



## AGENDA

### REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.

#### Members:

Mayor Paul Fadelli

Mayor Pro Tem Gabe Quinto • Councilmember Janet Abelson  
Councilmember Lisa Motoyama • Councilmember Tessa Rudnick

#### Join Via Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/93081439537?pwd=L0UvcVFQenJlNjhGOFZsMnlzUIYwUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 930 8143 9537 **Password:** 442872  
**or Dial in:** 1-408-638-0968

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2. Radio Broadcast on FM 88.1 Or 97.7
3. Livestream Online at [www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials](http://www.el-cerrito.org/CouncilMeetingMaterials)
4. Via Zoom using the meeting information listed above.

Each period for public comment will be announced. Public Comments may be submitted one of two ways:

- Via Zoom using the “[Raise Hand](#)” icon to request to speak. If joining by phone, dial \*9 to "raise your hand", and when prompted by the host, \*6 to unmute/mute.
- Via email to [cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us). Email must contain in the subject line **Public Comments – Not on the Agenda** or **Public Comments – agenda item #**.

To ensure City Council receives your written comments prior to taking action, they must be received by **4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting**. All written comments received by this deadline will be provided to the City Council and posted online in advance of the meeting.

Comments received after the deadline will be provided to the City Council and included with supplemental materials **after the meeting**. **No written comments will be read into the record.**

**7:00 P.M.      ROLL CALL – CONVENE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**1.      TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS**

**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 and staff.*

**3.      ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*Remarks are typically limited to 3 minutes per person. The Mayor may reduce the time limit per speaker depending upon the number of speakers and may limit the total time for public comment to facilitate the completion of business on the agenda. 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 will be heard prior to the City Council taking action on each item.*

**4.      ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

*All items on the consent calendar shall be acted upon in one motion, unless a member of the City Council or staff request separate consideration.*

**A.      Approval of Minutes**

**Action Proposed:** Pass a motion to approve City Council Meeting minutes from May 4, May 8, May 18, May 26, and June 1.

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

**B.      Authorize Letter of Opposition for SB278**

**Action Proposed:** As requested by Mayor Pro Tem Quinto, pass a motion authorizing Mayor Fadelli to sign a letter in opposition of SB 278 (Levy) requiring public agencies to directly pay retirees and/or their beneficiaries, and disallowed retirement benefits using general fund dollars.

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

**C.      Authorize a Letter of Support for Cal Cities Proposed Resolution**

**Action Proposed:** At the request of the City of Rancho Cucamonga, pass a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign a letter in support of a proposed Cal Cities resolution on sales tax equity.

**Contact:** Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

**D. Urban Forest Committee Appointment**

**Action Proposed:** Approve an Urban Forest Committee recommendation to appoint Catherine "Cassie" Hughes to the Urban Forest Committee effective August 1, 2021.

**Contact:** Stephen Prée, Environmental Programs Manager / City Arborist, Public Works Department; Will Provost, Operations + Environmental Services Division Manager, Public Works Department

**E. FY 2020-21 Fourth Quarter Cash and Investment Report**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file the City's Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ending June 30, 2021.

**Contact:** Mark R. Rasiah, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

**F. Resolution Declaring Wildfire Prevention and Safety a Top Priority**

**Action Proposed:** At the request of Mayor Fadelli, adopt a Resolution Declaring Wildfire Prevention and Safety as a Top Priority for the City of El Cerrito.

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

**G. Resolution in Support of a East Bay Joint Powers Agency for Vegetation Management**

**Action Proposed:** At the request of Mayor Fadelli, adopt a Resolution in support of the formation of an East Bay Vegetation Management Joint Powers Agency.

**Contact:** Holly M. Charléty, City Clerk, City Management

**H. Storm Drain Easement Acceptance and Agreement for 1431 Scott Street**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a resolution accepting a Storm Drain Easement from the 1431 Scott, LLC, "Owner", for public storm drain facilities located at 1431 Scott Street and authorizing the City Manager to execute an Easement Agreement.

**Contact:** Ana Bernardes, Engineering Manager; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Proclamation Honoring Joseph Grupalo in Retirement**

**Action Proposed:** Pass a motion to approve a proclamation honoring Battalion Chief Joseph Grupalo for his many years of service to the City of El Cerrito.

**Contact:** Michael Pigoni, Fire Chief, Fire Department

**B. Drought and Wildfire Preparedness**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file presentations on drought and wildfire awareness from:

1. El Cerrito Fire Department
2. Pacific Gas and Electric
3. East Bay Municipal Utilities District

**Contact:** Michael Pigoni, Fire Chief, Fire Department

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Fire Hazard Abatement**

*Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Sections 15304 and 15308.  
Public Hearing noticed 7/10/2021.*

**Action Proposed:** 1) Adopt a resolution declaring weeds, rubbish, litter, or other flammable material on certain real property identified in the resolution constitutes a public nuisance; and 2) Conduct a public hearing and upon conclusion, adopt a resolution overriding objections by property owners and ordering the City Manager or their designee to abate certain public nuisances pursuant to El Cerrito Municipal Code Chapter 16.26.

**Contact:** David Yun, Fire Prevention Officer; Michael Pigoni, Fire Chief, Fire Department

**7. POLICY MATTERS**

**A. FY 2020-21 General Fund Budget Update for May 2021**

**Action Proposed:** Receive and file an update on City General Fund revenues and expenses for FY 2020-21 through May 2021.

**Contact:** Mark R. Rasiah, Finance Director/City Treasurer, Finance Department

**B. Adoption of Memorandum of Understandings between the City of El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Public Safety Management Association - Police Chief Unit and Fire Chief Unit**

**Action Proposed:** Adopt a resolution approving an agreements between the City of El Cerrito and the El Cerrito Public Safety Management Association - Police Chief Unit (PSMA- Police Chief Unit) and Fire Chief Unit (PSMA - Fire Chief Unit) modifying language on salaries and benefits and creating new Memorandum of Understandings.

**Contact:** Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

## 8. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

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

## 9. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

***The City of El Cerrito serves, leads and supports our diverse community by providing exemplary and innovative services, public places and infrastructure, ensuring public safety and creating an economically and environmentally sustainable future.***

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- In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Clerk, 510-215-4305. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title I).
- ***The Deadline for agenda items and communications*** is eight days prior to the next meeting by 12 noon, City Clerk's Office, 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito, CA. Tel: 510-215-4305, email [cityclerk@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:cityclerk@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.
- The City Council believes that late night meetings deter public participation, can affect the Council's decision-making ability, and can be a burden to staff. City Council Meetings shall be adjourned by 11:00 p.m., unless extended to a specific time determined by a majority of the Council.