AGENDA

SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING – CLOSED SESSION
Tuesday, November 3, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, November 3, 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 Janet Abelson
Councilmember Jan Bridges            Councilmember Gabriel Quinto

ROLL CALL

6:00 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
1) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
(Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): One potential case)
2) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
Name of case: Sipple v. City of Alameda, et al. (Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC462270)

REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY ITEM
3) CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
(Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1))
Name of case: El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency Successor Agency v. Cohen, (Third Appellate District, Case No. C078064)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker and to items listed on this special meeting agenda only)
RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION
ADJOURN SPECIAL CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING – CLOSED SESSION

ROLL CALL

CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

7:00 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE – Councilmember Jan Bridges.

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

El Cerrito – Kensington Community Wildfire Protection Plan – Presentation by Cheryl Miller, Executive Director, Diablo Fire Safe Council.

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

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the October 6, 2015 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

B. Proclamation Recognizing the El Cerrito Preschool Cooperatives 75th Anniversary

Approve a proclamation congratulating and honoring the El Cerrito Preschool Cooperative for its 75 years of valuable service to the children and parents of the community, and extending to those parents and teachers, the City Council’s best wishes for a bright future.

C. Proclamation Recognizing the Sundar Shadi Holiday Display

Approve a proclamation recognizing the Sundar Shadi Holiday Display and the dedication and on-going commitment of volunteers in continuing the tradition of sharing the Holiday Display as a gift to the community and celebrating this unique part of El Cerrito’s history and culture.

D. Proclamation Declaring November 4, 2015 as “Shelter-in-Place Education Day”

Approve a proclamation recognizing the importance of preparing for emergencies and encouraging participation in the Contra Costa Community Awareness Emergency Response (CAER) Group’s public education efforts. In support of the parents, teachers, students and staff that will be participating with hundreds of other schools and childcare centers in the Shelter-in-Place Drill, the City Council proclaims November 4, 2015, as “Shelter-in-Place Education Day” in the City of El Cerrito.
E. Amendment to the City’s Neighborhood Traffic Management Program
Adopt a resolution amending the City’s Neighborhood Traffic Management Program to re-classify Speed Humps as a Tier I Measure. Exempt from CEQA.

F. Funding Appropriation for Tree Hazard Reduction Work in City Parks
Adopt a resolution: 1) Approving an additional appropriation of $35,000 from the unrestricted General Fund balance as part of a mid-year budget adjustment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Adopted Budget to address tree hazard reduction work in City parks; and 2) Authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with West Coast Arborists in an amount not to exceed $25,000 for hazard reduction work in Arlington and other City parks. Exempt from CEQA.

G. Professional Services Agreement with Management Partners
Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an amendment to the Professional Services Agreement between the City of El Cerrito and Management Partners (Consultant) to provide support services to the Community Development Department in an amount not to exceed $22,000 bringing the total contract to an amount not to exceed $42,000.

H. First Amendment to License Agreement with BART for Ohlone Greenway
Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute the First Amendment to the License Agreement (First Amendment) by and between the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) and the City of El Cerrito (City) regarding improvement, operation, and maintenance of the BART owned portion of the Ohlone Greenway. Exempt from CEQA.

I. 2014 Pavement Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. C3074 – Funding Appropriation for Tree Work on Manila Avenue
Adopt a resolution amending the Capital Improvement Program/Annual Program of Maintenance and Improvement pursuant to the Measure A Street Improvement Program and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-16 Adopted Budget to appropriate an additional $18,750 in the Measure A Street Improvement Fund (Fund 211) for completion of tree installation work under the 2014 Pavement Rehabilitation Project, City Project No. C3074. Exempt from CEQA.

J. Committee on Aging Appointment
Approve a Committee on Aging recommendation to appoint Margot Allen to the Committee on Aging, effective November 3, 2015.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

CITY COUNCIL ITEM

A. Minimum Wage Ordinance
Receive a presentation, hear public comments and upon conclusion, introduce by title, waive any further reading, and approve an ordinance amending the El Cerrito Municipal Code Title 6 (“Business Permits and Regulations”) by adding a new Chapter 6.95 (“City Minimum Wage Standards”).

REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY ITEM

B. Long Range Property Management Plan
Adopt a Successor Agency resolution approving and authorizing the submittal of a Long Range Property Management Plan to the Oversight Board and State Department of Finance.
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 regular City Council meeting is Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

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