AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 17, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Bill Jones – Mayor

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

7:00 p.m. **CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – Councilmember Abelson

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. HEAL Cities Campaign – Presentation of certificate designating El Cerrito is an Active City.

B. San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Public Art Project Update

Receive an informational presentation by artists Jonathan Russell and Saori Ide about the San Pablo Avenue Public Art Project.

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 following: 1) April 3, 2012 Special Joint City Council – West Contra Costa County Unified School District Board of Education meeting minutes; and 2) April 3, 2012 Special City Council meeting minutes.

B. Earth Day Proclamation

Approve a proclamation proclaiming April 21, 2012 as Earth Day in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all residents and businesses to help make El Cerrito a greener, healthier, more sustainable place for all.

C. Proclamation Recognizing Cynthia LeBlanc

Approve a proclamation commending Cynthia LeBlanc, EdD. on her appointment as Chair of the National American Society Board of Directors and on her designation as a St. George National Award recipient, the American Cancer Society's highest national honor, for her dedicated and outstanding volunteer work and significant contributions in working to achieve the American Cancer Society's mission to save lives.

D. Support for West Contra Costa Unified School District Measure K

Adopt a resolution encouraging the El Cerrito electorate to review the language and arguments concerning the WCCUSD parcel tax measure and thereafter support the measure on June 5, 2012 because this parcel tax renewal/extension measure is not only beneficial, but is essential to the quality of life of El Cerrito residents.

E. Choose Civility Initiative

At the request of Mayor Jones and Councilmember Abelson adopt a resolution recognizing and supporting the "Choose Civility" initiative and encouraging others to participate in this campaign through activities that demonstrate to the public the importance of civility.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – *None*

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. City Council Matters

1) Ohlone Gardens Affordable Housing Project

The City Council, acting as housing successor, will consider adoption of a resolution: a) Authorizing the execution of an amendment to the existing loan agreement with the Ohlone Gardens, L.P. for the Ohlone Gardens Affordable Housing Project, 6431 and 6495 Portola Drive; and b) Approving the proposed replacement plan for special needs units and supportive services plan.

2) Selection of El Cerrito Wall of Fame Subcommitee

Confirm two City Council appointments to the El Cerrito Wall of Fame Subcommittee for the purposes of reviewing nominations and returning to the City Council with a recommendation to consider at an upcoming meeting.

B. City Acting as Successor Agency to the Former El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency

Authorize Submission of a Draft Second Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule and Approve the Successor Agency Fiscal Year 2012–13 Budget

Adopt two Successor Agency resolutions reviewing and authorizing submittal of the draft Second Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule required under AB1x26, and approving the Successor Agency's Administrative Budget for Fiscal Year 2012–13.

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, Oversight Board of the Successor Agency for the Former El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency, 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 in memory of Former El Cerrito Mayor Larry Damon.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 1, 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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of business referred to on the agenda are on file and available for public inspection in the Office of the City Clerk, at the El Cerrito Library and posted on the City's website at www.el-cerrito.org prior to the meeting.

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