



AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 21, 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://us06web.zoom.us/j/87982009250?pwd=OVRReloyNVI3b1g5V1pNREl3RW5ndz09>

Meeting ID: 879 8200 9250 **Password:** 151459

or Dial in: 1-408-638-0968

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1. Cable T.V. Broadcast on KCRT Channel 28
2. Radio Broadcast on FM 88.1 Or 97.7
3. Livestream Online at 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. 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. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OR OBSERVATION OF A MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. TELECONFERENCE AND PUBLIC COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS

3. 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.

A. City Council Financial Ad-Hoc Committee Update

4. 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.

5. 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 August 17 and August 31, 2021.

Contact: Holly M. Charl  ty, City Clerk, City Management

B. Urban Forest Committee Appointment

Action Proposed: Approve an Urban Forest Committee recommendation to appoint Melissa Feudi to the Urban Forest Committee, effective October 1, 2021.

Contact: Stephen Pr  e, Environmental Programs Manager/City Arborist; Will Provost, Operations and Environmental Services Division Manager; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works Department

C. Economic Development Committee Appointment

Action Proposed: Approve one Economic Development Committee recommendation to appoint a new member, Robert Travis Campbell, effective September 21, 2021.

Contact: Aissia Ashoori, Community Development Analyst, Community Development Department

D. Hispanic Heritage Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring September 15, 2021 - October 15, 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month, by recognizing and celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

E. Suicide Prevention Awareness Proclamation

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to approve a proclamation declaring September as Suicide Prevention Awareness Month in the City of El Cerrito.

Contact: Alexandra Orologas, Assistant City Manager, City Management

F. League of California Cities 2021 Annual Conference Resolutions Packet

Action Proposed: Pass a motion to authorize and provide direction to the annual conference voting delegate, Mayor Fadelli, to vote in favor of the proposed resolutions packet and Proposed Bylaws amendments for 2021.

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

G. Agreement with A Plus Tree Inc. for Tree Removal and Fire Hazard Reduction Work in the El Cerrito Hillside Natural Area

Action Proposed: Adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a General Services Agreement with A Plus Tree Incorporated for dead, dying, and hazardous tree removal and other fire hazard reduction work in the El Cerrito Hillside Natural Area in the amount of \$71,585, and approving a contingency amount not to exceed 15% of the contract amount, for a total not to exceed amount of \$82,323.

Contact: Stephen Prée, Environmental Programs Manager/City Arborist; Will Provost, Operations + Environmental Services Division Manager; Yvetteh Ortiz, Public Works Director/City Engineer, Public Works

Department

6. PRESENTATIONS

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Fire Hazard Abatement

*Exempt from CEQA review pursuant to Sections 15304 and 15308.
Public Hearing noticed 9/11/2021*

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

8. POLICY MATTERS

A. Equity Considerations and Equity and Inclusion Workplan

Action Proposed: At the request of Mayor Fadelli, pass a motion directing the Human Relations Commission to work with staff to develop an Equity and Inclusion workplan for the community.

Contact: Karen Pinkos, City Manager, City Management

B. Study Session on Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Action Proposed: Conduct a study session on City Boards, Commissions, and Committees (Advisory Bodies) and provide staff direction regarding committee term length and limits, appointment and removal process for advisory bodies, and adopt a resolution authorizing conditions for automatic removal.

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

9. CITY COUNCIL LOCAL & REGIONAL LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

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

10. ADJOURN REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is Tuesday, October 5, 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
- 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.