AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 17, 2012 – 6:40 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING
Tuesday, January 17, 2012 – 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/Agency Chair Ann Cheng
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini
Councilmember Janet Abelson

6:40 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 Abelson.

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS (Reports of Closed Session, commission appointments and informational reports on matters of general interest which are announced by
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 5G**

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 19, 2011 Special City Council and Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency and January 3, 2012 Special City Council meeting minutes.

**CITY COUNCIL ITEMS**

B. **Annual Review of Financial Policies**


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

Approve by title, waive any further reading and adopt 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. *First reading approved by unanimous vote on December 19, 2011.*

D. **On-Call Transportation Engineering Services Agreements**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute professional services agreements with two consultant firms, Whitlock & Weinberger Transportation, Inc. (W-Trans) and Fehr & Peers, for on-call transportation engineering services for periods of three years with options to extend for an additional two years.

E. **Grant of Easement to East Bay Municipal Utility District**

Adopt a resolution granting to East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) a non-exclusive easement and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Grant of Easement for a water main extension serving two new fire hydrants associated with the new Recycling Center project.

F. **Agreement with More Lockers for the Purchase of Heavy Duty Plastic Lockers**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to enter into an agreement with
More Lockers for the purchase and shipping of seventy heavy duty plastic lockers for the men and women’s locker rooms at the El Cerrito Swim Center.

G. **Support Senate Bill 659 (Padilla) – Temporarily Postpone Dissolution of Redevelopment Agencies**

At the request of Councilmember Abelson, authorize Mayor Jones to sign a letter supporting SB 659 to temporarily postpone the scheduled February 1, 2012 date to dissolve California’s 425 redevelopment agencies.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

7. **POLICY MATTERS**

**JOINT CITY COUNCIL AND REDEVELOPMENT ITEM**

A. **Actions Related to State Dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency**

Staff is requesting the following actions of members of the Redevelopment Agency Board and the City Council, pursuant to legislation dissolving redevelopment agencies, enacted by the State on June 29, 2011 and ruled constitutional by the State Supreme Court on December 29, 2011:

1) Adopt a Redevelopment Agency resolution amending its Enforceable Obligation Payment Schedule previously approved on August 15, 2011, for publication and delivery to the County Auditor and required State agencies; and

2) Adopt a City Council resolution electing to retain the Redevelopment Agency’s housing assets and functions upon its dissolution on February 1, 2012.

8. **COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS**

A. Councilmember Cheng Assignments: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly Delegate, Commission/Committee Rules Subcommittee, Financial Advisory Board, Human Relations Commission, League of California Cities East Bay Division Alternate, Redevelopment Agency Chair and West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Alternate.

B. Councilmember Abelson Assignments: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly Alternate, Committee on Aging, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, Environmental Quality Committee, League of California Cities East Bay Division Delegate and West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Delegate.

C. Councilmember Benassini Assignments: Arts and Culture Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Redevelopment Agency Vice-Chair, and Tom Bates Regional Sports Field JPA Alternate.

D. Mayor Jones Assignments: Contra Costa County Mayors’ Conference, Crime Prevention Committee, Design Review Board, Disaster Preparedness Council Delegate, Municipal Service Corporation Chair, Pension Board Chair, Temporary Permits Committee, Tom Bates Regional Sports Field JPA, Underground Utilities Committee, West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Alternate and West County Mayors’ & Supervisors’ Association.

E. Mayor Pro Tem Lyman Assignments: Commission/Committee Rules Subcommittee, Contra Costa County Mayors’ Conference Alternate, Disaster Preparedness Council Alternate, Economic Development Board, Municipal Services Corporation Vice-Chair, Pension Board Alternate, Planning Commission, Tree Committee, West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Alternate, and West County Mayors’ & Supervisors’ Association.
Authority Delegate and West County Mayors’ & Supervisors’ Association Alternate.

9. ADJOURN CONCURRENT CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING

The next City Council meeting is scheduled on February 6, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 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.

- 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.