



AGENDA

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 2, 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 SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE – Mayor 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 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. PRESENTATION – None

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

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the May 20, 2014 Special City Council and Regular City Council meeting minutes.

B. Oppose Assembly Bill 1245 – Electricity: Community Choice Aggregation

Authorize the Mayor to send letters to the author and other appropriate legislators and legislative bodies in opposition to Assembly Bill (AB) 2145 (Bradford) Electricity: Community Choice Aggregation reversing the opt-out provisions of the original Community Choice Aggregation law (AB 117).

C. Designate Primary and Alternate Boardmembers to the Municipal Pooling Authority of Northern California

Adopt a resolution designating the Assistant City Manager as Primary Board Member and the Finance Director as Alternate Board Member to the Municipal Pooling Authority of Northern California.

D. Proclamation Recognizing June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Pride (LGBT) Month

Approve a proclamation declaring the month of June as LGBT Pride month in the City of El Cerrito, and inviting everyone to reflect on ways we all can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding, and further, recognizing Pride Month by flying the rainbow flag at City Hall during the month of June.

E. Crime Prevention Committee Appointment

Approve a Crime Prevention Committee recommendation to appoint Bruce Yow to the Crime Prevention Committee, effective June 2, 2014.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**Project at 1715 Elm Street – Planned Development and Appeal**

Staff recommends that the City Council hold a single, consolidated public hearing to consider both the approval of a General Plan Amendment, Planned Development rezoning, and development agreement for the Project, as well as an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a Planned Development Use Permit for the Project. The Project includes 14 multi-family residential units in a 42-foot tall structure, preservation and partial restoration of a historic residence, 15 on-site parking spaces tucked under the multi-family structure, planting of creek-related vegetation, and the creation of private open space.

Additionally, staff recommends that, at the conclusion of the consolidated public hearing, the City Council take the following actions:

- 1) Adopt a resolution approving the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project;
- 2) Adopt a resolution approving a General Plan Amendment;
- 3) Introduce by title and waive any further reading of an ordinance approving the rezoning of 1715 Elm Street to a Planned Development Zoning District and amending the Zoning Map accordingly;
- 4) Adopt a resolution denying an appeal of the Planning Commission's approval of a Planned Development Use Permit for the Project; and
- 5) Introduce by title and waive any further reading of an ordinance approving a Development Agreement between the City of El Cerrito and the Edward and Loretta Biggs revocable trust for 1715 Elm Street. Application 6133.

7. POLICY MATTERS – None**8. COUNCIL LOCAL AND REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENT REPORTS**

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

9. ADJOURN SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next City Council meeting is Monday, June 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

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