AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 19, 2011 – 6:45 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
Monday, December 19, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Bill Jones – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Lyman
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini
Agency Chair/Councilmember Ann Cheng
Councilmember Janet Abelson

6:45 p.m.  ROLL CALL
CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
Comments are limited to 3 minutes per person and to this special 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.

ROLL CALL

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

1.   PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – led by Councilmember Cheng.

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.)

City Hall Holiday Closure from December 23, 2011 through January 2, 2012 – Scott Hanin, City Manager.

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 5E

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.

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT ITEM**

A. **Minutes for Approval**

Approve the December 5, 2011 Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

B. **Change the Meeting Day and Time of City Council Meetings**

Introduce by title, waive any further reading and approve an ordinance amending Sections 2.04.010 (“Meeting – Regular”) and 2.04.030 (“Meeting – Place”) of the El Cerrito Municipal Code to change and fix the day, time and place of City Council meetings.

C. **Various Traffic & Parking Revisions**

Adopt three separate resolutions authorizing the Public Works Director/City Engineer to:

1. Install stop signs on:
   a. Ward Avenue at Pomona Avenue
   b. Liberty Street at Schmidt Lane
   c. Willow Street at Liberty Street
   d. Junction Avenue at Knott Avenue

2. Modify the white, yellow, and green curb markings on Ashbury Avenue in front of Harding Elementary School located at 7230 Fairmount Avenue as shown on Exhibit A; and

3. Remove 23 feet of the white curb marking on the east side of San Pablo Avenue in front of St. John’s Church located at 11150 San Pablo Avenue.

D. **Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for Vehicle Lease**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management for the lease of vehicles.
E. **Support the Community Access Preservation Act (CAP Act, HR 1746)**

At the request of Mayor Jones, authorize the Mayor to send a letter expressing the City Council’s support for the Community Access Preservation Act (HR 1746) to preserve and protect Public, Educational and Government (PEG) community access television stations.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Proposed Integrated Waste Management Fees and East Bay Sanitary Commercial and Extra Residential Green Waste Collection and Processing Rates – Effective January 1, 2012**

1. Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution fixing and setting rates for the Integrated Waste Management (IWM) fee, effective January 1, 2012 and reinstating the position of forklift operator.

2. Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution setting maximum allowable commercial green waste and extra residential green waste collection and disposal (processing) rates, effective January 1, 2012.

7. **POLICY MATTERS**

A. **Confirming the Intent to Make the Opt-In Payment for the Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program**

Adopt a resolution confirming the City Council’s intent to make the opt-in payment for the Voluntary Alternative Redevelopment Program (VARP) and its authorize staff to make the payment on January 15, 2012, contingent on the State Supreme Court ruling that the State’s abolition of redevelopment agencies and its establishment of the VARP are both constitutional.

B. **Annual City Council Liaison Reorganization and Appointments**

Discuss City Council appointments to regional bodies and to local boards, commissions and committees and approve appointments for 2012.

8. **COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Councilmember 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 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. Mayor Pro Tem 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

A Special City Council meeting is scheduled on January 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to conduct board and commission interviews. The meeting will take place in the Hillside Conference Room at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito.

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.

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- 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 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.

- 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.