



## AGENDA

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, March 18, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Council Chambers**

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

Janet Abelson – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Benassini  
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Mark Friedman  
Councilmember Greg Lyman

### ROLL CALL

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

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE** – Mayor 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 typically limited to 3 minutes per person. The Mayor may reduce the time limit per speaker depending upon the number of speakers. Kindly 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. PRESENTATION**

**A. [Earth Hour Proclamation](#)**

Receive a presentation and upon conclusion of the presentation, approve and present a proclamation declaring March 29, 2014, between the hours of 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m., to be Earth Hour in the City of El Cerrito and calling upon all residents, businesses, and institutions to turn off non-essential lighting for this hour to make a global statement of

concern about climate change and demonstrate commitment to finding solutions.

**5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5A through 5D**

**A. Minutes for Approval**

Approve the March 4, 2014 Special City Council Closed Session and Regular City Council meeting minutes.

**B. Adopt Amendments to El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 11.64 – Bicycles**

Adopt Ordinance No. 2014–01 amending specified sections and repealing other sections contained within El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 11.64. *Exempt from CEQA.*

**C. Proclaiming the Month of July as Park and Recreation Month**

Approve a proclamation declaring the month of July as Park and Recreation Month in the City of El Cerrito and in doing so, urge all residents to use and enjoy the City’s parks, trails, open spaces, facilities, and many recreation opportunities and acknowledge that Parks Make Life Better!

**D. Crime Prevention Committee Appointment**

Approve a Crime Prevention Committee recommendation to appoint Nicholas Arzio to the Crime Prevention Committee, effective April 9, 2014.

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

**7. POLICY MATTERS**

**A. Provide Update and Execute a Contract with Bay Construction Company for the Ohlone Greenway Natural Area and Rain Garden Project, City Project No. C-3067-1**

Adopt a resolution for the following: 1) Approve plans for the Ohlone Greenway Natural Area and Rain Garden Project, City Project No. C-3067-1; 2) Accept all submitted bids; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Bay Construction Company in an amount not to exceed \$592,918.32 to construct the Ohlone Greenway Natural Area and Rain Garden Project and authorizing contract amendments in an amount not to exceed \$59,292. *Project is consistent with improvements analyzed in the Initial Study and Negative Declaration approved for the Ohlone Greenway Master Plan, which found that no significant environmental impacts would result.*

**B. Mid Year Budget Update**

There are two actions associated with this item: 1) Adopt a resolution authorizing adjustments to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013–14 operating budget related to already approved changes which occurred since the adoption of the FY 2013–14 budget; and 2) Receive an update on the FY 2013–14 budget and an overview of next steps related to development of the FY 2014-15 operating budget.

**8. COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

Mayoral and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments and committee reports.

**9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

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