ROLL CALL

CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE – Mayor Pro Tem 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. PRESENTATIONS

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

Receive a presentation regarding the El Cerrito Library’s upcoming programs for all ages and recent improvements to the current facility.
5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Scheduling of Special City Council Meeting

Schedule a special City Council meeting on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Urban Greening Plan

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution approving the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and adopting the City of El Cerrito Urban Greening Plan including Addendums #1 and Addendum #2.

B. Regulation of Medical Marijuana Cultivation and Deliveries

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion take the following actions: 1) Introduce by title and waive any further reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 6.80 (“Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Cultivation”) of the El Cerrito Municipal Code; and 2) Adopt a resolution confirming that the El Cerrito Zoning Ordinance operates under the principles of permissive zoning and that marijuana cultivation is prohibited. Exempt from CEQA.

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority Disbursement of Reserve Funds to Member Cities

Staff requests that the City Council take the following actions: 1) Receive two resolutions by the Board of the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority (“Authority”) approving disbursement of a portion of reserve funds to member cities including El Cerrito; and 2) Adopt a resolution authorizing receipt of El Cerrito’s share of funds to be disbursed by the Authority in the amount of $527,124 and authorizing the City Manager to execute an Indemnification Agreement and any other associated agreements, subject to City Attorney approval as to form, with the Authority necessary to facilitate receipt of funds.

B. Annual City Council Regional and Local Appointments

Discuss appointment of City Council members to regional bodies and local boards, commissions, and committees and approve appointments for 2016.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

Mayor 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, January 5, 2015.

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.

- Council Meetings can be heard live on FM Radio, KECG – 88.1 and 97.7 FM and viewed live on Cable TV - KCRT-Channel 28 and AT&T Uverse Channel 99. The meetings are rebroadcast on Channel 28 the following Thursday and Monday at 12 noon, except on holidays. Live and On-Demand Webcast of the Council Meetings can be accessed from the City’s website [http://www.el-cerrito.org/ind-ex.aspx?NID=114](http://www.el-cerrito.org/ind-ex.aspx?NID=114). Copies of the agenda bills and other written documentation relating to items of business referred to on the agenda are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, at the El Cerrito Library and posted on the City’s website at [www.el-cerrito.org](http://www.el-cerrito.org) prior to the meeting.

- In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, (510) 215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title I).

- The Deadline for agenda items and communications is eight days prior to the next meeting by 12 noon, City Clerk’s
• IF YOU CHALLENGE A DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL IN COURT, YOU MAY BE LIMITED TO RAISING 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.