ROLL CALL

7:30 p.m. CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – led by Mayor Pro Tem Jones.

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 limited to 3 minutes per person. Please 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 – None.

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

Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion unless a request for removal for discussion or explanation is received prior to the time Council votes on the motion to adopt.
A. **Minutes for Approval**

Approve the October 17, 2011 Special City Council and Regular City Council meeting minutes.

B. **Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Adopt a resolution accepting all of Volume 1 and the City of El Cerrito’s local annex portion of Volume II (Chapter Four) and Appendices A–F of Volume II within the Contra Costa County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

C. **2012 Integrated Resource Recovery Facility (IRRF) Rate Options**

Approve a recommendation advising Mayor Pro Tem Jones to vote on the City Council’s endorsement of “Option 3” for determining Integrated Resource Recovery Facility (IRRF) “All But Collection” rates for Calendar Year 2012.

D. **California River Parkways Grant Application**

Adopt a resolution approving the filing of a California River Parkways Grant application for the Fluvius Innominatus Channel Restoration Project.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

7. **POLICY MATTERS**

A. **Animals Ordinance**

Introduce by title, waive any further reading and approve an ordinance amending Title 7 (“Animals”) of the El Cerrito Municipal Code by amending Chapter 7.04 (“County Regulations”), adding a new Chapter 7.06 (“Definitions”) and repealing and re-enacting Chapters 7.08 (“Keeping Animals”) and Chapter 7.12 (“Dogs”).

B. **Continued Discussion of City Charter**

Consider possible next steps and provide direction on the potential development of a City Charter which could include any of the following options: 1) Deferring the item; 2) Expediting the process; or 3) Including a charter review as part of a larger strategic planning process.

8. **COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Mayor Cheng Assignments: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly Delegate, Arts and Culture Commission, League of California Cities East Bay Division Alternate, Contra Costa County Mayors’ Conference, Disaster Preparedness Council Alternate, Human Relations Commission, Pension Board, Temporary Permits Committee, and West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Alternate.

B. Councilmember Abelson Assignments: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly Alternate, League of California Cities East Bay Division Delegate (also attends Annual League Conference in September), Committee on Aging, Environmental Quality Committee, Temporary Permits Committee, West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Delegate.


D. Mayor Pro Tem Jones Assignments: Contra Costa County Mayors’ Conference Alternate, Pension Board Alternate, Planning Commission, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee, Disaster Preparedness Council Delegate, Tom Bates Regional Sports Field
JPA; Underground Utilities Committee, West County Mayors’ & Supervisors’ Association Alternate, West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Delegate, West County Library Board Delegate.

E. Councilmember Lyman Assignments: Crime Prevention Committee, Design Review Board, Park and Recreation Commission, and West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Alternate.

9. ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is November 21, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito.

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- The Deadline for agenda items and communications is seven days prior to the next meeting by 12 noon, City Clerk’s Office, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA. Tel: 215–4305 Fax: 215–4379, email cmorse@ci.elcerrito.ca.us

- 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.