EPR is to drive environmentally-sustainable product design and limit waste management costs.

H. Pacific Municipal Consultants Contract Amendment

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract amendment with Pacific Municipal Consultants in an amount not to exceed $36,000 for a temporary planner position.

I. Annual Parcel Assessment for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program

Adopt a resolution establishing the annual parcel National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program (NPDES) assessment Equivalent Runoff Unit rate at the current rate of $38.00.

J. Proposition 1B Expenditure Plan for Fiscal Year 2007–08

Adopt a resolution approving the City's Proposition 1B expenditure plan for fiscal year 2007–08 and authorizing the City Manager to amend the Fiscal Year 2007–08 Capital Improvement Program to include the Proposition 1B funds.

K. May 2008 as Contra Costa County Library Reading Festival Month

Approve issuance of a proclamation declaring May 2008 as Contra Costa County Library Reading Festival Month in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all residents to use their library for the purpose of improving their lives.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

CITY COUNCIL ITEM

A. Contract for Traffic Analysis of the Internal Circulation of El Cerrito Plaza

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with TJKM Transportation Consultants in the amount of $43,010 to conduct an internal circulation traffic study at the El Cerrito Plaza shopping center.

JOINT CITY COUNCIL / REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ITEM

B. City Hall Update and Consideration of a Resolution Updating Redevelopment Contribution towards the Civic Center Project Related to Undergrounding of Utility Lines

Adopt a Redevelopment Agency Resolution and a Resolution of the City Council making findings and approvals in connection with Redevelopment Agency funding of public improvements in the redevelopment project area of the City of El Cerrito in order to appropriate funds related to the undergrounding of utility lines on the project site.

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; Environmental Quality Committee, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee; and WestContra 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 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

10. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CITY COUNCIL 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 Closed Session Agenda only.)*

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION

The next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA.

Deadline for agenda items for the 04/21/08 regular meeting is Monday, 04/14/08 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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