SUMMARY

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 7, 2015 – 6:45 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 7, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Mark Friedman – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Lyman
Councilmember Jan Bridges
Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Gabriel Quinto

6:45 p.m. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Lyman and Mayor Friedman

Absent: Councilmember Quinto

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Friedman convened the special City Council meeting at 6:45 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – *No speakers*

COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

Conduct interviews of candidates for city boards and commissions. 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.

Action: Interview conducted. The City Council, by mutual consent, appointed Margo Parisi to the Human Relations Commission (HRC) for a term ending March 1, 2018.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present: Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Lyman and Mayor Friedman
Absent: Councilmember Quinto

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

Mayor Friedman convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:07 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE was led by Councilmember Janet Abelson.

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Lyman announced that Assemblymember Thurmond's office will be holding office hours in El Cerrito on Wednesday April 22, July 22 and November 25 from noon to 4:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilmember Abelson announced that Earth Day in El Cerrito will be observed on April 18. There will be lots of work projects including picking up cigarette butts along San Pablo Avenue. Cigarette butts are very toxic. If they are not picked up they go into the creeks, stormwater system and Bay. Councilmember Abelson stated that one can go online to register at earthday@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us or come to the Community Center for an assignment. Everyone who volunteers gets a free vegetarian, mostly organic, lunch.

Mayor Friedman announced that the City Council interviewed Margo Parisi earlier this evening and appointed her to the HRC. Mayor Friedman also reported the he recently attended the Mayors Conference in Pinole with Councilmember Abelson and Mayor Pro Tem Lyman. There was a very interesting presentation regarding a countywide program designed to ensure opportunity and alleviate and eliminate poverty. More information about the program can be obtained from the website cutpovertycc.org. Mayor Friedman along with Councilmember Quinto, Chief Moir and several police officers attended a Good Friday prayer breakfast at St. Peters CME Church. Several weeks ago Mayor Friedman and Chief Moir along with other Mayors and Police Chiefs from Assembly District 15 attended a forum hosted by Assemblymember Thurmond regarding police/community relations. Mayor Friedman thanked Assemblymember Thurmond for his leadership and for getting out in front of this important societal issue.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Maria Alegria, Assembly District 15 Field Representative, stated that Assemblymember Thurmond and his staff are excited about the upcoming satellite office hours in El Cerrito. The office will be open from 12-4 p.m. Constituent services and information regarding the Department of Motor Vehicles, veterans benefits, unemployment and disability insurance, state taxes, professional conduct and licensing complaints, and Covered California will be offered. Additionally, Assemblymember Thurmond will be hosting an Education Town Hall on April 16 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Ed Roberts Campus in Berkeley. The Town Hall will focus on early attendance intervention and chronic absenteeism. Ms. Alegria invited all to attend. There will be many stakeholders present that are involved in education.

Al Miller, El Cerrito, informed the community that the local branch of the NAACP will be convening a town hall on "Race Relations and Trust in our Community" on April 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Peters CME Church, 5324 Cypress Avenue in El Cerrito. Police Chief Moir and Richmond Deputy Police Chief Brown will discuss what they have done to enhance race relations and trust in their communities. Mayor Friedman will offer welcoming remarks. Light refreshments will be served. All community members are invited to join this event. Mr. Miller noted that there is a need to continue communication

throughout all communities as tragically, a white police officer shot an African American man in South Carolina today. The El Cerrito community event will offer an opportunity for anyone to ask questions, make comments and have any concerns addressed. Mr. Miller also announced that the El Cerrito Library Foundation along with the Rotary Club and the El Cerrito Library will conduct a work party at the library as part of the Earth Day Celebration. Volunteers are welcome.

Kristen Pursley, Pinole, Communities Organized to Support Adult School, thanked the City Council for considering support for state funding education for older adults. It is important to support these programs and that the state government hears from local governments.

Maris Arnold, Berkeley, WCCUSD English as a Second Language Teacher, also spoke in support of funding for older adult education. Programs include health education and fitness activities which help to reduce Medicare expenses. Seniors continue to give back to their community by volunteering and often hear about volunteer opportunities at Senior Centers and from classes that they attend. A loss of these volunteers is a loss to the community as a whole.

Janet Johnson, Richmond, retired WCCUSD Adult School Teacher, asked the Council to sign and send the letter on behalf of the Committee on Aging to Governor Brown. The El Cerrito senior population is 15-20%. Senior programs are a lifeline for many older adults.

4. PRESENTATION

A. El Cerrito Library Update – *Presentation by Liz Ruhland, Senior Community Library Manager.*

Action: Received presentation.

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

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Lyman and Mayor Friedman; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Councilmember Quinto) and carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5D and 5G and 5H in one motion as indicated below. Item No. 5E was removed from the Consent Calendar by Mayor Friedman and Item No. 5F was removed at the request of Councilmember Abelson and voted on separately.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the March 17, 2015 Special City Council and March 17, 2015 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Earth Day Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring April 18, 2015 as Earth Day in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all residents and businesses to help make El Cerrito a greener, healthier, more sustainable place for all.

Action: Approved proclamation.

C. Calendar Years 2012 and 2013 Growth Management Program Compliance Checklist

Adopt a resolution approving the Calendar Years 2012 and 2013 Growth Management Program (GMP) Compliance Checklist for allocation of Fiscal Years 2013-14 and 2014-15 Measure J, Local Street Maintenance and Improvement Funds by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA). *Exempt from CEQA.*

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2015–24.

D. Goldfarb & Lipman LLP Contract Amendment

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to amend the consultant legal services agreement with Goldfarb & Lipman LLP for Fiscal Year 2014-15 to increase the not-to-exceed amount from $34,500 to $45,500.

Action:Adopted Resolution No. 2015–25.

E. Joint Application with Eden Housing, Inc. for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Funds for the El Cerrito Senior Mixed Use Apartments Transit-Oriented Development Project

Adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the City as co-applicant with Eden Housing, Inc. to apply for Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program funds for the El Cerrito Senior Mixed Use Apartment Transit-Oriented Development Project. *Exempt from CEQA.*

Action: Removed at the request of Mayor Pro Tem Lyman who acknowledged the hard work of Ms. Myall, Senior Housing Program Manager, who will be leaving the city. Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson: Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Lyman and Mayor Friedman; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Councilmember Quinto) to adopt Resolution No. 2015–26.

F. Support Continued Funding for Older Adult Education Programs in the California State Budget

Upon recommendation of the El Cerrito Committee on Aging, authorize Mayor Friedman to sign and direct letters to Governor Brown, Senator Hancock and Assemblymember Thurmond in support of continued funding for Older Adult Education in the Proposition 98 General Fund for the Adult Education Block Grant.

Action: Removed at the request of Councilmember Abelson who acknowledged the work of the Committee on Aging in drafting the letter for the Council's consideration. Moved, seconded (Abelson/Bridges: Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Lyman and Mayor Friedman; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Councilmember Quinto) to approve the recommendation.

G. Authorize Annual Report for Landscape and Lighting Assessment District for Fiscal Year 2015-16

Adopt a resolution directing NBS Local Government Solutions (NBS) to prepare and file the annual Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1 report for fiscal year 2015-16.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2015–27.

H. Quarterly Investment Report for Period Ending December 31, 2014

Receive and file the City's Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending December 31, 2014.

Action: Received and filed.

6. PUBLIC HEARING
Extension of Massage Establishment Moratorium

Staff recommends that the City Council conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt the attached interim urgency ordinance making findings and extending a temporary

moratorium on the establishment or relocation of new and existing massage establishments for ten months and fifteen days to become effective upon the expiration of the current moratorium.

Presenter: Sky Woodruff, City Attorney.

Mayor Friedman opened the public hearing. No speakers.

Moved, seconded (Lyman/Abelson; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Lyman and Mayor Friedman; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Councilmember Quinto) and carried to close the public hearing.

Action: Moved, seconded (Bridges/Lyman; Ayes – Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Lyman and Mayor Friedman; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Councilmember Quinto) and carried to adopt Urgency Ordinance No. 2015–04 making findings and extending a temporary moratorium on the establishment or relocation of new and existing massage establishments for ten months and fifteen days to become effective upon the expiration of the current moratorium.

7. POLICY MATTERS – *None*

8. COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENT REPORTS – *No reports*

9. ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:50 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Item No. 4 El Cerrito Library Update

1. Brochure entitled "The Big Read" – Submitted by Liz Ruhland, Senior Community Library Manager.

2. El Cerrito Library 2015 Annual Report – Submitted by Liz Ruhland, Senior Community Library Manager.

3. Vegetable Gardening in El Cerrito – Submitted by Liz Ruhland, Senior Community Library Manager.

Other:

4. NAACP Town Hall on Race Relations and Trust in our Community – *Submitted by Al Miller, El Cerrito.*

5. Assemblymember Tony Thurmond Launches Satellite Office Hours in El Cerrito – *Submitted by Maria Alegria, Assembly District 15 Field Representative.*