



AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, February 18, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Janet Abelson – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Rebecca Benassini
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Mark Friedman
Councilmember Greg Lyman

ROLL CALL

7:00 p.m. CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE – Councilmember Benassini.

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 typically limited to 3 minutes per person. The Mayor may reduce the time limit per speaker depending upon the number of speakers. Kindly 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

Good to Great – Presentation by Scott Hanin, City Manager and Karen Pinkos, Assistant City Manager.

Receive a presentation from City Manager Hanin and Assistant City Manager Pinkos regarding City staff's analysis and discussion of the *Good to Great* series of books by Jim Collins. The series explored themes such as: how good is the enemy of great; organizations

can achieve enduring greatness; the type of leadership required to achieve greatness; confronting the brutal facts; the hedgehog concept; creating a culture of discipline; and the role of technology.

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

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the February 4, 2013 Regular City Council and Special Closed Session meeting minutes.

B. Agreement with the Association of Bay Area Governments/San Francisco Estuary Partnership to Implement the San Pablo Avenue Green Stormwater Spine Project

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Agreement (Attachment 2) with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) / San Francisco Estuary Partnership (SFEP) to implement the San Pablo Avenue Green Stormwater Spine Project in El Cerrito on the east side of San Pablo Avenue north of Stockton Avenue. *Exempt from CEQA.*

C. Sustainable Cities Planning Grant Application

Adopt a resolution approving the filing of an application for grant funds for a Sustainable Communities Planning grant to do a targeted update to the 1999 General Plan under the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. *Exempt from CEQA.*

D. Transactions and Use Tax Legislation

Authorize Mayor Abelson to request support from Assemblywoman Skinner in seeking legislation that would allow the City of El Cerrito the flexibility to consider a measure that would increase the current level of transactions and use taxes above the cumulative local limit of 2% (which includes the City, Contra Costa Transportation Authority, and BART). *Exempt from CEQA.*

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

7. POLICY MATTERS

CITY COUNCIL ACTING AS THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY SUCCESSOR AGENCY

A. Review and Authorization to Submit the Draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule 14-15A (July-December 2014), the Successor Agency's Fiscal Year 2014-15 Administrative Budget, and a Repayment Schedule for Housing Loans

Adopt a Successor Agency resolution reviewing and authorizing submittal of the draft Recognized Obligations Payment Schedule 14-15A covering the period July to December 2014, the Successor Agency's Fiscal Year 2014-15 administrative budget, and a repayment schedule of obligations to the City's Low Income Housing Asset Fund.

8. COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENT REPORTS

Mayoral and City Council communications regarding local and regional liaison assignments and committee reports.

9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next City Council meeting is Tuesday, March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

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