AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 6, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 6, 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 Rebecca Benassini
Councilmember/Agency Chair Ann Cheng
Councilmember Janet Abelson

6:30 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 CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEETING**

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

A. Proclamation in Recognition of Ernest S. Iiyama

Approve and present a proclamation recognizing the significant contributions of Ernest Iiyama to the El Cerrito community and the Japanese American community of the East Bay.

B. Presentation on Residential Animal Slaughter Regulations

Receive a presentation and provide direction to staff on whether to amend El Cerrito Municipal Code Title 7, "Animals," to include regulations on residential animal slaughter.

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.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the January 17, 2012 Special City Council and Concurrent City Council/Redevelopment Agency meeting minutes.

B. Application for Urban Forestry Grant Program Funds

Adopt a resolution which approves the following actions: 1) Filing an application for "Proposition 40 and 84" urban forestry grant program funds; 2) Certifies that the City has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project; 3) Certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the City are available to begin the project; 4) Certifies that the City will expend grant funds prior to March 30, 2014; and 5) Authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project.

C. Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Project Funding

Adopt a resolution authorizing a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) by the City of El Cerrito for an allocation of Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian and Bicycle Project Funding for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 to update the City's Circulation Plan for Bicyclists and Pedestrians.

D. Award Design Services Contract to The Planning Center/DC&E for the Ohlone Greenway Natural Area and Rain Garden Project

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with the Planning Center/DC&E ("Consultant") in an amount not to exceed $135,000 to provide design services for the Ohlone Greenway Natural Area and Rain Garden project, and to approve

potential change orders in an amount not to exceed $13,500.

E. Consulting Contract with the El Cerrito Municipal Services Corporation

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with the El Cerrito Municipal Services Corporation to provide staffing and administrative services.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. 2007–2014 Housing Element Adoption

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a Revised Housing Element, as approved by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the associated Initial Study/Negative Declaration.

B. Fees Related to Revisions to the Animals Ordinance

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, consider adoption of a resolution amending the master fee schedule to add fees resulting from revisions to El Cerrito Municipal Code Title 7 "Animals" and amending Resolution No. 2011-30.

7. POLICY MATTERS

East Bay Regional Communication System Radio Purchase

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager or his designee to purchase new base station, vehicle and portable radios which are P25 compliant in accordance with the East Bay Regional Communication System, (EBRCS) Joint Power Authority (JPA) for the Police, Fire, Public Works, and Recreation Departments; accept a grant of $273,000 from the El Cerrito Municipal Services Corporation and appropriate the grant fund; and appropriate $273,000 from the Vehicle and Replacement Fund; and accepts grants for $2,802,400 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and $605,600 in matching funds from Fire Agencies.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. 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.

B. 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 Delegate and West County Mayors' & Supervisors' Association Alternate.

C. 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.

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

E. 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.

9. ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the El Cerrito Municipal Services Corporation follows immediately after this City Council meeting. The next City Council meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at 7:00 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 eight 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.