



AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 19, 2013 – 6:20 p.m.
Hillside Conference Room

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 19, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Greg Lyman – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Janet Abelson
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Rebecca Benassini
Councilmember Mark Friedman

ROLL CALL

6:20 p.m. CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Remarks are limited to 3 minutes per person and to the items listed on the special meeting agenda only.

COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

Conduct interviews of candidates for city boards, commissions and committees. Interviews may result in an announcement of appointment at the meeting. The City Council may also discuss and determine the scheduling and structure of future interviews.

ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

ROLL CALL

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

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE** – Councilmember Bridges.
- 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. Northern California Special Olympics Award for Fundraising Efforts – Presentation by Sylvia Moir, Chief of Police.

B. [Contra Costa County District Attorney's Office Services](#) – Presentation by Mark Peterson, Contra Costa County District Attorney.

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

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 the Consent Calendar.

A. [Minutes for Approval](#)

Approve the March 5, 2013 Special Meeting – Closed Session and Regular City Council meeting minutes.

B. [League of California Cities By-Law Amendments](#)

Consider amendments to the League of California Cities Bylaws and direct the City Clerk to complete the ballot on Bylaws Amendments based on the Council's vote and return it to the League no later than April 19, 2013. The proposed amendments would amend the Bylaws to provide that: 1) Resolutions submitted to the League for presentation to the General Assembly must be concurred in by at least five or more cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities; and 2) The League Board may take a position on a statewide ballot measure by a 2/3rd vote of those Directors present. Currently, the Board may take positions with a simple majority.

C. [Proclamation in Recognition of Stege Sanitary District's 100 Year Anniversary](#)

Approve a proclamation commending and congratulating the Board of Directors and Staff of the Stege Sanitary District for providing one-hundred years of exemplary service to its customers and the community.

D. [Support for Federal FIRE and SAFER Grant Programs](#)

At the request of Mayor Lyman, authorize the Mayor to sign a letter thanking Congressman George Miller for his continued support for the reauthorization of the FIRE and SAFER grant programs and encourage Representative Miller to support FIRE and SAFER grant programs in the future.

6. PUBLIC HEARING – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Award Urban Greening Consultant Contract

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with MIG, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$154,000 for preparation of a citywide Urban Greening Plan and change orders in an amount not to exceed \$15,400.

B. Earth Hour Proclamation

Approve a proclamation proclaiming March 23, 2013 between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. to be Earth Hour in the City of El Cerrito and calling upon all residents, businesses, and institutions to turn off non-essential lighting for this hour to make a global statement of concern about climate change and demonstrate commitment to finding solutions.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Lyman Assignments: Commission/Committee Rules Subcommittee, Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference, Crime Prevention Committee, Human Relations Commission, Municipal Services Corporation Chair, Pension Trust Board Chair, Public Financing Authority Chair, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee, Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Chair, Tree Committee, West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Alternate, West County Mayors' & Supervisors' Association and West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Delegate.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Abelson Assignments: Committee on Aging, Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference Alternate, Contra Costa Transportation Authority Board Chair, League of California Cities East Bay Division Delegate (also attends as the Council's Delegate to the Annual League Conference), Environmental Quality Committee, Municipal Services Corporation Vice-Chair, Pension Trust Board Vice-Chair, Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency Vice-Chair, West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Delegate and West County Mayors' & Supervisors' Association Alternate.

C. Councilmember Benassini Assignments: Association of Bay Area Governments General Assembly Delegate, Financial Advisory Board, Planning Commission, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee and Tom Bates Regional Sports Field Joint Powers Authority Delegate.

D. Councilmember Bridges Assignments: Tom Bates Regional Sports Field Joint Powers Authority Delegate and Design Review Board, Park and Recreation Commission.

E. Councilmember Friedman Assignments: Arts and Culture Commission, Association of Bay Area Governments General Assembly Alternate, Economic Development Board, Commission/Committee Rules Subcommittee, League of California Cities East Bay Division Alternate and West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Alternate.

9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Municipal Services Corporation follows immediately upon adjournment of this regular City Council meeting. The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

- Council Meetings can be heard live on FM Radio, KECG – 88.1 and 97.7 FM and viewed live on Cable TV - KCRT- Channel 28. The meetings are rebroadcast on Channel 28 the following Thursday and Monday at 12 noon, except on holidays. Live and On-Demand Webcast of the Council Meetings can be accessed from the City's website <http://www.el-cerrito.org/ind-ex.aspx?NID=114>. Copies of the agenda bills and other written documentation relating to items 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.

- 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 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.