AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 19, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Meeting Location
El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Greg Lyman – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini
Councilmember Jan Bridges
Councilmember Mark Friedman

ROLL CALL

7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE – Mayor Lyman

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS (Reports of Closed Session, commission appointments and informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by the City Council & City Staff.)

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

All persons wishing to speak should sign up with the City Clerk. Remarks are limited to 3 minutes per person. Please state your name and city of residence for the record. Comments regarding non-agenda, presentation and 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. Individuals wishing to comment on any closed session scheduled after the regular meeting may do so during this public comment period or after formal announcement of the closed session.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. Introduction of Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Director Zakhary Mallet – Director Mallet has requested ten minutes of the City Council’s time to introduce himself to the City Council and Public and share his vision for the future of BART.
B. **Annual El Cerrito Streets Oversight Committee Report** – Presentation by Al Miller, former Committee Chair.

C. **Sustainability Tools for Assessing and Rating Communities (STAR) Overview** – Presentation by Melanie Mintz, Environmental Services Division Manager.

The City has been selected as one of approximately thirty communities across the United States to test the STAR Community Rating System. STAR is the nation’s first, voluntary self-reporting framework for evaluating, quantifying, and improving the livability and sustainability of communities. Staff will discuss the STAR framework and what to expect from the pilot project.

5. **ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 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 the Consent Calendar.

A. **Minutes for Approval**

Approve the February 5, 2013 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

B. **Proclamation in Recognition of Officer Sid Hubbs**

Approve a proclamation congratulating Officer Sid Hubbs for his recognition by the Richmond Elks Lodge No. 1251 as the El Cerrito Police Department honoree for Police Officer Appreciation Night to be held on February 20, 2013. The City Council extends sincere appreciation to Officer Hubbs for his devotion to the mission, vision and values of the Police Department. Officer Hubbs truly epitomizes community-based policing in the City of El Cerrito.

C. **Support for Assembly Bill 39 – Upgrading our Schools and Creating Clean Energy Jobs**

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Abelson, authorize Mayor Lyman to sign a letter expressing the City Council’s support for Assembly Bill 39 to implement Proposition 39. Proposition 39 provided up to $550 million per year for clean energy programs at schools and other public buildings. Assembly Bill 39 (Assemblymember Skinner and Speaker Perez) establishes guidelines for clean energy expenditures at schools, colleges and other public facilities and for job training.

D. **Support for Assembly Bill 48 – Bulletproofing Communities**

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Abelson, authorize Mayor Lyman to sign a letter expressing the City Council’s support for Assembly Bill 48 (Skinner) which will require ammunition vendors to report all ammunition purchases to the Department of Justice and ban possession of magazine conversion kits.

E. **Support for Assembly Bill 127 – Safer Building Insulation**

At the request of Mayor Pro Tem Abelson, authorize Mayor Lyman to sign a letter expressing the City Council’s support for Assembly Bill 127 which intends to reduce chemical flame retardants in plastic foam building insulation without reducing fire safety.

F. **Tree Committee Appointment**

Approve a Tree Committee recommendation to appoint Cathy Bleier to the Tree Committee effective March 11, 2013.
6. PUBLIC HEARING – None

7. POLICY MATTERS
CITY COUNCIL ITEM
A. Release of Draft Climate Action Plan

The City has released the draft Climate Action Plan (CAP) for public comment. Staff will present an overview of the content in the CAP and the public review timeline.

CITY COUNCIL ITEM AND CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS EL CERRITO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY ITEMS

B. Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency’s Fiscal Year 2013-14 Administrative Budget, its Draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule 13-14A (July-December 2013), and a Cash Flow Loan Agreement Between the City and Successor Agency

Staff requests approval of the following actions:

1. Adopt a Successor Agency resolution approving its Fiscal Year 2013-14 administrative budget;
2. Adopt a Successor Agency resolution reviewing and authorizing submittal of the draft Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule 13-14A, covering the period July to December 2013;
3. Adopt separate City Council and Successor Agency resolutions approving a cash flow loan agreement for consideration by the Oversight Board to the Successor Agency.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS
A. Mayor Lyman Assignments: Commission/Committee Rules Subcommittee, Contra Costa County Mayors’ Conference, Crime Prevention Committee, Human Relations Commission, Municipal Services Corporation Chair, Pension Trust Board Chair, Public Financing Authority Chair, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee, Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Chair, Tree Committee, West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Alternate, West County Mayors’ & Supervisors’ Association and West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Delegate.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Abelson Assignments: Committee on Aging, Contra Costa County Mayors’ Conference Alternate, Contra Costa Transportation Authority Board Vice-Chair, League of California Cities East Bay Division Delegate (also attends as the Council’s Delegate to the Annual League Conference), Environmental Quality Committee, Municipal Services Corporation Vice-Chair, Pension Trust Board Vice-Chair, Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Vice-Chair, West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Delegate and West County Mayors’ & Supervisors’ Association Alternate.


E. Councilmember Friedman Assignments: Arts and Culture Commission, Association of Bay Area Governments General Assembly Alternate, Economic Development Board, Commission/Committee Rules Subcommittee, League of California Cities East Bay Division Alternate and West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Alternate.

9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

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- In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, (510) 215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title I).

- The Deadline for agenda items and communications is eight days prior to the next meeting by 12 noon, City Clerk’s Office, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA. Tel: 215–4305 Fax: 215–4379, email cmorse@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us

- IF YOU CHALLENGE A DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING ONLY THOSE ISSUES YOU OR SOMEONE ELSE RAISED AT THE COUNCIL MEETING. ACTIONS CHALLENGING CITY COUNCIL DECISIONS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE TIME LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE SECTION 1094.6.

- 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.