SUMMARY

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 2, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Greg Lyman – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson
Councilmember Jan Bridges
Councilmember Mark Friedman
Councilmember Gabriel Quinto

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Bridges, Friedman, Quinto and Mayor Pro Tem Abelson

Absent: Mayor Lyman

7:00 p.m. CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Pro Tem Abelson convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

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

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Councilmember Quinto reported on his attendance at the Korematsu Middle School Grand Opening which was held on January 30, 2016. It was an amazing ceremony and very meaningful for Councilmember Quinto to see so many people from the Castro School area that he had not seen in many years. Karen Korematsu and many members of El Cerrito's Japanese-American community, including those who had been incarcerated in internment camps during World War II, were also in attendance. Councilmember Quinto also announced a Marin Clean Energy workshop on February 4 that will be held at the Richmond Civic Center.

Scott Hanin, City Manager, reported that Assistant City Manager Karen Pinkos is being considered for President of the California International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and will likely be appointed. Mr. Hanin also announced that Chief Sylvia Moir has accepted a great professional and personal opportunity to be Tempe, Arizona's next Police Chief. Mr. Hanin wished Chief Moir and her family the best.

Mayor Pro Tem Abelson said it has been a great experience having Chief Moir with the city and wished her well.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Tom Panas, El Cerrito, stated that he is happy for Chief Moir and knows that she will relish diving into her new role. Chief Moir will be just as successful in Tempe, Arizona as she was here. Many more people will benefit from her experience and training. Mr. Panas said he is also sad to be losing a person who he and many others looked up to and trusted. Chief Moir has been an inspiration for many. Mr. Panas thanked Chief Moir for her style, contributions and time with the City.

Howdy Goudey, El Cerrito, commented on Consent Calendar Item No. 5E, the vehicle purchase. Mr. Goudey encouraged the City Council to pull the item for further discussion and evaluation, particularly to address concerns and concerns sent previously to the City Council by Mr. Goudey which offered an alternative that is a superior choice. The four wheel drive is not well justified for its actual use. Mr. Goudey encouraged the City Council to authorize purchase of 1-2 slightly used electric vehicles to reduce carbon emissions and achieve consistency with the City's Climate Action Plan.

Nicholas Arzio, El Cerrito, stated that he seconded Mr. Goudey's ideas and encouraged the City Council to remove the item from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Mr. Arzio announced that the El Cerrito branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will be meeting at the St. Peters CME Church on February 20 at 10:00 a.m. and encouraged all to attend.

4. PRESENTATIONS - *None*

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

Moved, seconded (Friedman/Quinto; Ayes – Councilmembers Bridges, Friedman, Quinto and Mayor Pro Tem Abelson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Mayor Lyman) and carried to approve Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5F in one motion as indicated below.

A. Approval of Minutes

Approve the January 19, 2016 Regular City Council meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Proclamation Recognizing February as Black History Month

Approve a proclamation declaring February as Black History Month in the City of El Cerrito and inviting everyone to recognize this month to celebrate the diversity and character of our community and highlight the importance of sharing our culture, customs and traditions with those around us.

Action: Approved proclamation.

C. First Amendment to the Disposition Development and Loan Agreement with Eden Housing Inc. for City Housing Property Located at 10848 and 10860 San Pablo Avenue

Staff requests that the City Council, acting as Housing Successor to the former Redevelopment Agency, adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a First Amendment to the Disposition Development and Loan Agreement with Eden Housing, Inc. and making findings and approvals pursuant to the California Community Redevelopment Law in connection with redevelopment of 10848 and 10860 San Pablo Avenue in the City of El Cerrito Redevelopment project area. *An EIR serves as the environmental documentation pursuant to CEQA for approval of the resolution and the First Amendment to the DDLA.*

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2016-04

D. Application for Fiscal Year 2016-17 Transportation Development Act

Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Project Funding for Korematsu Middle School, Safe Route to Schools

Adopt a resolution approving a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) by the City of El Cerrito for an allocation of Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Project funding in the amount of $148,535 for Korematsu Middle School, Safe Routes to School Improvements, Phase I. *Exempt from CEQA.*

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2016-05

E. New Vehicle Purchase

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a purchase agreement with Albany Ford-Suburu in the amount of $26,404 for the purchase of a 2016 Ford Escape to be used by the Community Development Department for building inspections.

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2016-06

F. Economic Development Committee Appointment

Approve an Economic Development Committee recommendation to appoint Mark Figone to the Economic Development Committee.

Action: Approved recommendation.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Extension of Massage Establishment Ordinance

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 twelve months to become effective upon the expiration of the current moratorium. *Exempt from CEQA.*

Presenter: Margaret Kavanaugh–Lynch, Development Services Manager.

Mayor Pro Tem Abelson opened the public hearing. No speakers.

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

Action: Moved, seconded (Quinto/Friedman; Ayes – Councilmembers Bridges, Friedman, Quinto and Mayor Pro Tem Abelson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Mayor Lyman) and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 2016–02.

7. POLICY MATTERS

Establish Council Subcommittee and Task Force for City's Centennial Celebration

Staff requests that the City Council take the following actions: 1) Adopt a resolution establishing a Centennial Celebration Planning Task Force, an advisory body charged with making a recommendation to the City Council regarding events and activities to carry out in 2017 to celebrate El Cerrito's 100 year history as an incorporated city; and 2) Establish a Council Subcommittee comprised of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to work with the Centennial Celebration Planning Task Force.

Presenter: Suzanne Iarla, Assistant to the City Manager.

Actions: Moved, seconded (Friedman/Bridges: Ayes – Councilmembers Bridges,

Friedman, Quinto and Mayor Pro Tem Abelson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Mayor Lyman) and carried to adopt Resolution No. 2016–07 establishing a Centennial Celebration Planning Task Force.

Moved, seconded (Friedman/Bridges: Ayes – Councilmembers Bridges, Friedman, Quinto and Mayor Pro Tem Abelson; Noes – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Mayor Lyman) and carried to establish a subcommittee of the City Council consisting of Mayor Lyman and Mayor Pro Tem Abelson to work with Centennial Celebration Planning Task Force.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

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

Councilmember Quinto reported that he attended the East Bay Division of the League of California Cities event in Oakland on January 28 in which a number of local public officials spoke about legislation they are working on. Councilmember Quinto said he was proud to attend the event with Mayor Lyman and Mayor Pro Tem Abelson and to know that our legislators understand what issues the cities are addressing such as affordable housing and programs for homelessness.

Mayor Pro Tem Abelson stated that she also attended the East Bay Division of the League of California Cities as the City's representative and announced that the next two meetings will feature a candidate forum for open Senate and Assembly seats in the East Bay Division district. The next meeting is at the Mira Vista Country Club.

9. ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 7:22p.m.