



SUMMARY

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 – 6:00 p.m.

Hillside Conference Room

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, January 6, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

City Council Chambers

Council will move to the Hillside Conference Room to resume commissioner interviews after adoption of the Consent Calendar

Meeting Location

El Cerrito City Hall

10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Mark Friedman – Mayor

Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Lyman
Councilmember Gabriel Quinto

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Lyman, Quinto and Mayor Friedman.

6:00 p.m.

CONVENE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Friedman convened the special City Council meeting at 6:07 p.m.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC – No speakers.

COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

Conduct interviews of candidates for city boards and commissions. 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.

Action: Conducted interviews. Additional interviews continued upon conclusion of the Consent Calendar.

ADJOURNED SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 6:58 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Councilmembers Abelson, Bridges, Lyman, Quinto and Mayor Friedman.

CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Friedman convened the regular City Council meeting at 7:01 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE was led by Mayor Pro Tem Lyman

2. COUNCIL / STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Pro Tem Lyman announced that the Writer Coach Connection Program is looking for volunteers to work in the schools. Those who are interested in being a writer coach or would like more information should contact the Community Alliance for Learning at 510-280-5640. Mayor Pro Tem Lyman also reminded all that California is still in a drought despite all the rain that has come down. In December 2014 councilmembers received a letter from the East Bay Municipal Utility District discussing the drought. There is still a need to for everyone to continue with water saving practices.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Howdy Gowdy, El Cerrito, asked the City Council to reconsider a different outcome for the 1715 Elm Street development due to concerns expressed by the recent Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) about the project. Mr. Gowdy asked the City Council to reconsider its decision regarding the project and direct staff to negotiate with the developer and the RWQCB regarding ways to widen the creek corridor setbacks, with the possibility of trading the value of the house donation for the cost associated with these changes to achieve a better outcome for the site based on concerns voiced by the public and the RWQCB.

4. PRESENTATIONS – None

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

Moved, seconded (Bridges/Abelson) and carried unanimously to adopt Consent Calendar Item Nos. 5A through 5E in one motion as indicated below.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the December 16, 2014 regular City Council meeting minutes.

Action: Approved minutes.

B. Adopt Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance

Approved by unanimous vote on December 16, 2014.

Waive any further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2015–01 amending Title 19 of the El Cerrito Municipal Code to amend definitions relating to supportive housing, transitional housing and lot line types. Municipal Code Chapters 19.06, 19.07, 19.46 and 19.47 will be amended.

Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2015–01.

C. Adopt Community Choice Aggregation Program Ordinance

Approved by unanimous vote on December 16, 2014

Waive any further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 2015–02 authorizing the implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program, approving the Marin Clean Energy Joint Powers Authority Agreement and authorizing the City Manager to execute the Joint Powers Authority Agreement with Marin Clean Energy.

Action: Adopted Ordinance No. 2015–02.

D. Storm Drain Easement Agreement with Ohlone Gardens, L.P.

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an easement agreement with Ohlone Gardens, L.P. for public storm drain facilities located at 6493-6495 Portola Drive. *Exempt from CEQA.*

Action: Adopted Resolution No. 2015–01.

E. Annual Council Liaison Reorganization and Appointments

Approve Mayor Friedman’s recommendation to confirm a revised assignment list to reflect a change in the December 16 list that assigns Councilmember Abelson to the Parks and Recreation Commission and Mayor Friedman to the Human Relations Commission.

Action: Approved recommendation.

6. RECESSED TO HILLSIDE CONFERENCE ROOM at 7:09 p.m.

7. COMMISSION INTERVIEWS, STATUS AND APPOINTMENTS

Resume interviews of candidates for city boards and commissions. 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.

Action: Additional interviews conducted. The City Council, by mutual consensus, appointed Mollie Hazen to the Arts and Culture Commission to fill an unexpired term ending March 1, 2017 and Glenn Wood to the Design Review Board for a term beginning on March 1, 2015 and ending March 1, 2019.

8. ADJOURNED REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING at 9:26 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Comments regarding the development project located at 1715 Elm Street – *Submitted by Howdy Gowdy, El Cerrito.*