AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, June 23, 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 Mark Friedman
Councilmember Jan Bridges  Councilmember Greg Lyman

ROLL CALL

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

1.  PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE – Councilmember 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 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 – None

5.  ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – None

6.  PUBLIC HEARINGS
   A.  Project at 1715 Elm Street – Planned Development and Appeal
On June 2, 2014, the City Council convened a consolidated public hearing to consider both the approval of a General Plan Amendment, Planned Development rezoning, and
development agreement for the Project, as well as an appeal of the Planning Commission’s approval of a Planned Development Use Permit for the Project. The Project includes 14 new multi-family residential units in a 42-foot tall structure, preservation and partial restoration of a historic residence, 15 on-site parking spaces tucked under the multi-family structure, planting of creek-related vegetation, and the creation of private open space. The City Council closed the public hearing on June 2, 2014 and continued deliberations regarding the Project, including the appeal, to its June 23, 2014 meeting.

Staff recommends that, at the conclusion of its deliberations, the City Council take the following actions:

1) Adopt a resolution approving the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project;
2) Adopt a resolution approving a General Plan Amendment;
3) Introduce by title and waive any further reading of an ordinance approving the rezoning of 1715 Elm Street to a Planned Development Zoning District and amending the Zoning Map accordingly;
4) Adopt a resolution denying an appeal of the Planning Commission’s approval of a Planned Development Use Permit for the Project; and
5) Introduce by title and waive any further reading of an ordinance approving a Development Agreement between the City of El Cerrito and the Edward and Loretta Biggs revocable trust for 1715 Elm Street. Application 6133.

Because the City Council closed the public hearing on this matter at its June 2, 2014 meeting, public comments will be heard after deliberations, unless the City Council votes to reopen the public hearing.

7. POLICY MATTERS – None

8. COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

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

9. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

The City of El Cerrito serves, leads and supports our diverse community by providing exemplary and innovative services, public places and infrastructure, ensuring public safety and creating an economically and environmentally sustainable future.
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.