AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION
Tuesday, May 1, 2012 – 6:30 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 1, 2012 – 7:00 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 Ann Cheng
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini
Councilmember Janet Abelson

6:30 p.m. ROLL CALL

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiators (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Scott Hanin, City Manager, Sky Woodruff, City Attorney, Glenn Berkheimer, IEDA, Sukari Beshears, Employee Services Manager
Employee organizations: Service Employees International Union, Local 1021
Unrepresented Employees
Police Employees Association
International Association of Firefighters, Local 1230
Public Safety Management Group

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (Comments are limited to three minutes and to items on this Special Closed Session agenda only.)

RECESS INTO CLOSED SESSION

POSSIBLE REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING – CLOSED SESSION
ROLL CALL

7:00 p.m.   CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1.    PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG – 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.    PRESENTATIONS – None

5.    ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR – Item Nos. 5A through 5H

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 April 17, 2012 City Council meeting minutes.

B.    Second Reading of the Measure A – Swim Center Special Tax Ordinance

Approve second reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2012–02, setting a reduced tax rate only for Fiscal Year 2012–13 for the special tax imposed pursuant to Chapter 4.56 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code.

C.    Accept the Engineer’s Report of Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988–1, Order Improvements and Set the Public Hearing Date

Accept the Engineer’s Report specifying assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District and adopt a Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, and setting the date for the public hearing as May 15, 2012.

D.    Support Libraries

At the request of Mayor Jones, authorize the Mayor to sign a letter urging Governor Brown to reinstate $15.9 million in funding that was eliminated from the State’s Fiscal Year 2011–12 budget and to include a similar amount of funding in the 2012–13 budget.

E.    Contra Costa 350 Home & Garden Challenge

At the request of Mayor Jones adopt a resolution expressing the City Council’s support for the Contra Costa 350 Home and Garden Challenge by declaring the weekend of May 12 & 13, 2012 350 Home & Garden Challenge weekend, and encourages the community to work together
during these countywide days of community action to build a stronger, healthier and more sustainable City.

F. **Support for the Renaming of Eastshore State Park**

At the request of Councilmember Abelson, adopt a resolution expressing support for the renaming of the Eastshore State Park to McLaughlin Eastshore State Park.

G. **Confirm Fiscal Year 2012–13 Budget Schedule**

Approve the City Manager’s recommendation to convene a special City Council meeting on June 12, 2012 for the purposes of scheduling a public hearing on the budget. The budget is scheduled for introduction on June 5, 2012. A public hearing, questions and comments on the budget would be received on June 12. The City Council would then consider adoption of the budget on June 19, 2012.

H. **Confirm a Reduced City Council Summer 2012 Meeting Schedule**

Approve a recommendation to adopt a reduced City Council Meeting Schedule consisting of the third Tuesday in July, August and September 2012. This practice is consistent with the reduced scheduled approved in the past eleven years. City Council Meeting dates in July, August and September would be July 17, August 21, and September 18, 2012 with an additional request to keep the first Tuesday in each month reserved for special meetings as needed.

6. **PUBLIC HEARINGS – None**

7. **POLICY MATTERS**

   **Award of Contract to Management Partners for the Development of a Citywide Strategic Plan**

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Management Partners to assist the city in development of a Strategic Plan in an amount not to exceed $45,000.

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

The El Cerrito Municipal Services Corporation will meet immediately following this regular meeting of the City Council. The next City Council meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, May 15, 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.