



AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, May 19, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

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

Mark Friedman – Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Lyman
Councilmember Jan Bridges

Councilmember Janet Abelson
Councilmember Gabriel Quinto

ROLL CALL

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF MOMENT OF SILENCE – *Mayor Pro Tem Lyman.*

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

A. [Economic Development Committee Workplan](#) – *Presentation by Tess Taylor, Chair and Wendy H. Brawer, Vice Chair.*

Receive a presentation regarding the Economic Development Committee's accomplishments, goals and workplan.

B. [Smart Corridor Interstate 80 Integrated Corridor Mobility Project – Presentation by Caltrans/Circle Point Consultants.](#)

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

A. Minutes for Approval

Approve the [March 28, 2015 Special City Council Worksession](#) and [April 21, 2015 Regular City Council meeting](#) minutes.

B. National Public Works Week Proclamation

Approve a proclamation recognizing May 17 through May 23, 2015 as “National Public Works Week” in the City of El Cerrito and encouraging all residents and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with the issues involved in providing public works services and recognizing the contributions public works personnel make every day to the City’s health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

C. Bike to Work Month Proclamation

Approve a proclamation declaring May 2015 as Bike to Work Month in the City of El Cerrito and recognizing the value of increased bicycle use and encouraging participation in bicycling activities throughout the month of May.

D. CalFresh Awareness Month Proclamation

At the request of Mayor Friedman, approve a proclamation declaring May 2015 as CalFresh Awareness Month in the City of El Cerrito.

E. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Proclamation

At the request of the Human Relations Commission, approve a proclamation declaring the Month of May 2015 Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in the City of El Cerrito and inviting everyone to reflect on the notable accomplishments and outstanding services provided by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders to the Nation, California and the City of El Cerrito.

F. Jewish American Heritage Month Proclamation

At the request of the Human Relations Commission, approve a proclamation declaring May 2015 as Jewish American Heritage Month in the City of El Cerrito and calling upon all residents to celebrate Jewish Americans who have helped weave the fabric of not only American history, culture and society but also the City of El Cerrito, to visit www.JewishHeritageMonth.gov to learn more about the heritage and contributions of Jewish Americans, and to observe this month with solemn remembrance, appropriate programs, activities and ceremonies.

G. Ordinance Establishing the Measure A Swim Center Parcel Tax Rates for Fiscal Year 2015-15.

Introduce by title, waive any further reading and approve an ordinance establishing the Measure A Swim Center Parcel Tax rates for Fiscal Year 2015-16, equal to the approved Fiscal Year rates of \$38.61 per single-family residential unit, \$29.73 per multi-family residential unit and \$270.66 per acre of non-residential property.

H. Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1.

Accept the Engineer’s Report specifying assessments for the Landscape and Lighting Assessment District and adopt a Resolution of Intention to Order Improvements pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972, and setting the time, date, and place of the public hearing as June 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

I. Stop Signs at Various Locations

Adopt two separate resolutions authorizing the Public Works Director/City Engineer to install stop signs on: 1) Mono Avenue at Conlon Avenue; and 2) Brewster Drive at Buckingham Drive. *Exempt from CEQA.*

J. Castro Park Field Renovation, City Project No. C-5032

Adopt a resolution taking the following actions: 1) Approve plans for the Castro Park Field Renovation; 2) Amend the Capital Improvement Program and the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Adopted Budget to appropriate \$200,000 in the Capital Improvements Fund (Fund 301) for the Castro Park Field Renovation, City Project No. C-5032; and 3) Authorize the City Manager to award a contract, contingent on successful negotiations with Bauman Landscape and Construction, Inc. (the lowest responsible bidder for the project), for a deductive change order after undergoing a value engineering process which is not inconsistent with the budget for the Castro Park Field Renovation, City Project No. C-5032. *Exempt from CEQA.*

K. Priority Conservation Areas Designation

Adopt a resolution supporting the designation of the Hillside Natural Area, Lower Cerrito Creek, and the Ohlone Greenway as Association of Bay Area Governments Priority Conservation Areas. *Exempt from CEQA.*

L. Declare El Cerrito a Honey Bee Haven

At the request of the Environmental Quality Committee, adopt a resolution declaring the City of El Cerrito to be a Honey Bee Haven and authorizing the City of El Cerrito to be added to the honeybeehaven.org map.

M. Economic Development Committee Appointment

Approve an Economic Development Committee recommendation to appoint Tom Peterson to the Economic Development Committee effective May 20, 2015

N. Committee on Aging Appointment

Approve a Committee on Aging recommendation to appoint Kenneth Epley to the Committee on Aging, effective May 19, 2015.

O. Annual Progress Report on the General Plan 2014

Receive and file the General Plan Annual Progress Report.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Appeal of the Planning Commission's Approval of a Design Review Application for the Project Proposed for 1715 Elm Street

Staff recommends that the City Council review the information in the record, conduct a public hearing to consider testimony from the public and upon conclusion of the public hearing adopt a resolution making findings upholding the decision of the Planning Commission to approve the design review application for the project at 1715 Elm Street. *The City completed environmental review of the project when the City Council adopted the initial study/mitigated negative declaration on August 19, 2014. Staff has reviewed the project and the evidence in the record and determined that no substantial evidence exists that would support findings required for subsequent or supplemental environmental review.*

B. Master Fee Schedule

Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2015-16 Master Fee Schedule.

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 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regular City Council meeting is Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

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