



AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, September 22, 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 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE – *Formal Color Guard Ceremony led by Boy Scouts, Troop 104.*

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. Proclamation Commemorating the Boy Scouts 75th Anniversary – *Presentation by Leonard Bjeldanes, Ph.D, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 104.*

Approve a proclamation proclaiming the week of September 21-27, 2014 as “Scout Week,” in the City of El Cerrito and declaring September 22, 2014 in particular as “Scout Government Day” in the City of El Cerrito in recognition of Troop 104’s 75th anniversary and in support of greater youth involvement in community and civic affairs.

B. Falls Prevention Awareness Week Proclamation – *Proclamation to be received by Alayne Balke, Manager, Fall Prevention Program.*

Approve a proclamation declaring the week of September 21-27, 2014 as “Fall Prevention Awareness Week,” in the City of El Cerrito, and calling upon all residents and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate activities that promote awareness of fall prevention.

C. West Contra Costa Unified School District Update on the Status of the El Cerrito High School Stadium – *Presentation by Magdy Abdalla, District Engineering Officer.*

Receive a presentation from representatives of the West Contra Costa Unified School District on the status of El Cerrito High School Stadium project.

5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item No. 5A through 5F

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the August 19, 2014 regular City Council meeting minutes.

B. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring the month of October 2014 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the City of El Cerrito and urging all residents to actively participate in the efforts to end violence in our homes, in our schools, and in our communities.

C. October is National Arts and Humanities Month Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring October 2014 as Arts and Humanities Month in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all members of the community to celebrate and promote the arts and culture in the Nation and encouraging community members to participate, patronize and support the arts and humanities in El Cerrito.

D. Biennial Conflict of Interest Code Update

Adopt a resolution approving a revised Conflict of Interest Code for the City of El Cerrito, including filing requirements for related agencies, including the Public Financing Authority, the Employee Pension Board and the Successor Agency to the former Redevelopment Agency and rescinding Resolution No. 2012–77.

E. Consent to Withdrawal and Substitution of General Partner and Limited Partner of Idaho Apartments Associates, LP

Adopt a resolution consenting to the withdrawal and substitution of the general partner and the limited partner of Idaho Apartments Associates and authorizing the City Manager to execute documents necessary to indicate the City’s consent. Idaho Apartments is located at 10203 San Pablo Avenue.

F. Quarterly Investment Report

Receive and file the City’s Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending June 30, 2014.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Abatement of Fire Hazard Public Nuisances on Two Properties Pursuant to El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 16.26

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution confirming the cost of abatement of public nuisance conditions resulting from the presence of weeds, rubbish, litter or other flammable material on private property designated in Exhibit A to the resolution as authorized by El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 16.26.

B. San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan and Environmental Impact Report Certification

1. Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion take the following actions related to the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan:

- a. Adopt a resolution certifying the Environmental Impact Report and approving the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program;
- b. Adopt a resolution amending the General Plan, to assure consistency between the Specific Plan and General Plan;
- c. Adopt a resolution approving the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan;
- d. Introduce by title, waive any further reading and approve an ordinance revising the Zoning Map to incorporate the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan regulations; and
- e. Introduce by title, waive any further reading and approve an ordinance revising the Municipal Code to incorporate the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan regulations. *Subject to CEQA*

2. **San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Fees**

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution amending the City's Master Fee Schedule to add new Planning Fees and a Plan Maintenance Fee related to implementation of the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan. *Exempt from CEQA*

3. **Interim Adoption of San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Fees as an Urgency Measure**

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt an urgency resolution enacting the San Pablo Avenue Specific Plan Planning fees on an interim basis for a period not to exceed 30 days. *Exempt from CEQA*

7. POLICY MATTERS

CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS EL CERRITO REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A. Review and Authorization to Submit the Draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule 14-15B (January – June 2015)

Adopt a Successor Agency resolution reviewing and authorizing submittal of the draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule 14–15B covering the period January to June 2015.

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 in memory of Emery Weed, former El Cerrito Swim Center Pool Manager and Senior Lifeguard/Instructor.

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

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