



AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, April 21, 2008 – 6:00
Community Center Conference Room

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING
Monday, April 21, 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

6:00 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/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY MEETING

1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** – led by Mayor Jones
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.*)

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

Study Session and Discussion with Council on Appropriate Development Standards for Areas along San Pablo Ave. - presented by Mitch Oshinsky, Community Development Director, and Daniel Iacofano, Principal of Moore Iacofano Goltsman (MIG)

Receive presentation, discuss, and provide consultant and staff with input on appropriate development standards.

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. Employer Participation Agreement for the Post Employment Health Plan for Collectively Bargained Public Employees (Fire)

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Employer Participation Agreement for the Post Employment Health Plan for Collectively Bargained Public Employees (Fire).

B. Minutes for Approval

Approve the April 7, 2008 Special City Council, Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency and Special City Closed Session Minutes.

C. Earth Day Proclamation

Approve issuance of a proclamation declaring April 26, 2008 as Earth Day in the City of El Cerrito.

D. Authorization for the City Manager to enter into a Temporary Permit Agreement with Contra Costa County to Enter and Use City Property

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to execute a “Temporary Permit to Enter and Use Property” agreement with the Contra Costa County General Services Department for the purpose of accessing city property located on the east side of the Public Safety Building to install radio equipment.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

JOINT PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/CITY COUNCIL ITEM

A. Approval of Issuance of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds

Adopt a Resolution of the El Cerrito City Council approving the issuance by the El Cerrito Public Financing Authority of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,750,000 and authorizing the taking of necessary actions and execution of necessary documents associated with the issuance of the bonds.

Adopt Resolution of the El Cerrito Public Financing Authority authorizing the issuance and sale of Sales Tax Revenue Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$11,750,000, and authorizing the taking of necessary actions and execution of necessary documents associated with the issuance of the bonds.

CITY COUNCIL ITEM

B. Approval of Contracts with the California State Board of Equalization for the Preparation and Administration of the Measure A – Street Improvement Project District Sales Tax

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a “Preparatory Agreement” and an “Administrative Agreement” with the State Board of Equalization (“Board”) to administer and collect the one-half (½) cent Transactions and Use Tax approved by the voters in the February 5, 2008 Municipal Election and to appropriate \$175,000 for the preparatory costs incurred by the Board necessary to administer the City’s transactions and use tax.

7. POLICY MATTERS

Discussion of City Council Meeting Schedule regarding Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Budget presentations and timeline.

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

The next City Council Meeting will be held on Monday, May 5, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA.

Deadline for agenda items for the 05/05/08 regular meeting is Monday, 04/28/08 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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The City Council believes that late night meetings deter public participation, can affect the Council's decision-making ability, and can be a burden to staff. City Council Meetings shall be adjourned by 10:30 p.m., unless extended to a specific time determined by a majority of the Council.