CITY OF EL CERRITO
City Council Agenda
Monday, March 19, 2007

CITY COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

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ROLL CALL

Councilmembers: Abelson, Bridges, Jones, Potter, and Mayor Moore

7:30 p.m. CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. **Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag** – led by Mayor Moore

2. **Council/Staff Communications/Announcements.** (Informational reports on matters of general interest by Council & Staff.)

   The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting falls on Passover. Due to the holiday and a lack of any pressing agenda items staff has requested that this meeting be cancelled. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting will he held on Monday, April 16, 2007.

3. **Presentations**

   Recreation Programs and Services – presented by Monica Kortz, Recreation Director

4. **Oral Communication 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 and indicate whether they wish to speak about a particular item on the agenda or about a matter which is not listed on the agenda. 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 5F

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 minutes of February 20, 2007 (City Council Special and Regular). (ACTION:Approve)

B. Claims Against the City

Frank Castro and Claire Content – Reject Per Claims Administrator. (ACTION: Reject Claim)

C. East Bay Regional Public Safety Communications System – Letter of Intent

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign a Letter of Intent to support the formation of the East Bay Regional Communications System (EBRCS) governed by a Joint Powers Authority for Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. (ACTION: Adopt)

D. Stormwater Utility Area Assessment – Equivalent Runoff Unit Rate for FY 2007/2008

Adopt a Resolution establishing the annual National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program assessment equivalent run-off rate for FY 2007/2008 at the current rate of $38.00. (ACTION: Adopt)

E. 2007 Curb Ramp Construction Program

Adopt a Resolution approving plans, accepting bids, and authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract in the amount of $157,720 with Sposeto Engineering, Inc. and to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed $15,772 for the construction of the 2007 Curb Ramp Construction Program, Contract No. 07-3027-A. (ACTION: Adopt)

F. University of California Young Musicians Program Proclamations

Approve a proclamation recognizing the outstanding academic achievement of El Cerrito's citizens, Ms. Donna Wing and Mr. Khris Carey Sanchez and proclaiming March 21, 2007 as the Chancellor's 4.0 Club Day in the City of El Cerrito. (ACTION: Approve proclamation)

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Utility Users Excise Tax Clarification

Adopt first reading of an Ordinance amending El Cerrito Municipal Code Section 4.40.030(D) to clarify the Utility Users Excise Tax. (ACTION: 1) Approve by Title – Voice Vote; 2) Adopt First Reading – Roll Call Vote)

B. San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Advisory Committee Appointments

Appoint two Councilmembers, six El Cerrito representatives and one West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC) representative to the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Advisory Committee (SPAAC) by minute action. (ACTION: Approve)

C. Support Senate Bill 286 – Accelerated Distribution of Proposition 1B Funds for Local Streets and Roads

Adopt a Resolution supporting Senate Bill 286 and send a letter to Senator Torlakson and Assemblywoman Hancock expressing the City Council's support for SB 286 which contains a formula for accelerated distribution of Proposition 1B funds for local streets and roads. (ACTION: Adopt)

D. Contract with Richards, Watson and Gershon

Approve a recommendation authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the City's existing contract for city attorney and other legal services with the law firm of Richards, Watson and Gershon to be effective for attorney time billed beginning in March 2007. (Action: Approve recommendation)

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Moore - Assignments as Mayor*:* Assoc. of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), General Assembly (alternate); County Mayors' Conference; Design Review Board, Disaster Preparedness Council, League of CA. Cities, East Bay Div. (alternate); Pension Board, Temporary Permits Committee; Underground Utilities Committee; West County Integrated Waste Management Authority (delegate), West County Mayors' & Supervisors' Assoc. (delegate), and West County Transportation Advisory Comm. (alternate).

B. Mayor Pro Tem Jones Assignments: County Mayors' Conference (alternate), Disaster Preparedness Council (alternate), Economic Development Board, Pension Board (alternate); Sports Field JPA; Temporary Permits Committee, Underground Utilities Committee, West County Integrated Waste Mgmt. Authority (alternate); and West County Mayors' & Supervisors' Assoc. (alternate).

C. Councilmember Abelson - Assignments*:* ABAG General Assembly (delegate), League of CA. Cities East Bay Div. (Delegate), Committee on Aging, National Organization on Disability; Park and Recreation Commission; Recycling Services Task Force; Shaping Our Future Committee, & West County Transportation Advisory Comm.

D. Councilmember Bridges Assignments: Crime Prevention Committee; Financial Advisory Board; Human Relations Commission; Planning Commission, & West County Regional Library Board (alternate).

E. Councilmember Potter Assignments: Arts & Culture Commission; East Bay Delta Housing & Financial Agency; Sports Field JPA (alternate); Tree Commission; West County Regional Library Board (delegate) & West County Unified School District Citi zens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC).

ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m on Monday, April 16, 2007 at the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito, CA

Deadline for agenda items for the next regular meeting of 4/16/2007 is Monday, 4/9/07 by 12 noon, City Clerk's Office, 10940 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA. (510) 215-4305, cmorse@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us

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