



AGENDA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November 21, 2011 – 7:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Ann Cheng – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Bill Jones
Councilmember Rebecca Benassini

Agency Chair/Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Greg Lyman

ROLL CALL

7:30 p.m. CONVENE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** – led by 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 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. PRESENTATION** – None.
- 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.

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the November 7, 2011 Special City Council and Regular City Council meeting minutes.

B. Second Reading of the Animals Ordinance

Adopt an ordinance amending Title 7 (“Animals”) of the El Cerrito Municipal Code by amending Chapter 7.04 (“County Regulations”), adding a new Chapter 7.06 (“Definitions”) and repealing and re-enacting Chapters 7.08 (“Keeping Animals”) and Chapter 7.12 (“Dogs”).

C. Acceptance of Public Right of Way Easement

Adopt a resolution accepting a grant deed from the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) for a public right-of-way easement adjacent to the El Cerrito Plaza BART Station on Central Avenue, west of the Ohlone Greenway, and authorizing the City Manager to execute the grant deed pending approval by BART.

D. Quarterly Investment Report

Receive and file the City’s September 30, 2011 Quarterly Investment Report.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS – *None*

7. POLICY MATTERS

A. Transit Oriented Development Feasibility and Parking Study

Discuss transit oriented development feasibility and parking studies for the Specific Plan Update and Del Norte Transit Oriented Development Strategy.

B. Discussion of Council Meeting Day Change

At the request of Councilmember Benassini, discuss changing the City Council meeting day from the first and third Monday of each month to the first and third Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Provide direction to staff on whether to return to the City Council in December with an ordinance amendment.

8. COUNCIL ASSIGNMENTS/LIAISON REPORTS

A. Mayor Cheng Assignments: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly Delegate, Arts and Culture Commission, League of California Cities East Bay Division Alternate, Contra Costa County Mayors’ Conference, Disaster Preparedness Council Alternate, Human Relations Commission, Pension Board, Temporary Permits Committee, and West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Alternate.

B. Councilmember Abelson Assignments: Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) General Assembly Alternate, League of California Cities East Bay Division Delegate (also attends Annual League Conference in September), Committee on Aging, Environmental Quality Committee, Temporary Permits Committee, West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee Delegate.

C. Councilmember Benassini Assignments: Economic Development Board, Financial Advisory Board, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee, Tom Bates Regional Sports Field JPA Alternate, West County Regional Library Board Alternate.

D. Mayor Pro Tem Jones Assignments: Contra Costa County Mayors’ Conference Alternate, Pension Board Alternate, Planning Commission, San Pablo Avenue Area Specific Plan Committee, Disaster Preparedness Council Delegate, Tom Bates Regional Sports Field

JPA; Underground Utilities Committee, West County Mayors' & Supervisors' Association Alternate, West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Delegate, West County Library Board Delegate.

E. Councilmember Lyman Assignments: Crime Prevention Committee, Design Review Board, Park and Recreation Commission, and West County Integrated Waste Management Authority Alternate.

9. ADJOURN CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is December 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito.

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- ***The Deadline for agenda items and communications*** is seven 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.
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