



AGENDA

EL CERRITO CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, May 2, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Ann Cheng – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Jones
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini

Agency Chair/Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Greg Lyman

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. PRESENTATIONS

- A. [Proclamation Recognizing Darryl Murray Upon his Retirement](#)**

Approve and present a proclamation to Darryl Murray, in recognition of his record of service to and concern for the protection of life and property in the local community, and extending sincere best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors.

B. California Parks and Recreation Society Awards – Presentation by Monica Kortz

The Recreation Department recently received the following two awards from the California Parks and Recreation Society, District 3: 1) Award of Excellence – Outstanding Parks and Recreation Facility for the Splash Park; and 2) Award of Excellence – Outstanding Parks and Recreation Special Event for the Fourth of July Celebration.

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

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 following meeting minutes: 1) March 21, 2011 Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency and Municipal Services Corporation; 2) April 4, 2011 Concurrent City Council/Municipal Services Corporation; and 3) April 9, 2011 Special City Council.

B. Proclamation Recognizing the Historic Significance of Chung Mei Orphanage

Approve a proclamation proclaiming May 4, 2011 as “Chung Mei Home for Boys Day” in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all residents to participate in ceremonies and events to commemorate and recognize the historic heritage of the Chung Mei Home for Boys and the diverse communities that have contributed to the City’s heritage.

C. Every 15 Minute Anti Drunk Driving Program Grant Agreement

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into an Every 15 Minute, anti drunk driving program agreement to be administered at El Cerrito High School. The grant is funded by the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the California Highway Patrol.

D. Award of External Financial Auditor Contract

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Maze & Associates to provide external financial auditor services for a three year period, with an option for two additional years, at a first year cost of \$48,995.

E. Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1

Accept the Engineer’s Report specifying assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District and adopt a Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, and setting the time, date, and place of the public hearing as May 16, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

F. Confirm Reduced City Council Summer 2011 Meeting Schedule

Approve the City Manager’s recommendation to adopt a reduced City Council Meeting Schedule in July, August and September consistent with the past ten years. Meeting dates in July, August and September would be July 18, August 15, and September 19, 2011 with an added request to keep the first Monday in each month reserved for special meetings as needed.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Revised Master Fee Schedule

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution approving a revised Master Fee Schedule for Fiscal Year 2011–12.

B. Extension of Moratorium on the Approval and Issuance of Conditional Use Permits for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion approve by title, waive any further reading and adopt an urgency ordinance extending a citywide moratorium on the issuance of conditional use permits for wireless telecommunications facilities for an additional period of one year pending a review of existing regulations of such facilities and study of opportunities to encourage the use of new technology that would eliminate or reduce the need for such facilities. Under Government Code Section 65858, a four-fifths vote is required to adopt the ordinance.

7. POLICY MATTERS

Mission Statement for the City of El Cerrito

Adopt a resolution approving a mission statement for the City of El Cerrito.

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.

C. Councilmember Benassini Assignments: Economic Development Board, Financial Advisory Board, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee, Tom Bates Regional Sports Field JPA Alternate, West County Regional Library Board Alternate.

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 Municipal Services Corporation meeting will follow immediately after this meeting. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is May 16, 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.el-cerrito.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.**
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