AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, July 16, 2013 – 6:15 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY / PENSION TRUST BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 16, 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

6:15 p.m.  ROLL CALL
CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS
Conduct interviews of candidates for city boards, commissions and committees. Interviews may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting. The City Council may also discuss and determine the scheduling and structure of future interviews.

ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ROLL CALL
7:00 p.m.  CONVENE SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND PENSION TRUST BOARD MEETING

1.  PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE – Mayor Pro Tem Abelson.

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**

Update on 1800 Elm Street – Presentation by Chamberlin Associates.

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

**CITY COUNCIL/PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY/PENSION TRUST BOARD ITEM**

A. **Minutes for Approval**

Approve the June 18, 2013 Special City Council Closed Session and June 18, 2013 Concurrent City Council/Public Financing Authority and Pension Trust Board meeting minutes.

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

B. **Establish Speed Limits for Eleven Speed Zones**

Adopt a resolution establishing speed limits for eleven speed zones identified in the resolution to allow for enforcement of these limits using radar, lidar or other electronic device in conformance with State of California requirements.

C. **Application for Federal Funding through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s Portion of the OneBayArea Grant Program, for the 2013–14 Pavement Rehabilitation Project, C3074**

Adopt a resolution applying for $630,000 in federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding through the County portion of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission’s (MTC’s) OneBayAreaGrant (OBAG) Program, committing the necessary non-federal match, and stating the assurance to complete the 2013–14 Pavement Rehabilitation Project, C3074.

D. **Committee on Aging Appointment**

Approve a Committee on Aging recommendation to appoint Nola Veganes Chavez to the Committee on Aging, effective July 24, 2013.

6. **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Fire Hazard Abatement**

1) Adopt a resolution declaring weeds, rubbish, litter or other flammable material on certain real property identified in the resolution constitutes a public nuisance.

2) Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution overriding objections by property owners and ordering the City Manager or his designee to abate certain public nuisances pursuant to El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 16.26.
7. **POLICY MATTERS**

   A. **Agreement with The Trust for Public Land for Acquisition of Hillside Natural Area Property (APN 505-142-014, -012 and -013)**

   Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into the following: 1) Purchase and Sale Agreement; and 2) Professional Services Agreement with the Trust for Public Land for the acquisition of approximately 7.6 acres of open space property adjacent to the Hillside Natural Area for conservation and recreation purposes and for acquisition related and fundraising assistance.

   B. **Results of Survey by Godbe Research on Development of Future City Facilities**

   Receive a presentation from Godbe Research on the results of their telephone survey of El Cerrito residents to ascertain voter opinions related to the potential funding for future City facilities (library, public safety building and recreational facilities) and discuss and provide comments and feedback.

8. **COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS**

   A. **Mayor Lyman Assignments:** Commission/Committee Rules Subcommittee, Contra Costa County Mayors’ Conference, Crime Prevention Committee, East Bay Green Corridor Principal, 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 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.

   C. **Councilmember Benassini Assignments:** Association of Bay Area Governments General Assembly Delegate, Financial Advisory Board, Planning Commission, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee and Tom Bates Regional Sports Field Joint Powers Authority Alternate.

   D. **Councilmember Bridges Assignments:** Tom Bates Regional Sports Field Joint Powers Authority Delegate and Design Review Board, Park and Recreation Commission.

   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 SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL / PUBLIC FINANCING AUTHORITY AND PENSION TRUST BOARD MEETING**

   The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, August 20, 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.