

# SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING Monday, February 7, 2011 – 6:45 p.m. Hillside Conference Room

# CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING Monday, February 7, 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 Councilmember/Agency Chair Janet Abelson Councilmember Greg Lyman

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### 6:45 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Comments of three minutes per person are limited to items on this special meeting agenda only.

## COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

Conduct interviews of candidates for city boards and commissions. Interviews may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting. The City Council may also discuss scheduling of future interviews.

#### ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

#### **ROLL CALL**

## 7:30 p.m. CONVENE CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY 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.)

Public Safety Assumptions and Implications Resulting from the Governor's Proposed Budget – Lance Maples, Fire Chief and Sylvia Moir, Chief of Police.

#### 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.** El Cerrito Tennis Improvement Association Donation – Presentation by Jan Bridges, Earle Carr and Denise Tom.

The El Cerrito Tennis Improvement Association, a non profit public benefit corporation, has been raising funds for the betterment of tennis in the City since it was founded by Tennis Professional Alvin Hom in June 1994. Since then funds have been used to build a third court at the Arlington Park and in support of various junior tennis programs in the City. At this time the ECTIA is proud to donate \$25,589 to the City of El Cerrito to be deposited as deferred revenue to be used only for tennis purposes.

**B.** National Night Out Award – Presentation by the El Cerrito Crime Prevention Committee.

The City received the 2010 Police-Community Partnership National Award from the National Association of Town Watch in recognition for outstanding participation in America's Night Out Against Crime.

**C.** RecycleMore – Presentation by Chris Lehon, Executive Director of RecycleMore (the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority).

Mr. Lehon will give an overview of RecycleMore including details about solid waste processing services, programs provided to member agencies, and their current strategic planning process.

## 5. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – <u>Item Nos. 5A through 5D</u>

Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine by the City Council/Redevelopment Agency 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 <u>January 18, 2011 Special City Council and January 18, 2011 Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency</u> and <u>December 6, 2010 Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.</u>

## **B.** Annual Review of Financial Policies

Adopt a City Council resolution and Redevelopment Agency resolution approving a revised Comprehensive Financial Policy and Investment Policy and rescinding City Council Resolution No. 2010–17 and Redevelopment Agency Resolution No. 597.

## C. December 31, 2010 Quarterly Investment Report

Receive and file the City's December 31, 2010 Quarterly Investment Report.

**D.** Support the Transportation for America Campaign (Held over from the January 18, 2011 City Council meeting.)

At the request of Mayor Cheng, adopt a resolution strongly supporting the Transportation for America Campaign's efforts to create a national transportation program that will take America into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by building modernized infrastructure and healthy communities where people can live, work and play.

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARING

## **Fire Hazard Abatement**

- 1) Adopt a resolution declaring that weeds, rubbish, litter, or other flammable material (specifically dead, dying branches in eucalyptus trees or entire eucalyptus trees and ladder fuels growing into the trees) on certain real property located at 700 Gelston Place and 820 Bates Avenue, El Cerrito and 34 Lam Court, Kensington, constitutes a public nuisance.
- 2) Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution overriding objections by property owners and ordering the City Manager or his Designee to abate certain public nuisances pursuant to El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 16.26.

#### 7. POLICY MATTERS

#### JOINT CITY COUNCIL / REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ITEM

<u>Public Improvements and Cooperation Agreement Between the City of El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency and Opposition to the Abolition of Redevelopment Agencies in California</u>

- 1) Adopt a City Council Resolution and Redevelopment Agency Resolution approving an authorization to execute a Public Improvements and Cooperation Agreement between the City of El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency and making certain findings related thereto; and
- 2) Adopt a City Council Resolution opposing Governor Brown's proposal to abolish Redevelopment Agencies.

### 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. Councilmember 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 CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
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